



BESPOKE TOUR FOR 10 DAYS, 9 NIGHTS



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BOOK NOW

DAY 01:

HABARANA/ DAMBULLA

- > ARRIVE AT SRI LANKA, BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
- > GREETED BY AN AZURE ISLAND TOUR TRAVEL REPRESENTATIVE
- > JOURNEY TO HABARANA/DAMBULLA

OPTIONAL:

- JEEP SAFARI TO MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK
- THESE NATIONAL PARKS IN HABARANA ARE THE BEST PLACES IN THE COUNTRY TO SEE THE WILD ELEPHANTS
- WHICH ARE OFTEN PRESENT IN HUGE NO OF ELEPHANTS.



DAY 02:

HABARANA/ DAMBULLA

- > AFTER BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL.
- > VISIT SEEGIRIYA (LIONS ROCK)

- Sigiriya Lion Rock is an ancient rock fortress known for its massive column of rock that reaches nearly 200 meters high.
- The King Kasyapa (477-495 AD), who chose this site as his new capital built an impressive palace right on top of the rock column, accessible only through the mouth of an enormous carved lion.
- A popular tourist destination Sigiriya is also renowned for its ancient paintings (frescos) which are reminiscent of the Ajantha caves of India. It is one of the seven world heritage site of Sri Lanka. It is also declared by UNESCO as the 8th wonder of the world.



> SIGIRIYA VILLAGE TOUR + COOKING DEMONSTRATION

> CATAMARAN BOAT TOUR OF HIRIWADUNNA LAKE

- There after proceed to experience the Sigiriya village track and cooking demonstration. Beautiful catamaran ride and cross the lake to local village house. You can experience the traditional village life return to hotel .



> DINNER & OVER NIGHT AT THE SELECTED HOTEL.

DAY 03:

KANDY

> AFTER BREAKFAST CHECK OUT FROM THE HOTEL AND TRANSFER TO KANDY.

> VISIT THE DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE (GOLDEN TEMPLE OF DAMBULLA)

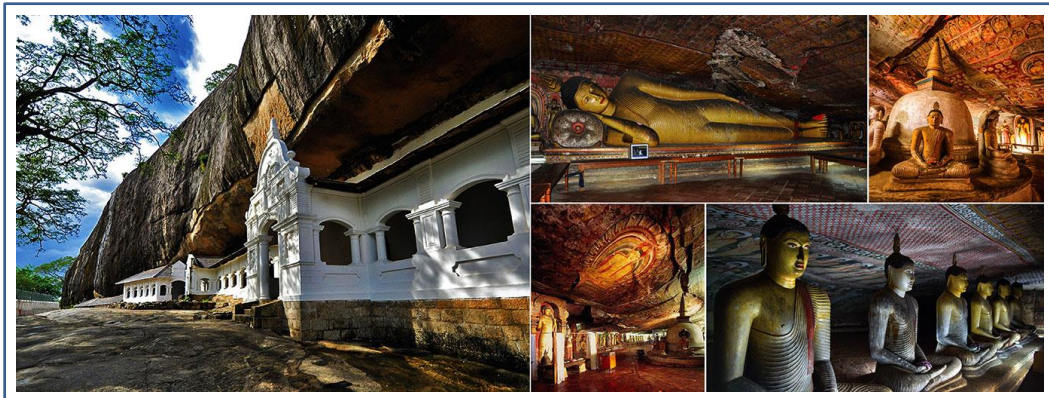
> VISIT AYURVEDIC VILLAGE.

DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE

- Dambulla is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. The rock towers 160 m over the surrounding plains.
- there are more than 80 documented caves in the surrounding area. Major attractions are spread over five caves, which contain statues and paintings.



- These paintings and statues are related to Gautama Buddha and his life.
- There are a total of 153 buddha statues, three statues of Sri Lankan kings and four statues of gods and goddesses. The latter include Vishnu and the Ganesha. The murals cover an area of 2,100 square meters (23,000 sq ft).



AYURVEDIC VILLEGE

- spices have held a prominent position in Sri Lanka's cultural and economic spheres for centuries, revered for their versatility and myriad benefits.
- From enhancing culinary delights to serving as key components in traditional medicine, spices have played a pivotal role in shaping the island's identity and fostering cross-cultural exchanges.



DAY 04:

KANDY

- > VISIT SRI DALADA MALIGAWA (TEMPLE OF THE SACRED TOOTH RELIC)
- > OBSERVE A SACRED RITUAL CALLED “THEVA”
- > KANDY CITY TOUR

THE TEMPLE OF TOOTH



- Temple of the sacred tooth relic, is a Buddhist temple in Kandy, Sri Lanka. It is located in the royal palace complex of the former kingdom of Kandy, which houses the relic of the tooth of the buddha.

- The daily rituals performed for the sacred tooth relic is called “theva” or services, and there are tree

services. Early morning service, mid-day service and the evening service. It also includes traditional sound offerings

OPTIONAL: ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDEN -PERADENIYA

- The royal botanic gardens at Peradeniya was established in 1821, six years after the final occupation of the Kandyan kingdom by the English.
- The site is less than 5.5 km from Kandy on the Colombo road
- Occupies a loop of the river Mahaweli, which surrounds it on all sides except the south, where it is bounded by the main road.



- The area 61.25 ha in extent, is about 1550ft from sea level. More than 4000 species of plants including woody trees, palms, ferns, orchids and shrubs currently present within the gardens

> LATER EVENING; CULTURAL SHOW IN KANDY

- The show lasts almost an hour as there are several different dancers performed.
- It is nice to know that show performance is an example of what is really happening in Sri Lankan culture to day.



> RETURN TO THE HOTEL, GET THE DINNER AND OVER NIGHT STAY AT THE SELECTED HOTEL IN KADY.

DAY 05:

ELLA

- > BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL EARLY MORNING
- > CHECK OUT FROM KANDY AND PROCEED TO ELLA VIA NUWARA ELIYA
- > VISIT TEA PLANTATION AND FACTORY.

- The year 2017 marked 150 years ago from the date that James Taylor began the first tea plantation of Sri Lanka in Loolecondera estate in Kandy.





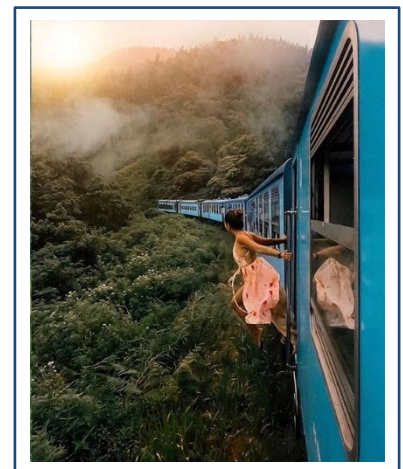
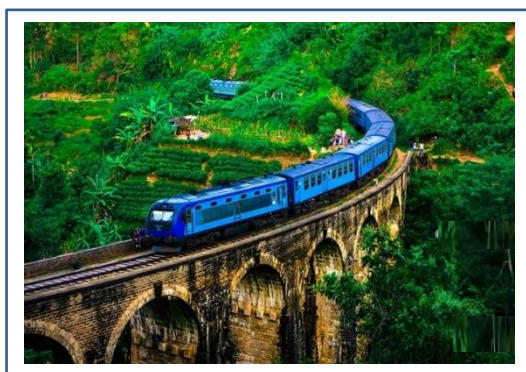
In this year, Ceylon tea was noted as one of the country's foremost export crops earning an annual revenue in excess of us \$1 billion, with the introduction of an abundance of highly innovative, value-added products over the past decade or so.

- Ceylon tea now enjoys an enviable international reputation. A product that began as a diversification experiment in 1867 spanning just 19 acres of land in Kandy had expanded its cultivation to six principal regions within the country.
- Sri Lanka is an island made for tea. Tea is produced throughout the year and the total tea production is around 340 million kg per year.
- Sri Lanka's tea growing areas are mainly concentrated in the central highlands and the southern interior of the island.



> ENJOY A TRAIN RIDE FROM NANUOYA TO ELLA

- Sri Lanka's most scenic train ride is one of the best in the world. Sri Lanka's Colombo to Badulla train ride deserves a place on your bucket list, and these three scenic stops along the route prove why. The train ride from Colombo to Badulla will awaken all your senses



- > YOUR GUIDE WILL PICK YOU UP FROM THE STATION THERE AFTER CONTINUE THE JOURNEY TO HOTEL.
- > DINNER & OVER NIGHT STAY AT THE SELECTED HOTEL IN ELLA .

DAY 06:

TISSAMAHARAMAYA / YALA

- > BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL EARLY MORNING
- > VISIT LITTLE ADAM'S PEAK AND HIKE TO THE TOP
- > VISIT TO THE NINE ARCH BRIDGE

LITTLE ADOM'S PEAK

- The Named after its resemblance to the iconic Adam's Peak/Sri Pada, Little Adam's Peak is its smaller brother and a must-visit when in Ella.
- The hike to the top of Little Adam's Peak is fairly easy; the peak is 1141m high, so it is more of a two-hour-long leisurely walk



NINE ARCH BRIDGE

- The bridge was designed to accommodate a challenging nine-degree curve and steep gradient.
- Built entirely by local labor under British supervision, the construction faced significant logistical challenges, including difficult terrain and material transport.
- Completed in 1919, the bridge has since stood resilient, showcasing innovative engineering solutions such as concrete cornice blocks for arch support and locally produced sand-cement blocks for facing.



> VISIT BUDURUVAGALA (THE ROCK OF BUDDHIST SCULPTURES)

> POTTERY DEMONSTRATION AND HISTORY LESSON

BUDURUVAGALA TEMPLE

- Buduruvagala, apply named "The Rock of Buddhist Sculptures," stands as a timeless testament to Sri Lanka's rich cultural and religious heritage.
- At the heart of Buduruvagala lies its most striking feature: the towering standing Buddha statue, reaching an impressive 15 meters in height.
- Buduruvagala stands as a timeless sanctuary of spiritual devotion and artistic mastery.



With its majestic Buddha figures, mysterious oil lamp, and rich tapestry of legends, Buduruvagala continues to captivate hearts and minds, ensuring its legacy endures for generations to come.

POTTERY DEMONSTRATION AND HISTORY LESSON

- Pottery of Sri Lanka is one of the traditional small industries. The pottery industry is distributed almost throughout the country and it has a long history and a tradition.



History:

- The pottery of Sri Lanka has a very long history. There are pieces of evidence about the history of pottery in Sri Lanka that goes back to the second century BC. It has become unbroken tradition that was passed from one generation to other.
- There is evidence from the archeological excavations at the Anuradhapura Gedige and Kandarodai in Jaffna that has found pottery items in the early stage of history in Sri Lanka.

- The archeological excavations done near the Thissamaharamaya found many pottery items dated back to second BC. Some of them were imported from various places in the world. That proves pottery items were one of the main good which was traded in international trading in ancient Sri Lanka

OPTIONAL: JEEP SAFARI THROUGH YALA NATIONAL PARK TO END THE DAY

- Yala National Park is a huge area of forest, grassland and lagoons bordering the Indian Ocean, in southeast Sri Lanka.
- It's home to wildlife such as leopards, elephants and crocodiles, as well as hundreds of bird species
- This is leopard country, and they are the Lords of the Jungle! With a leopard density that's higher than anywhere else on this planet.

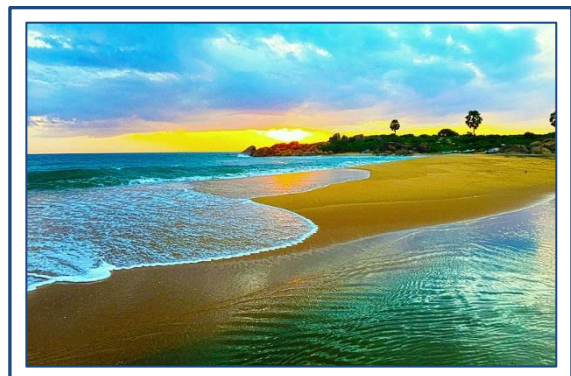


- > DINNER AND OVERNIGHT STAY AT THE SELECTED HOTEL IN THE TISSAMAHARAMAYA /YALA

DAY 07 – 09 :

BEACH

- > AFTER THE BREAKFAST CHECK OUT FROM THE HOTEL AND TRANSFER TO BEACH
- > VISIT GALLE FORT
- > SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION CENTRE
- > REST, RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR HOTEL



VISIT OLD TOWN OF GALLE AND ITS FORTIFICATIONS :

- Founded in the 16th century by the Portuguese, Galle reached the height of its development in the 18th century, before the arrival of the British.
- It is the best example of a fortified city built by Europeans in South and South-East Asia, showing the interaction between European architectural styles and South Asian traditions.



SEA TURTLES CONSERVATION CENTER:

- Presently they are five species of Turtles that are taken care in the hatchery and rescue centre. Such species are the Olive Ridley turtles, Leatherback Turtles, Loggerheads Turtles, Hawksbill Turtles, and Green Turtles.
- The facilities of the sea turtle hatchery and rescue Centre are all state of the art, complete with water tanks to care new born Turtles along with adult Turtle species that have been rescued from the sea due to injuries.



- One of the more peculiar sights in the centre is the area in which the Turtles lay their eggs as they have distinct little mounds of sand piled neatly between one another. Each of these mounds is monitored closely to calculate the hatchery process of the turtle eggs.

> DINNER AND OVERNIGHT STAY AT THE SELECTED BEACH HOTEL

DAY 10

DEPARTURE

- > CHECK OUT AND TRANSFER TO BANDARANAYAKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
- > CATCH YOUR FLIGHT BACK HOME WITH ALL THE HAPPY MEMORIES OF THE BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SRI LANKA
- > NOTE - TRAVEL ITINERARY WILL DEPEND ON YOUR FLIGHT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIME
- > LATE CHECK –OUT SUBJECTED ON AVAILABILITY



INCLUDED EXCURSIONS FOR THE TOUR

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Tour, Catamaran ride, Experience traditional village• Dambulla Cave Temple• Ayurweda Village• Kandy city tour• Temple of tooth• Evening cultural show• Tea plantation and factory visit• Train ride (Subject to availability) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Little Adams peak• Nine Arch bridge• Rawana Water Falls• Buduruwagala Temple• Pottery Demonstration• Jeep Safari Yala National Park• Galle city tour• Sea Turtles |
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OPTIONAL:

Elephant jeep safari Minneriya or Kaudulla.

Sigiriya

Royal Botanical Garden

