

Classic Tour

Experience this well-planned itinerary that reveals the jewels of our cultural heritage and the central highlands.

Locations: | Dambulla | Sigiriya | Minneriya National Park | Matale | Kandy | Nuwaraeliya | Horton Plains | Kitulgala | Colombo |

| Archeological Sites | Cultural | Trekking | Rafting | Ruins |

Day 01

(Airport – Dambulla)



- At the airport you will be greeted by your chauffeur guide who will take your residence for the next six nights. After completing formalities at the airport, we will head straight to Dambulla. Visit Dambulla cave temple during the day.
- Dambulla is sited on a gigantic rock which towers more 160m above the surrounding land. The Rock is more than 1.5km around its base and summit is at 550m. The caves were the refuge of King Walagamba (Vattagamini Abhaya) when he was in exile for 14 years. When he returns to the throne at Anuradhapura in the 1st century B.C, he had a magnificent rock temple built at Dambulla. The site has been repaired and repainted several times in the 11th, 12th, and 18th century.
- Then check-in to the hotel and relax to recover the tiring day.

Day 02

(Dambulla – Sigiriya – Minneriya - Dambulla)



- Breakfast in the hotel.
- Today you will explore the city of Dambulla. Then transfer to world famous Sigiriya to learn about ancient Ceylon's turbulent past. Begin the latter morning by mounting the rock fortress of Sigiriya – a 5th century "Fortress in the sky".
- Then we will head to Minneriya National Park for an evening safari. The park serves as a sanctuary for

numerous species of flora and fauna, monkeys, endemic to Sri Lanka, rare and endangered animal species and many migrant and resident species of birds. Also witness a huge number of elephants too. The Minneriya National Park has a water tank that was constructed in the 3rd century and continues to sustain the various species life forms till today.

- After the safari, you will head back to the hotel in Dambulla.

Day 03

(Dambulla – Matale - Kandy)



- Breakfast in the hotel.
- We will head to Matale which is 26km away from Kandy. Surrounding the Matale town is the Knuckles Mountain Range. Matale is mainly an agricultural area, where tea, rubber, vegetable and spices cultivation dominate. We will visit the spice garden & the historic Aluvihara Temple, on the north side of the town it was the location where the *Pali* canon was first written down in full text on

Ola (palm) leaves in 29 B.C.

- Shortly afterwards you will arrive in spiritual Kandy, surrounded by greenery and the great Mahaweli River. Kandy is also well known as the center of Buddhism. At your convenience become acquainted with the city of Kandy, pay your respects to the Temple of the Tooth Relic and later in the evening view a cultural performance.

Day 04

(Kandy - Nuwaraeliya)



- Breakfast in the hotel.
- For an in depth flavor of Kandy, spend the morning walking the streets or gem shopping.
- We will transfer to Nuwaraeliya (Little England). During the drive relish to endless views of tea carpeted valleys and the bright flash of female “tea pluckers” in their pimento, fuchsia and cerise saris. We will visit a tea factory on our way.
- Once in Nuwara Eliya you will realize that the abundant rainfall combined with sunshine, cold nights and misty mornings offers the perfect climate for producing high grown teas. With brick and stone-built houses, rose gardens and perfect lawns Nuwaraeliya in many ways resembles a 'small English village'. Enjoy a guided stroll pass the 18-hole golf course, the colonial member’s only Hill Club and English styled country homes.

Day 05

(Nuwaraeliya – Horton Plains - Nuwaraeliya)



- Breakfast in the hotel.
- Then we will head to Horton plains, the highest plateau in the country. It is one of the very important National parks in Sri Lanka especially for its topographical variations. It has unique vegetation and is famous for many rare and endemic highland birds. The most awesome physical feature of the Horton Plains is the escarpment that falls 880 meters to the lowlands of the southern region of the island. Aptly known as the 'World’s End' the view from the precipice of the countryside below towards the south coast is spectacular.
- Return to Nuwaraeliya upon completion. After lunch and at your convenience commence a sightseeing tour of the city. Visit the Nuwaraeliya Town, Market place, Golf Course, (one of the finest 18 holes Golf courses in Asia) the Hill club, and drive around this hill station viewing Lake Gregory.

Day 06

(Nuwaraeliya – Kitulgala - Colombo)



- Breakfast in the hotel
- From the hills of Nuwaraeliya descend to Colombo. On the way, you may choose either to visit the Pinnawala elephant orphanage or Kitulgala for a white water rafting adventure.
- Spend the rest of the day enjoying some sightseeing in Colombo along with some shopping and spend the night in Colombo.

Day 07

(Colombo - Airport)



- Breakfast in the hotel.
 - Do a city tour and spend the rest of the day enjoying some sightseeing in Colombo along with some shopping before catching the flight to onward destinations.
 - Alternatively, you could always soak up some sun on Colombo's prestige beaches which is close as an hour away from the airport.
- As all good things must come to an end, your chauffeur guide with comfortable take you back to the international airport for a safe journey home.

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Terms & Conditions

Your Holiday Includes:

- Per person cost of twin-sharing accommodation.
- Transport by Private air-conditioned car or van and services of English speaking chauffeur guide for the entire duration.
- Local government taxes & service charges.
- Meals: Breakfast.
- 40 Minutes Kitulgala White Water Rafting (on request)
- Kitulgala confident jumping adventure (on request)
- Half day safari in Minneriya (including jeep hire).

Your Holiday Excludes:

- Visas
- Meals: Lunch & Dinner
- Travel Insurance
- Optional tours & activities
- Flights
- Airport taxes
- Activities & Highlights
- Camera & video permits at cultural sights
- All expenses of personal nature
- Tips and portage; if you are satisfied we recommend tipping your chauffeur guide
- Spa and wellness treatment
- Entrances

Reservation, Cancellation Policy & Note

- All reservation subject to availability at time of booking.
- Quote is subject to availability of rooms, tax increases, price fluctuations & any peak season supplements.
- The cost is based on cash basis. For any reservation, 50% of the total tour cost should be paid 30 days prior to the arrival date and the balance payment to be paid on arrival.
- The standard check-in time in Sri Lanka is 14:00 hours and standard check-out time is 11:00 hours.
- All drive times are approximate and are subject to change.
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