



Kandy & Sigiriya 2 Nights / 3 Days Excursion - Vehicle Only with Chauffeur Price - USD 225.net

Day 01 - Colombo / Pinnawela / Peradeniya / Kandy - Overnight (without hotel accommodation)

Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, one of the most popular attractions in Sri Lanka, is 80km northeast of Colombo. It is among the biggest herds of captive elephants in the world. Pinnawela elephant Orphanage is the home for about 60 elephants, out of which many are baby elephants found, abandoned or orphaned in the wild. They are being taken care, fed and trained by the wild life authorities. The best time to visit is during the feeding times, when one will have the opportunity of seeing the baby elephants being bottle-fed, A place you will really enjoy and never forget. Started in 1972 the Elephant Orphanage was relocated to at the present site in 1975

Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya, which is considered to be one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in Asia It is situated in a slope of the Mahaweli River. The total area of the botanical garden is 147 acres. The origins of the Botanic Gardens date as far back as 1371 by King Wickramabahu III. It is renowned for its collection of a variety of orchids. It includes varieties of orchids, spices, medicinal plants and palms trees. Attached to it is the National Herbarium. The classical Avenue of Palms is located in this Garden. One tree with a significant history is the Cannonball Tree planted by King George V of the United Kingdom and Queen Mary in 1901. The tree is bent with its fruits, which look like cannonballs. During the Second World War, the Botanical Garden was used by Lord Louis Mountbatten, the supreme commander of the allied forces in the South Asia, as the headquarters of the South East Asia Command

Kandy-a major tourist destination-is also known as the cultural capital of Sri Lanka. Nestled in the hills at an altitude of 488 m, it is located at a distance of 115 km from Colombo.

Kandy has a rich history. It was originally known as Senkadagalapura after a hermit named Senkada who lived there. Many of Sinhalese people call it Mahanuvara meaning the Great City. The name Kandy was derived by the colonial rulers from the word Kanda in Sinhala, meaning a hill. Kandy was the stronghold of the Sinhalese kings, who promoted and protected the local culture until the city fell to the British in 1815.

Today a bustling commercial city, with its lake in the middle of the city adding charm to this sacred town Kandy is famous for the **Kandy Perahara or Dalada Perahara**- a huge cultural pageant that takes place in the month of July or August. It is one of the most colourful processions of the world. Thousands of drummers and dancers accompanying a parade of ornamented elephants perform in the streets of Kandy. Its starts from the Temple of Tooth "most sacred Buddhist establishment in Sri Lanka is where one of Buddha's teeth is being kept" Kandy, the centre of the traditional arts in Sri Lanka visit the temple of the sacred tooth relic of Buddha.

Visit the city of Kandy. The most famous landmark of Kandy is its lake, in the centre of the city. Kandy was an important independent monarchy of Sri Lanka until British invasion
Overnight Kandy (Hotel - Direct arrangement)

<u>Entrance Fees Details - Direct Payment by clients</u>	In USD
Peradeniya Botanical Gardens	10 Per Pax
Kandy Temple Tooth	12 Per Pax
Pinnawela elephant Orphanage	20 Per Pax



Day 2 – Kandy / Matale / Sigiriya – Overnight (without hotel accommodation)

Morning leave to Sigiriya en route travel via Matale

Matale this particular location situated 142 KM away from the capital Colombo and 26 kilometers (16 mi) from Kandy. It is an area steeped in history and village living. The SPICE GARDEN in Matale is called Sri Lanka's immortal soul because it is easy to find in plenty of the great scents, tastes and medicines that made and make Sri Lanka famous, see and learn about spices at Matale, and experience the great riches of Sri Lanka's cuisine and traditional Ayurveda therapy. Surrounding the town are the Knuckles foot hills called Wiltshire. **The Knuckles**

Mountain Range is a special landmark of Matale. Riverston is heart-touching atmosphere which is really ideal for nature lovers. The Climate here is somewhat different from other locations & one can experience clouds covering up the area and then passing off at Riverston area making the atmosphere cold. The Alu vihara Temple, on the North side of the town, is the historic location where the Pali Canon was first written down completely in text on ola (palm) leaves. Later visit **Sigiriya**, considered by some as the eighth wonder of the world, consists of an ancient castle used by King Kasyapa of the 4th century AD. The Sigiriya site has the remains of an upper palace sited on the flat top of the rock, a mid-level terrace that includes the Lion Gate and the mirror wall with its frescoes, the lower palace that clings to the slopes below the rock, and the moats, walls and gardens that extend for some hundreds of meters out from the base of the rock. The site is both a palace and fortress. Sufficient remains to provide the visitor with a stunning insight into the ingenuity and creativity of its builders, the upper palace on the top of the rock includes cisterns cut into the rock that still retain water. The moats and walls that surround the lower palace are still exquisitely beautiful.

Overnight Sigiriya (Hotel – Direct arrangement)

Day 3 – Sigiriya / Dambulla / Negombo / Colombo – Return to Colombo

Morning Visit Dambulla

Dambulla cave Temple (also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla) is a world heritage site (1991) in Sri Lanka, situated in the central part of the country. This site is situated 148 km (92 mi) east of Colombo and 72 km (45 mi) north of Kandy. It is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. The rock towers 160 m (525 ft) over the surrounding plains. There are more than 80 documented caves in the surrounding. It has five caves under a vast overhanging rock, carved with a drip line to keep the interiors dry. In 1938 the architecture was embellished with arched colonnades and gabled entrances. Inside the caves, the ceilings are painted with intricate patterns of religious images following the contours of the rock. The Dambulla cave monastery is still functional and remains the best-preserved ancient edifice in Sri Lanka. This complex dates from the 3rd and 2nd centuries BC.

Negombo is located approximately 37 km north of commercial capital Colombo in Sri Lanka. It is located at the mouth of the Negombo lagoon. The major beach resort in the West Coast is Negombo. The wide sandy beaches and the safe sea are the major attractions of Negombo and it is perfectly located within the 7 km from the Bandaranaike International Airport in Sri Lanka. Negombo has a majority of Roman Catholics along with Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims. Negombo has been given the name "Little Rome" due to the highly ornate Portuguese-era Roman Catholic churches found within the township. Negombo is the Old Dutch Fort, which was built in 1672. Negombo Lagoon has an area of 3164 hectares and is situated some 40 km north of Colombo. Negombo has a small port, and its economy is mainly based on tourism and its centuries-old fishing industry. Negombo is a **traditional fishing town of Sri Lanka** the main industry of the villagers is fishing. Fine sandy beaches of Negombo has been mostly unexplored but less crowded as most tourists use the town for the first or the last night of their stay in



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Sri Lanka. Fine beach stretches are superbly maintained by the hotels while some are always busy with fisherman and their equipment. Equipment for water sports such as diving, wind surfing are available at most hotels and private vendors.

Return to Colombo

Sigiriya	30 Per Pax
Dambulla Cave Temples (Optional)	12 Per Pax

Galle Day Excursion - Vehicle Only with Chauffeur Price - USD 85.net

Kosgoda turtle Hatchery At the north end of Induruwa is one of the turtle hatcheries set up to protect turtle eggs till they hatch. Turtle eggs, which would otherwise be eaten, are bought for a few rupees each from local fishermen & re-buried along the beach. Once hatched, the baby turtles are kept in holding tanks. Small tanks contain hundreds of one to three-day old turtles, as well as larger one, including an albino, kept for the collection. In the night, you can release a three-day-old turtle into the Indian Ocean to fend off itself. The beauty of the operation is the beaches are guaranteed the female baby turtles released herein will find their way back, in the depths of seven seas to their natal beach ten years later to lay their own eggs. Five of the world's seven species of marine turtle visit Sri Lanka's beaches to nest, a rare ecological blessing.

The Maduganga River is a shallow water body in south-west Sri Lanka, which enters the sea at Balapitiya. Together with the smaller Rambode Lake, to which it is connected by two narrow channels, it forms the Madu Ganga wetland. Its estuary and the many mangrove islets on it constitute a complex coastal wetland ecosystem. The inhabitants of its islets produce peeled cinnamon and cinnamon oil.

The Maduganga Wetland was declared in 2003, in terms of the Ramsar Convention.

Galle

The capital of the southern province is a city with a colorful history. UNESCO declared World Heritage Site the magnificent Dutch fort is the most popular attraction of the town. 300 years Old Dutch atmosphere is still very much alive around the fort and amidst its many historical buildings not invaded by the skyscrapers. The beautiful beach of Unawatuna is just 6km south east of the city centre. And the Dutch Reformed Church, the church contains record of marriages since 1748 and baptism from 1678. The other significant of the building is there are no pillars inside the building and the weight of the roof is supported by the walls.

Entrance Fees Details - Direct Payment by clients	In USD
Galle Museum	04 Per Pax
Balapitiya Boat Trip per boat (Maximum 6 pax) Optional	30 Per Boat
Turtle Hatchery Optional	05 Per Pax

Includes

- *The above excursions will include Transportation by Air-Conditioned Vehicles
- *English Speaking Tour Chauffeur in escort for the complete excursion
- *Fuel and local insurance for the vehicles



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