

Sri Lanka 07 Nights / 08 Days

Colombo – Sigiriya – Kandy – Nuwara Eliya – Weligama – Colombo

Day 01 Hong Kong – Colombo – Seeduwa

Depart Hong Kong (HKG) CX611 2015hrs, arrive Colombo (CMB) 2310hrs (approx. flying time 05hrs 05 mins), meet & greet, escorted to your chauffer Guide, hotel transfer (10km / 20mins), overnight at The Gateway Hotel Seeduwa.

Day 02 Seeduwa – Sigiriya (B, L, D)



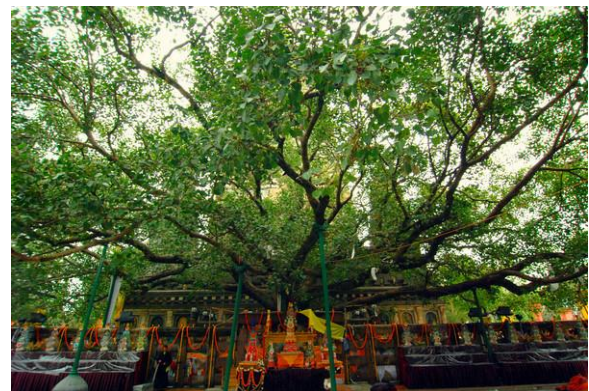
Anuradhapura

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, transfer to **Anuradhapura** (180km / 04hrs), enjoy your **Ancient City Tour**. A *UNESCO World Heritage Site* predominantly influenced by Buddhism, Anuradhapura is Sri Lanka's first Capital Kingdom. According to the ancient Sinhalese Chronicle 'Mahavansa' the Kingdom was founded over 2,500 years ago. Upon arrival you are greeted by the brilliant white dome-shaped Ruwanweliseya and Jethawanarama stupas or dagobas (religious

monuments). These two stupas have survived over two millennia and the mighty Jethawanarama is equal in size to the pyramids in Giza. Admire the 'Samadhi' Buddha statue, a granite statue of Buddha in a meditative pose and a true masterpiece of sculpture.

Before concluding your visit to Anuradhapura, receive a blessing near the sacred **Sri Maha Bodhi Tree** (*Ficus Religiosa*) which bears a branch brought over from India over 2,500 years ago and is considered to be the oldest tree recorded in the world.

Hotel transfer, overnight at The Water Garden Sigiriya.



Sri Maha Bodhi Tree

Day 03 Sigiriya (B, L, D)



Rock Fortress

Hotel breakfast, travel to Sigiriya (15km / 30mins) climb this **Rock Fortress**. A *UNESCO World Heritage Site*, an enormous rock boulder rising 200 meters out of the surrounding jungle. Built by King Kassapa I in the 5th Century, originally serving as a royal citadel for more than 18 years, something that seems more astonishing with every step you climb. Pause occasionally during your ascent to admire the mirror wall, the Sigiriya graffiti, the famous Sigiriya frescoes and the great lion paws. Keep going until you reach the top and you'll immediately see that it

was worth the effort. Wander through the ruins and admire the courage and work it must have taken to build this palace all those years ago. To think that there is still a fully functional swimming pool up there is simply awe-inspiring. But aside from the ruins, with the unparalleled 360 degree view of the surrounding jungle and hills, it won't just be the climb that takes your breath away.

After Sigiriya, you will be escorted to **Polonnaruwa**.

An interesting blend of archaeological monuments, Polonnaruwa was the second kingdom of Sri Lanka and is now a *UNESCO World Heritage Site*. The iconic man-made reservoir was appropriately named "Parakrama Samudra", or "the sea of Parakrama", due to its enormous size. Look out for the famous Gal Viharaya or "Rock Temple" where you will see four colossal statues of the Buddha cut into the stone, reflecting peace, serenity and strength.



Polonnaruwa

Polonnaruwa also boasts ruins of ancient palaces, intricately carved moon stones and royal baths. If you are feeling a bit more energetic, this whole site can also be explored on bike and your guide will be more than happy to arrange this for you.

Hotel transfer, overnight at The Water Garden Sigiriya.

Day 04 Sigiriya – Kandy (B, L, D)



Dambulla Cave Temple

Breakfast at your hotel, check-out, drive to Kandy (80km / 03hrs) on the way visit **Dambulla Cave Temple**. Dating back over 2,000 years, Dambulla is a vast cave complex, converted to a rock temple still regarded today as one of the most important Buddhist monasteries. Covering the ceiling is the largest collection of paintings in Sri Lanka within a cave temple and surrounding you is the highest number of Buddha statues found in one single place.

As you wander through the temple, notice the serenity and the exceedingly well-preserved nature of the place. It is no wonder the Rock Temple has become a *UNESCO World Heritage Site*.

Embark on your **City Tour**. The city of Kandy was the last Kingdom of Sri Lanka, notice a more comfortable temperature here, compared to the tropical climate prevailing throughout the rest of the island. The Temple of the Tooth is the most revered and iconic place but other highlights include the historic **Kandy Lake**, the Royal Botanical Gardens and the scenic Victoria Golf Club. Look out for the silverware, brassware and gem-studded jewelry, carefully carved and designed by Kandyan



Kandy Lake

craftsman, known to be the most skilled in the country. Kandy can be a bustling place in the day so there is nothing quite like a late evening stroll around the serene lake with a view to the Sacred Temple and the distant sound of drums in the background.



Temple of the Tooth

The 16th century **Temple of the Tooth** is the most important temple for Buddhists as it houses the Sacred Tooth Relic of Buddha, kept in a two-story inner sanctum. The ‘Thevava’ or auspicious offering to the Sacred Tooth Relic takes place three times a day at pre-set times and a visit during this time is quite an experience. Resident monks demonstrate this age-old tradition as you become surrounded by the sound of drums, the smell of lotus, jasmine flowers and incense. In July and August the whole city comes to life as the Kandy Esala Perehara

pageant takes place in honor of the Relic. Hotel transfer, overnight Earls Regency Kandy.

Day 05 Kandy – Nuwara Eliya (B, L, D)

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, check-out and drive to Kandy Station (20km / 01hr), depart Kandy Station 0847hrs arrive Nanuoya Station 1230hrs, enjoy your scenic train journey. You will be picked up from Nanuoya Station, proceed to the **Tea Factory** for your **Tea Experience**.

The stunning drive to **Nuwara Eliya** is a photographer's paradise. Pause every now and again to admire the gushing waterfalls, the vast tea terraces, the old tea factories and the expansive Vegetable fields along the way. Upon arrival at Nuwara Eliya, you will notice the sudden drop in temperature. With log fires and blankets in the Victorian-style bungalows and the beautifully kept lawns and flower gardens, it is no wonder this part of the world has become known as 'Little England'.



Nuwara Eliya



Hakgala Botanical Gardens

Visit the **Hakgala Botanical Gardens**, Gregory's Lake or the Seetha Amman Hindu Temple. Wander through the fruit and vegetable markets and strike a bargain at the night 'bale' market. Break up the day with a freshly brewed Ceylon tea and homemade strawberry jam on toast, or for those into golf, tee off at the Nuwara Elya Golf Club.

Hotel transfer, overnight Heritance Tea Factory Nuwara Eliya.

Day 06 Nuwara Eliya – Weligama (B, L, D)

Hotel breakfast, check-out and drive to Matara (250km / 06hrs), enjoy the downhill scenic area.

Check-in at the Weligama Bay Marriott Resort & Spa and enjoy the rest of the day free.

Day 07 Weligama (B, D)

Breakfast at your hotel, enjoy your beach stay. Overnight Weligama Bay Marriott Resort & Spa.

Day 08 Weligama – Galle – Colombo – Hong Kong (B, L, D)

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, check-out and drive to Colombo (160km / 03hrs) en route visit **Galle Fort**. A *UNESCO World Heritage Site*, the city of Galle mixes the exotic with the colonial. The impressive Fortress, originally built by the Portuguese and further fortified by the Dutch, remains standing today with only a few changes, and is a living example of the interaction between European architecture and South Asian traditions during the 16th – 19th centuries.



Galle Fort



Maritime Museum

Explore Galle Fort on foot at your own pace, perhaps paying a visit to the **Maritime Museum**, the Old Dutch Reformed Church, the Sun and the Moon bastions, the lighthouse and the souvenir shops along the way. Early evening is the perfect time to climb the ramparts and sip a refreshing cup of Ceylon tea, or perhaps something stronger, as you gaze upon the setting sun.

Colombo, Sri Lanka's commercial capital and largest city, a blend of historic value and modern vibes. Dating back over 600 years, Colombo was a trading hub for sea merchants and colonial rulers. One of the first things you will notice on your tour is how diverse the city has become. Buddhist, Hindu temples, mosques and churches reflect the various beliefs practiced all over the island and the beautiful facades of the old, colonial buildings contrast with the modern but elegant shopping arcades that have been developed inside.

Your panoramic tour takes you past **Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple**, Pettah Bazaar, Wolfendhal Dutch Church, Old Parliament Complex, The Bandaranaike International Memorial Hall, Nelum Pokuna Theatre, Viharamahadevi Park, Independence Square and the National Museum. Before heading back to your hotel, take a stroll along the Galle Face green and enjoy afternoon tea or a sundowner (payable locally) at the iconic Galle Face Hotel, one of the oldest in South Asia, looking out across the glistening Indian Ocean.



Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple

Finally proceed for Dinner at one of Asia's best restaurant Ministry of Crab for a scrumptious dinner before you proceed to airport for your departure flight. (Approximate duration 45 minutes), depart Colombo (CMB) CX610 0025hrs, arrive Hong Kong (HKG) 0820hrs (approx. travel time 05hrs 55mins).

Package Cost

Destination	Hotel Envisage
	Option A
Colombo 01 nights	The Gateway Hotel Standard Room <u>Hotel Website</u>
Sigiriya 02 nights	Water Garden Sigiriya Deluxe Villa <u>Hotel Website</u>
Kandy 01 night	Earl's Regency Deluxe Room <u>Hotel Website</u>
Nuwara Eliya 01 night	Heritage Tea Factory Superior Room <u>Hotel Website</u>
Weligama 02 nights	Weligama Bay Marriott Superior Ocean View Room <u>Hotel Website</u>
Twin Sharing per person (HKD)	17,880

Prices are given per person in HKD

Package Includes

Meet and Greet at the Airport
 07 nights hotel accommodation
 Daily Breakfast & Dinner at your hotel on the above mention days
 Entrance fees: Anuradhapura Ancient City, Polonnaruwa Medieval City, Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Dambulla Cave Temple, Sacred Bo-Tree in Anuradhapura, Isurumuniya Temple in Anuradhapura, Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy, Kandyan Dance Cultural Show
 Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle as per the above itinerary.
 Services of English Speaking Guide as per the above itinerary
 Scenic Train ride from Kandy to Nanuoya
 Tea Experience
 Dinner at Ministry of Crab on the Departure Day
 Highway Charges
 Portorage at the hotels and at the airport

Package Does Not Include

Round Trip Economy Class Airfare from Hong Kong to Colombo
 Any expenses of personal nature (meals, visa fees, Travel Insurance, laundry, telephone etc.)
 Domestic Airfare, Airport taxes, airfare taxes, Camera / Video fee at the monuments.
 Anything else not mentioned under Package Includes.

ITINERARIES, CHANGES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

COMPANY agrees to provide all of the services listed in your travel itinerary, except for the optional services. Optional services will be billed separately. COMPANY has no responsibility for any changes in travel plans caused by airlines, train, ferry delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered. If you would like to modify any portion of your itinerary, you understand that COMPANY will not bear any of the costs arising from such changes. Refunds for non-used or cancelled services will be issued in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions* described. All new services will be billed in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions*. Due to the circumstances, including but not limited to, like closure or maintenance of monuments, weather, time, or traffic, etc., the planned visit or activity will be arranged on the next day if possible. No refund can be made if it's failed to do so.

OTHER EXPENSES DURING TOURS

Tipping & gratuity guidelines, tour guide - as you depart from the tour, reward a good guide in each city by tipping USD10- 15 per person per day, driver USD5- 10 per person per day, based on the satisfaction you have received from them, bellman by tipping USD3-5 Per bag, however these are guidelines are optional.

PERSONAL EXPENSES - Meals, laundry, telephone bills, beverage, extra local running for transport which is **not** included in your itinerary, (transport for sightseeing excursion will be provide between 0900hrs – 1730hrsMax.), Video & Camera fees charged at monuments directly , tips for guides, driver , travel Insurance for personal injury & loss of personal belongings.

DEPOSITS, FINAL PAYMENT

A non-refundable deposit of 35 % of total cost is required for secure all air seats and hotel reservations we hold for you. **We accept cash or cheque only.** Bookings for this deposit not received are subject to cancellation without notice. If *G.C Nanda* is unable to confirm the requested arrangements the deposit will be fully refundable. Deposits vary for each tour operator, hotel, or provider of any service contained in the program and will be payable according to the *General Terms and Conditions* of each operator. Please note that firm reservations cannot be made for any pre-booked accommodation until the required deposit is received. The balance payment must be received not less than 45 days prior to departure. If the balance payment is not received by us on the due date, we reserve the right to treat the booking as cancelled and to apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

AMENDMENT FEES

For each amendment requested after confirmation additional charges will be levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines. An amendment constitutes a change to an existing booking and not a transfer to another tour, wherein cancellation fees may apply.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

Cancellations are subject to a fee as follows:

- **30 days, or more, prior to departure: forfeit of deposit**
- **14-30 days, or less, prior to departure: 100% of total cost**

Cancellations will also be subject to cancellation fees levied by each operator according to their respective *Booking Terms and Conditions*. Please note that it is your responsibility to request from us the details of *Terms and Conditions*, and to ensure that you have understood their contents. The payment of your deposit constitutes an acceptance of those terms and conditions and your acknowledgement that you will be bound by their cancellation fee charges. No refund is made on any pre-booked accommodation, coach tours, villas hotel, cruising or other travel not utilised. No refund is available for cancellation after the tour has commenced or in respect of any tours, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised.

INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that, at the time of booking, you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy of your choice. We suggest that the policy should include, but not be limited to the following features: Loss of deposit through cancellation, personal baggage, loss of money, medical expenses, additional expenses to cover hotel accommodation should the tour or holiday need to be extended or curtailed due to illness while overseas, or due to the need to return to Hong Kong because of unexpected death or illness of a close relative. **Please consult us on the insurance policy most suitable for your needs.**

VISA, TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Passengers should familiarise themselves with any and all health or visa requirements that may be applicable in the areas they intend visiting. They shall be responsible for all exits, entry, health and other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of the countries visited or transited. Each person shall carry a valid passport at all times. Kindly note that passport and visa requirements are not our responsibility and we are not liable for any loss or expense due to a passenger's failure to comply with the above or any statutory requirement made in any country whatsoever.

PRICE

All prices shown are subject to variation without notice.