

# Sri Lanka Paradise



9 days Sri Lanka tour PERIOD: (MAY - OCTOBER)

TYPE OF TOUR: CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL

#### **ITINERARY**

Day 01: AIRPORT - KOSGODA - BERUWELA

Day 02: BERUWELA – GALLE – UDAWALAWE

Day 03: UDAWALAWE - LIPTON SEAT - HAPUTALE

Day 04: HAPUTALE - NUWARA ELIYA - TEA PLANTATIONS - KANDY

Day 05: KANDY – BOTANIC GARDEN (PERADENIYA) - KANDY

Day 06: KANDY - MATALE - DAMBULLA - HABARANA

Day 07: HABARANA - SIGIRIYA - HIRIWADUNA - HABARANA

Day 08: HABARANA – PINNAWALA – NEGOMBO

Day 09: NEGOMBO - AIRPORT

Code: Isla Paraíso



# Day 01: ARRIVE COLOMBO AIRPORT - KOSGODA - BERUWELA (140 Km - 2.5hrs)

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WE WELCOME SRI LANKA. MEETING AND ASSISTANCE PERFORMED BY OUR REPRESENTATIVE AT AIRPORT KATUNAYAKE INTERNATIONAL.

## **DIRECT TRANSFER TO KOSGODA**

Tourists and international volunteers battling for "sea turtles" is a common sight in Kosgoda. This vibrant tourist destination sitting calm along the southern coast of Sri Lanka, apart from its traditional fishing and cinnamon industries, was later recognized by the Nature Protection Society from the stooped region, with a sea turtle conservation project operating on a formidable scale today.

In the turtle orphanage in Kosgoda you can see very closely its different species, especially the endangered hawksbill turtle, and to be part of this conservation project by releasing a turtle. The most vulnerable of them are their eggs which are unprotected on the beaches, but with the goodwill of the fishermen of the Kosgoda area 100,000 young turtles have been released in just two years as they bring these eggs to the incubator. An unforgettable liberation experience overseen by the Sri Lanka Wildlife Protection Society.

Transfer to Beruwala. Night stay at Hotel.

Day 02: Beruwala - GALLE - UDAWALAWE (197Km - 4hrs)

**Breakfast at the Hotel** 

#### TRANSFER TO GALLE

Galle, the epic capital of the South is where classic Dutch architecture meets a tropical setting creating a vivid atmosphere in beauty. Galle was one of the main ports of Ceylon, a city rich in history, as it was the center of the Dutch regime in the 17th century and the majestic Fort Galle, spanning 90 acres, bears witness to that. Its original walls and bastions preserved to date show a heritage preserved for more than three and a half centuries. The Dutch museum and the Dutch church are two tourist attractions in Galle and is known for its handmade decorative objects. As one of the best-preserved cities in Southeast Asia it has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

# TRANSFER TO UDAWALAWE NATIONAL PARK (SAFARI)

The 30,821-hectare Udawalawa Park is home to nearly 400 elephants that are seen during the safari in herds, bathing, playing and feeding. Other inhabitants of the park are buffaloes, deer, monkeys, monitor lizards, birds, leopards. It is a walk-through nature around the Chandrika Wewa (Chandrika tank) to see the natural beauty around the banks of the tank. Possibility to see most of the migratory birds, as well as the local fishing and the fish market. This also includes a visit to the Udawalawe village to explore the cultivation by the villagers.

Lodging at Hotel.



# Day 03: UDAWALAWE - LIPTON SEAT - HAPUTALE (137Km - 4hrs)

**Breakfast at the Hotel** 

#### TRANSFER TO LIPTON SEAT

Take a Tuk Tuk (**Sri** Lankan Port Mode) and head to the wonderful place of Lipton Seat. Along the way, see the village and local life of the Tamil inhabitants who inhabit the Haputale area. Upon return, walk in the middle of the tea plantations and live this wonderful experience up close.

The small province of Haputale has a rich and dense biodiversity with numerous varieties of flora and fauna, it is surrounded by hills covered with cloud forests and tea plantations. The city has a cooler climate than its surroundings, due to its elevation.

Lodging at Hotel.

# Day 04: HAPUTALE – NUWARA ELIYA – PLANTACIONES DE TE – KANDY (131Km – 4hrs)

**Breakfast at the Hotel** 







# TRANSFER TO NUWARA ELIYA

A picturesque village on the shores of Lake Gregory surrounded by mountains with beautiful landscapes also known as "Little England" for its colonial architecture or "the city of light" for its meaning in Sinhaled.

#### TRANSFER TO TEA PLANTATIONS

We will observe closely the process and manufacture of tea, knowing the plants, the machines through which the leaves must pass and the different varieties of tea through which this island is characterized by finishing this visit with a tasting.

Sri Lanka, tea and Tourism are words that cannot be separated. Take a tour of the cold and misty hills that pride the self on a definitive tea tour, encompassing lush green blankets of tea plantations. Or simply enter a processing tea factory of the prestigious Ceylon tea brand, observe a rich tradition kept alive to date. When looking at the hissing and hissing machines, inhaling the divine smell that arises from these facilities, be sure to end the day in style with a perfectly blended cup of pure Ceylon tea.

Transfer to Kandy. Lodging at Hotel.



# Day 05: KANDY - BOTANIC GARDEN (PERADENIYA) - KANDY (20Km - 1.5hrs)

Breakfast at the Hotel

#### **KANDY CITY TOUR**

Kandy evokes visions of splendor and magnificence because it was the last capital of Sri Lanka's kings before falling under the British Empire. Many of the legends and folklores remain alive in this city, such as the daily ceremonies to honor the Buddha tooth in its Temple which is located in the royal palace complex with wooden pillars, dating from 1784 on the shores of Lake Kandy built by the last Sinking king Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1798. Kandy is a World Heritage Site.

#### **VISIT DALADA MALIGAWA**

This is where the Relic of the Holy Tooth is placed and preserved, this is without a doubt the greatest attraction in the city. It is one of the sacred places for Buddhists around the world. See the traditional rituals performed daily by the religious dignitaries of the temple in line with the culture of the country.

# TRANSFER TO BOTANIC GARDEN (PERADENIYA)

Developed for the first time as an amusement park under royalty and later harmonized by the British, the Royal Botanic Garden of Peradeniya is the largest in Sri Lanka, with an area of 60 hectares, housing more than 4000 species of plants among the orchid collection and the gigantic Java fig tree stand out.

# Tonight, we will enjoy a public show of cultural dances typical of Sri Lanka.

#### **Cultural Show**

A parade of traditional Sri Lankan dance that flourished in the hill country during ancient times, in which dancers dress in costumes with gleaming hair and shells. They jump and spin to the beat of the drums performing amazing stunts in the air., the highlight of the performance is the fire.Lodging at Hotel.

# Day 06: KANDY - MATALE - DAMBULLA - HABARANA (95Km - 2,5hrs)

Breakfast at the Hotel







#### TRANSFER TO MATALE

A beautiful agricultural area in the Central Province of the island that was spearhead of the rebellion in 1848 and today stands out for its contribution through emblematic crops ranging from tea, rubber and vegetables to the variety of spices. We will visit a spice garden to get to know the great variety that the island houses as well as its properties and you will enjoy an Ayurveda massage of 10min.

# TRANSFER TO DAMBULLA

The Temple on Dambulla Rock is the most impressive cave temple in Sri Lanka and its decoration began more than 2000 years ago by King Walagambahu in the 1st century BC. The complex of five caves contains about 150 Buddha statues of which the largest is the colossal figure of 14 meters of Buddha carved into the rock. This World Heritage Site also features vividly colored images and frescoes illustrating Buddhist beliefs that make it the largest area with such paintings found in the world.

Transfer to Habarana. Lodging at Hotel.



Day 07: HABARANA - SIGIRIYA - HIRIWADUNA - HABARANA (40Km - 1, 5hrs)

Breakfast at the Hotel

# TRANSFER TO SIGIRIYA

The impressive Lion Rock fortress in Sigiriya is one of the most important archaeological sites in Asia. It is a 70-hectare citadel with its palace on the summit of a rock 200 meters high over the forest plains and entered in the middle of two huge legs of lion sculpted in stone to protect the fortress. Built in the 5th century by King Kasyaapa, this citadel also features gardens, terraces, an ingenious irrigation system that even today feeds the garden of the fountains, a hand-sculpted "mirror wall" with graffiti from the 7th to 13th centuries, in addition to the frescoes of the "divine ladies" under the Gupta style of India who are the only surviving display of non-religious art of ancient Sri Lanka. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1982.

#### TRANSFER TO HIRIWADUNA

We will enjoy the Sinhalese culture in its fervor making a cultural tour in the village of Hiriwaduna where we will take a walk in the lagoon of flowers of lotto, tour by a Sinhalese villa in a cart halada by oxen that have been used for hundreds of years to till the land.

Transfer to Habarana. Lodging at Hotel.

Day 08: HABARANA - PINNAWALA - NEGOMBO (191Km - 4.5hrs)

**Breakfast at the Hotel** 

#### TRANSFER TO PINNAWALA

In Pinnawala we will visit the elephant orphanage, famous for hosting the largest number of Asian wild elephants in captivity in the world. The orphanage was created in 1975, started with 7 orphaned elephants and today has at least 88 elephants from 3 generations. We can observe them from very close range, even see the little ones feeding with a bottle and fascinate with the whole herd taking a bath in the river.

#### TRANSFER TO NEGOMBO

Negombo is a historic coastal town that enjoys a substantial colonial heritage. Enjoy a tour of the city, which has several buildings dating back to the era of political and cultural domination of the Dutch and Portuguese. Negombo has a Christian majority and there are so many churches that it is known as 'Little Rome'. The city is built around a lagoon where the Hamilton Canal flows, which was built by the Dutch to transport cinnamon and other spices. The golden sands of the beach are one of the most emblematic places in Negombo, as it is on them that many of the neighbors congregate to look and buy the catches of lobsters, crabs, prawns and fish. You will also visit the Dutch fort and the beautiful Catholic Church of Santa Maria.

Dinner and lodging at Hotel.

Day 09: NEGOMBO – AIRPORT

**Breakfast at the Hotel** 

# TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT

Transfer to the airport at the appropriate time. Check-in time for international flights is 3 hours before the flight.