

# Glimpse of Sri Lanka

6 Nights

02 April 2018 - 09 April 2018



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### **Summary**

A 7-days cultural tour of Srilanka which includes natural discovery, ethnic encounters and enchanting beaches. Explore the Pearl of the Orient and discover its richness and beauty. Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress, admire the temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic and make a stopover in Dambulla Cave Temple without forgetting the beach activities in Beruwela's.

### **Wild Discovery Advantages**

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

### **Overview**

Dates: 02 April 2018 — 09 April 2018 Interest: couple, family, group Level of Comfort: 4/5 Minimum # of passengers: none Maximum # of passengers: none

### Information about the destination

Currency: Srilankan Rupee

Language: Sinhalese, Tamil and English

Dialing Code: 94

**Recommended vaccines:** Malaria risk exists throughout the year, except in the districts of Colombo, Galle, Gampaha, Kalutara, Matara and NuwaraEliya. Always better to have a Malaria medication while visiting during the monsoons

Banks & currency exchange: many banks in the airport

will exchange currencies, all rates are similar











#### Day 1: Colombo - Negombo

Upon arrival at Colombo international airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel in Negombo In the evening, enjoy a city tour in Negombo including: Fish Market, Negombo Town, Catholic church & Old Dutch Canal Dinner & Overnight stay at the hotel

#### **Day 2:** Negombo - Pinnawala - Dambulla - Habarana

In the morning, proceed to Habarana. En route, visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

It is a home for about 60 elephants (out of which around 50 are baby elephants) found abandoned or orphaned in the wild. They are being cared, fed and trained by the wild life authority.

En route, visit Dambulla Rock Temple. It is a world heritage site and is the most impressive of Sri Lanka's cave temples. The complex of five caves with over 2000 sq. meters of painted walls and ceilings is the largest area of paintings found in the world. The caves contain over 150 images of the Buddha of which the largest is the colossal figure of the Buddha carved out of rock and spanning 14 meters. Dinner & Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### Day 3: Habarana - Sigiriya - Matale - Kandy

Today, you will proceed to Sigiriya

Sigiriya also referred to as the eighth wonder of the world dates back from over 7,000 years ago, through Pre-Historic to Proto-Historic to Early Historic times, then as a rock-shelter mountain monastery from about the 3rd century BC, with caves prepared and donated by devotees to the sangha. The garden city and the palace was built by Kasyapa 477 - 495 AD. Then after Kasyapa's death it was a monastery complex up to about the 14thcentury. The site of the 'Lion Mountain' was visited from the 6th century AD, by passionate admirers.

Halfway up the rock, within an inaccessible rocky shelter in the vertical wall of the western face these rock paintings can be seen which have brought universal acclaim to the site of Sigiriya - 'The Maidens of the Clouds', 21 non-identified female figures, comparable to the most beautiful creations of Ajanta. Though traces of plaster and pigments occur all over this area, only two pockets of paintings survive. These are in a depression of the rock face, about 100 meters above the ground level. These paintings represent the earliest surviving examples of a Sri Lanka school of classical realism, already fully evolved by the 5th century, when these paintings had been made.

Later on, continue to Kandy. En route visit a spice garden in Matale.

In the evening enjoy a cultural show.

Dinner & overnight stay at the Hotel

#### **Day 4:** Kandy - Nuwara Eliya

In the morning, proceed to Nuwara Eliya. En route visit a tea plantation a tea factory where one the best tea in the world is produced. You will be told all about the process of manufacturing tea and also see how tea is graded. Taste a cup of pure Ceylon tea in the factory.

Upon arrival in Nuawara Eliya check-in at the hotel

Do a city and sightseeing tour in Nuwara Eliya

Dinner & Overnight stay at the hotel

#### **Day 5:** Nuwara Eliya - Yala

Today you will enjoy a full day safari in Yala National Park.

Yala is approximately 1259 kms in extent and is located in the southeastern corner of the Island. The terrain is varied, flat plains alternating with rocky out crops. The vegetation ranges from open parkland to dense jungle. The specialty here is the large numbers of Elephants. Yala is the largest national park in sri lanka and is the home of wild elephants, wild boar, wild buffalo, leopard, bear, deer and crocodiles. Visitors can also see large flocks of migratory and indigenous birds.

Dinner & Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### **Day 6:** Yala - Galle - Colombo

In the morning, proceed to Colombo







En route visit the Dutch Fort of Galle. The Galle Fort, also known as the Dutch Fort or the "Ramparts of Galle", withstood the Boxing Day tsunami which damaged part of coastal area Galle town. It has been since restored. The Galle Fort also houses the elite Amangalla resort hotel, located near the Dutch Reformed Church. It was originally built in 1684 to house the Dutch Governor and his staff. It was then converted into a hotel and named then as the New Oriental Hotel in 1865, which catered to the European passengers traveling between Europe and Galle Port in the 19th century.

Also you will be taken to witness "stilt fishing" which can be only seen in South Sri Lanka. It is visible from the road and makes a very unique way of fishing practice. The fisherman sit on a stick planted about 200 meters from the beach fish with a rod made out of seasoned dry palm leaf. The fishing is done either early morning or evening.

Evening do a City tour in Colombo

A drive through the city taking you to the busy commercial areas as well as the tree lined residential, Cinnamon Gardens, Visit Fort, the former British administrative centre and military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmiths quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area, where is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. Also visit the BMICH, see the replica of Avukana Buddha & the Independence Square. Dinner & Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### **Day 7:** Colombo - Airport

After breakfast transfer to airport for the departure

### Selected hotels (or similar)

Nights	Regions	4*/5* hotels
2	Negombo	Jetwing Sea
1	Habarana	Cinnamon Lodge
1	Kandy	Grand Kandyan
1	Nuwara Eliya	Araliya Green City
1	Yala	Cinnamon Wild
1	Colombo	Cinnamon Lakeside

### **Prices Include**

Round trip ticket to Colombo ( economy class ) Round trip transfer: airport — hotel — airport

6-night accommodation at hotels

Meal: half board

Transportation in an A/C vehicle English speaking driver/ guide

Early check in

Half day Galle fort visit

Full day visit of Yala National Park

Half day Tea Plantation visit

Half day tour of Kandy

Half day visit of a spice garden

Half day Sigiriya Rock Fortress visit

Half day Dambulla Cave temples visit

Half day visit of Pinnawala elephant orphanage

Half day visit of Colombo

Free Wifi in company vehicles

Free mobile Sim card

Assistance of our representative in Srilanka

# **Prices Exclude**

Airport taxes (135\$) Fuel surcharge DIP surcharge \$5/ticket **Optional Tours** Visa fees

Travel insurance All other expenses

Starting price per person in US\$







Category	Triple	Double	Single	Child
4/5* Hotels	1415	1495	1955	930

· Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

# Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Doha	QR 417	13:55	17:25
Doha	Colombo	QR 668	18:50	02:10
Colombo	Doha	QR 665	11:25	14:00
Doha	Beirut	QR 420	14:50	19:20

# **Booking terms & conditions**

### Payment conditions:

- 65% down payment upon confirmation
- 100% payment is required for all bookings done 45 days before departure

### **Cancellation Conditions & Modification fee:**

		Cancellation	Modification
•	Up to 30 days prior to departure	\$300 per person	\$50 per way
•	Between 29 to 15 days prior to departure	50% / package	\$55 per way
•	14 days prior to departure	Full charge	Not allowed

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