

## Itinerary - Sri Lanka

### DAY 1 Airport - Pinnawela - Kandy

AM: Arrival (03:40Hrs- early morning) and meet our representative at the airport and drive Kandy. Before leaving to Kandy stop at a restaurant near Airport for a snack (Tea and Snack will be served) En route visit Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage. This Elephant Orphanage located in the Kegalle district was first established on 16th February 1975. At the beginning there were only five orphaned baby elephants but now the orphanage is home to 88 elephants. This is said to be the largest set of captive elephants in the world established by the Sri Lanka Department of Wildlife and Conservation. There are 48 mahouts or handlers who look after the elephants. Usually the female and baby elephants roam freely during the day where they are guided twice a day to drink water and bathe. The adult males are used to do some work such as general lifting throughout the orphanage. They feed on large quantities of jackfruit, coconut, kithul or palm sugar. Elephants have been born in Pinnawela itself (in 1984), the first calf known to be a female and named as Sukumalee. If you could reach the Orphanage by 09:15 hrs you will be in time to see the baby elephants being bottle-fed. At 10:00hrs the entire herd is taken to the river for a bath. Continue your journey to Kandy.

PM: Check in to your hotel in Kandy. Then visit Witness the Cultural Dance Show - this is one of the fascinating cultural shows in Kandy, representing various dances of upcountry, lowcountry, Sabaragamuwa and other regions of Sri Lanka with their traditions. Different kind of drums is beaten to various rhythms of our traditions. Walking on fire is followed at the end of these performances. Overnight stay at your hotel in Kandy.

### DAY 2 Kandy - Ramboda - Kandy

MORNING: After breakfast drive to Ramboda

On the way you will visit a high grown Tea Plantation and a Factory. You can try out to identify the fresh leaves suitable for plucking, and how to pluck the tips of each branch correctly. Finally enjoy a cup of freshly brewed tea. You could also view Ramboda Waterfalls and some mini waterfalls en-route

AFTERNOON: On completion drive to Kandy

Then visit the Kandy Temple - The Golden Roofed Dalada Maligawa, where the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha is enshrined. It is believed by the Buddhists that the blessings of the sacred Tooth

Relic have protected this country for the past 2500 years. The sacred Tooth, which is Buddhist's left canine, was brought by Prince Danta and Princess Hemamala from India. The highlight of the city's calendar is the Esala Procession is the unique cultural show in Asia, where a replica of the casket is taken in procession for 10 glittering nights in July/August by exotically costumed dancers, drummers and caparisoned Elephants. Overnight stay at your hotel in Kandy

### **DAY 3** Kandy - Colombo

AM: After breakfast drive to Colombo. En route visit Peradeniya Botanical Garden - which is located less than four miles from Kandy on the Colombo road. Being 1,540 feet above sea level, it covers approximately 150 acres and well known for its large variety of plants and creepers. The best attraction is the orchid house, which houses more than 300 orchids and the nutmeg grove. Established in 1821 the garden receives an annual rainfall of 85" and highlighted in the New Strait Times of America as "One of the best kept secrets of Kandy".

PM: Check in to your hotel in Colombo. Engage in a Colombo city tour - Sri Lanka's commercial capital is an interesting blend of the varying influences with 2 million in population. This vibrant city consists of modern life, colonial buildings and ruins. Famous landmarks Galle Face Green, Independence Hall, Viharamahadevi Park, Old Parliament, National Museum, BMICH (Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall) – an outright gift from China. Zoological Gardens is situated from about 8Km from South of Colombo, in Dehiwala. The Pettah Bazaar, Gangaramaya, Simamalakaya, National Art Gallery are some interested places to visit. Colombo, like many capital cities in developing countries is fast changing its face and more new hotels are coming in Colombo very soon. Overnight stay at your hotel in Colombo.

### **DAY 4** Colombo - Airport

Early morning drive to Airport to connect with the departure flight.

\*Tickets for museum visits will be an additional charge.

#### **Inclusions:**

- Return Economy Class ticket via Air Arabia
- 3 nights' accommodation at 4\* Hotels (in Kandy and Colombo)
- Breakfast on Day 1 morning (after the arrival flight) at a 4\* luxury beach resort

- Transfers and sightseeing visit by an air-conditioned coach (with a separate English-speaking guide)
- Return airport and hotel transfers (on sharing basis)
- Meals: Daily breakfast included
- Government taxes; in the event of a change in the government tax or the introduction of any additional taxes, the rates will be adjusted accordingly
- Garland at arrival
- Free gift on departure
- Free mobile SIM card on arrival per room
- Gem and jewelry shop discount (You can bargain at the time of purchase)
- Assistance at airport
- Wheelchair assistance (Please request prior to arrival)
- Kandy Cultural Dance show on FOC (Only need to visit Gem shop for FOC ticket worth \$12 per person)
- 24 hrs. customer cares
- 500ml water bottle x 2 per person per day throughout the tour

#### Exclusions:

- All other meals & drinks
- Any personal expenses (telephone, laundry, mini bar, etc.)
- Visa cost (Fees on Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) [www.eta.gov.lk](http://www.eta.gov.lk) or Visa)
- All the entrance fees at sightseeing destinations
- Museum ticket costs
- Travel insurance expense (Must be obtained prior to arrival in Sri Lanka)
- Early check-in or late check-out charges
- Any optional tours or items not mentioned in the above stated inclusions

#### Travel dates

- Departure is on 12th April 2018, return will be on 16th April 2018.

#### Promotion dates

- Package must be booked by 8th April 2018.

#### Terms & Conditions

- Prices start at 2139 AED per person on double/twin sharing basis.
- Package subject to availability at time of booking on "first come first serve basis".
- 100% payment required for confirming the package.

- Nonrefundable & no amendable once confirmed.
- We do not take any responsibility for any expenses that passengers might incur due to circumstances beyond our control such as flight cancellation/delays, accidents of any nature, bad weather, natural calamities, medical evacuation, supplier policies, etc.
- Hotel accommodation is strictly subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Prices, room and seats availability are subject to change prior to final confirmation.
- Hotel check- in time is 14:00 hrs, & check-out time is 11:00 hrs. In case of an early arrival before the check- in time, rooms must be booked from the previous night with the corresponding charges in order to guarantee an early check in. Late checkout is subject to availability.
- Please pack conservative attire for visits to religious places.
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