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## 13 NIGHTS/14 DAYS - TOUR IN SRI LANKA

Day 01 Program	Arrival & Transfer to Colombo (Assume arrival will be
	in the Morning or Afternoon )
	Arrive at Katunayake International Airport and you will be met by Explore Asia Holidays Representative at the Airport & transfer to the hotel
	Negombo is a major city in Sri Lanka, located on the west coast of the Island and at the mouth of the Negombo Lagoon, in Western Province, Sri Lanka. Negombo is the fifth largest city in the country after the capital Colombo, Kandy, Jaffna and Galle and it is the second largest City in Western province after Colombo. Negombo is also the administrative capital of the Negombo Division. It is one of the major commercial hubs in Sri Lanka of about 128,000 inhabitants in the city limits, approximately 37 km north of Colombo city.
	Overnight stay at Club Hotel Dolphin 4* or Similar
Day 02 Program	Transfer to Habarana Via Pinnawala
	Breakfast at the Hotel and transfer to Habarana, On your way to visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
	Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage is an orphanage, nursery and captive breeding ground for wild Asian elephants located at Pinnawala village, 13 km (8.1 mi) northwest of Kegalle town in Sabaragamuwa Province of Sri Lanka. Pinnawalla is notable for having the largest herd of captive elephants in the world. In 2011, there were 88 elephants, including 37 males and 51 females from 3 generations, living in Pinnawala.  Colombo to Habarana – (180 Km – approx 5 ½ hour's drive)  Overnight stay at Chaaya Villa - Habarana 4* or Similar
Day 03 Program	Visit Sigiriya and Polonnaruwa
	Breakfast at the Hotel and Visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress and Polonnaruwa Historical City



Sigiriya is a town with a large stone and ancient rock fortress and palace ruin in the central Matale District of Central Province, Sri Lanka, surrounded by the remains of an extensive network of gardens, reservoirs, and other structures. A popular tourist destination, Sigiriya is also renowned for its ancient paintings (frescos) which are reminiscent of the Ajanta Caves of India. It is one of the eight World Heritage Sites of Sri Lanka.

Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka's splendid medieval capital was established as the first city of the land in the 11th Century, A.D. It replaced Anuradhapura, plundered made desolate, and laid hopelessly bare to the invading armies from South India. Three Kings dominate the annals of the city and the period.

The city reached a dazzling but pitifully brief zenith in the 12th century and though ravaged by invasion in the centuries following, much evidence remains of the old grandeur and glory.

Habarana to Polonnaruwa – (50 Km – approx 1 hours drive)

Overnight stay at Chaaya Villa - Habarana 4\* or Similar

### Day 04 Program

### Visit Dambulla & Transfer to Kandy

Breakfast at the Hotel and transfer to Kandy, on your way to visit Dambulla Cave temple



Dambulla cave temple also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla is a World Heritage Site in Sri Lanka, situated in the central part of the country. This site is situated 148 km east of Colombo and 72 km north of Kandy. It is the largest and bestpreserved 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 5 caves, which contain statues and paintings. These paintings and statues are related to Lord Buddha and his life.



Visit Exotic Spice Garden in Matale

Evening visit Sri Dalada Maligawa or the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a Buddhist temple in the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka. It is located in the royal palace complex which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha. Since ancient times, the relic has played an important role in local politics because it is believed that whoever holds the relic holds the governance of the country. Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings and is a UNESCO world heritage site partly due to the temple.

	Evening Witness the Cultural dance show
	Dambulla to Kandy – (80 Km – approx 1 <sup>1/2</sup> hours drive)
	Overnight stay at Cinnamon Citadel 4* - Kandy or Similar
Day 05 Program	Visit Botanical Garden / Transfer to Nuwaraeliya
	Breakfast at the Hotel and, Morning visit Peradeniya Royal Botanical garden Evening on your way to visit tea plantation & transfer to Nuwaraeliya
	Visit the Royal Botanical Garden Paradeniya near Kandy is world famous inclusive of a variety of fauna and flora. The great lawns highlight huge tropical trees. It is also famed for its Orchid House, which has more than 300 varieties of exquisite orchids from the rare indigenous Foxtail and Vesak orchids, to many natural and hybrid species laying claim to the title as one of the best known orchid centres in the world. Additionally the Spice Garden provides knowledge about the varied trees, plants and creepers that produce the special spices of Sri Lanka. The Herbarium grows many of the plants used for the traditional Ayurvedic pharmacopoeia.
	Nuwara Eliya, meaning "city on the plain (table land)" or "city of light", is a town in Sri Lanka. It is located at an altitude of 1,868 m (6,128 ft) in the central highlands and is considered one of the most important locations for Tea production in Sri Lanka. The town is overlooked by Pidurutalagala, the highest mountain in Sri Lanka.
	Kandy to Nuwaraeliya – (85 Km – approx 1 $^{1/2}$ hours drive)
	Overnight Stay at St. Andrews 4*- Nuwaraeliya or Similar
Day 06 Program	Transfer to Yala
	Breakfast at the Hotel and transfer to Yala
	Yala National Park is the 2nd largest national park in Sri Lanka. It is situated in the southeast region of the island in the dry zone. The park is situated about 300 km from Colombo which is capital city of Sri Lanka. Yala park belongs to two provinces in Sri Lanka namely Uva Province and Southern Province. The park divided into five blocks and only I and II

blocks are opened for the visitors. The reserve covers 979 km², although only the original 141 km² are open to the public. It was established in 1894 as a Game Sanctuary.

The park is situated in dry zone of the country which has long period of drought season in the year. Main source of rainfall is Northeast monsoon and inter monsoon rain during April - May.



Mean annual precipitation is 900 - 1300mm and mean annual temperature is around 27°C. During June to October this area has experienced with very drought condition. The day time temperature is normally higher than 30°C which is not uncommon in this region.

Nuwaraeliya to Yala – (200 Km – approx 4 <sup>1/2</sup> hours drive)

Overnight stay at Chaaya Wild 4\* Yala or Similar

### Day 07 Program

### Transfer to Beach/Visit Galle Fort

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Sothern beach, Morning visit Galle fort.

Galle is a living time capsule. It has a vibrant commercial district that's also shambolic and often charmless, but passes through one of the Fort gates and you are transported back to the Dutch colonial era.



Built by the Dutch beginning in 1663, the 36-hectare Fort occupies most of the promontory that forms the older part of Galle. Described by the notoriously hard-to-please Paul Theroux as being 'garlanded with red hibiscus and smelling of the palm-scented ocean, ' the Fort is an amazing collection of structures and culture dating back through the centuries. Just wandering the streets at random yields one architectural surprise after another. And be sure to take in the dramatic views of town and ocean from the encircling walls. Unesco has recognised Fort as a World Heritage Site.

Overnight stay at Chaaya Tranz 4\* - Hikkaduwa or Similar

### Day 08 - Day 13 Program

#### Leisure on the Beach



Breakfast at the Hotel & day 08 to day 13 Leisure at Sothern Beach in Sri Lanka

Overnight stay at Beach Hotels

Day 14 Program

Departure transfer to Airport