

Cultural & Nature - Summer 26 Round Tour

Trip dates: Any day

7 days / 6 nights (Flight not included) ()

A seven-day sightseeing tour of Sri Lanka, combining cultural heritage with natural attractions.

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Trip programm

Day 1 Day 01	<p>AIRPORT / KANDALAMA</p> <p>Arrival to Bandaranayeka International Airport. Meet and welcome by Aitken Spence representative at the airport arrival lobby.</p> <p>Transfer from Airport to Kandalama</p> <p>Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel</p> <p>Standard Tour - Pelwehera village Resort www.oakrayhotels.com Superior Tour - Amaya Lake www.amayaresorts.com Deluxe Tour - Heritance Kandalama www.aitkenspencehotels.com</p>
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<p>Day 2 Day 02</p>	<p>KANDALAMA / SIGIRIYA / KANDALAMA</p> <p>Breakfast at Hotel Proceed to Sigiriya</p> <p>Climb the 5th century Sigiriya rock fortress which is a world heritage site, built by King Kashyapa (477-495 AD). The 'Lion Rock' is a citadel of unusual beauty rising 200 metres from the scrub jungle. The rock was the innermost stronghold of the 70 hectare fortified town. A moat, rampart, and extensive gardens including the renowned water gardens ring the base of the rock. Visit the world-renowned frescoes of the 'Heavenly Maidens' of Sigiriya, which are in a sheltered pocket of the rock approached by a spiral stairway. These frescoes are painted in earth pigments on plaster.</p> <p>Transfer from Sigiriya to Kandalama. (Optional excursion to Polonnaruwa) Visit Polonnaruwa, which was the 2nd capital city of Sri Lanka, built in the 11th and 12th centuries AD, and which is a world heritage site. Here you can see the ruins of the Royal Palace, the Gal Viharaya where 4 splendid statues of the Buddha in 'Upright', 'Sedentary' and 'Recumbent' postures carved out of rock could be seen, the Audience Hall, the Lotus Bath, the statue of king Parakramabahu, and the Parakrama Samudraya - a lake built by King Parakramabahu the great. There are also monuments of famous places of worship such as the Shiva Temple, the Lankathilake, the Watadage, the Galpotha, the Kiri Vehera and the remains of a former Temple of the Tooth Relic. Price : - 2pax - US\$ 45.00 (per person) Above 2pax -US\$40.00 (per person) Transfer from Polonnaruwa to Kandalama</p> <p>(Optional excursion to Minneriya Safari / Eco Park) Do a safari of the Minneriya National Park by jeep. The extent of the Minneriya National Park is about 8,889 hectares. There are wet-lands in this National Park, which have international importance, animal and plant species, which are plenty in dry zone, are found in this park. Wild elephants, various amphibians, local and immigrant bird species are plenty in this park. About 160 species of birds, 09 amphibians, 25 reptile species, 26 fish species and more than 78 butterfly species have been found in this area. There are bamboo trees, which are rare in other parks, and wild elephants can be seen conveniently. The significant feature is that these elephants can be seen going closer to them. Price : - 2pax - US\$ 65.00 (per person) Above 2pax - US\$55.00 (per person)</p> <p>Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel</p> <p>Standard Tour - Pelwehera village Resort www.oakrayhotels.com Superior Tour - Amaya Lake www.amayaresorts.com Deluxe Tour - Heritance Kandalama www.aitkenspencehotels.com</p>
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<p>Day 3 Day 03</p>	<p>KANDALAMA / DAMBULLA / MATALE / KANDY</p> <p>Breakfast at Hotel Proceed to Dambulla Dambulla rock temple was built by king Walagambahu in the 1st century B.C. and it is a World Heritage Site. It is the most impressive of Sri Lanka's cave temples. The complex of five caves with over 2000 sq. metres of painted walls and ceilings, is the largest area of paintings found in the world. It contains over 150 images of the Buddha of which the largest is the colossal figure of the Buddha carved out of rock and spanning 14 metres. Transfer from Dambulla to Matale. Visit a spice garden in Matale to see different spices for which Sri Lanka is famous for. Here, clients could see different spices and how some of these spices are grown and processed. Witness a Cookery demonstration. Transfer from Matale to Kandy. Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings and is a World Heritage Site. The name "Kandy" conjures visions of splendour and magnificence. Many of the legends, traditions and folklore are still lovingly kept alive. Drive around the Kandy lake built by the last Sinhala king, Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1798. Visit the Kandy town and bazaar, the arts and crafts centre, a gem museum and a lapidary. Also visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy. Thereafter witness a cultural show.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel</p> <p>Standard Tour - Senani Hotel www.oakrayhotels.com Superior Tour - Amaya Hills www.amayaresorts.com Deluxe Tour - Earl's Regency www.aitkenspencehotels.com</p>
<p>Day 4 Day 04</p>	<p>KANDY / PERADENIYA / PINNAWALA / KANDY</p> <p>Breakfast at Hotel Proceed to Peradeniya Peradeniya botanical garden was first built as a pleasure garden by a Sinhala king and was expanded by the British. It is 147 acres in extent and provides an amazing variety of trees, plants and flowers. Transfer from Peradeniya to Pinnawala. The Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage provides visitors with the best chance of seeing a large number of elephants at close quarters. The orphanage was established in 1975 and commenced with seven orphaned elephants. Today some of these orphans enjoy the fortune of seeing their calves born in the same location. Assisted by local and foreign elephant experts, Pinnawala commenced a successful captive breeding programme and the first baby elephant was born in 1984. It is most interesting to visit at feeding time to see the baby elephants being bottle fed and the entire herd taken for a bath thereafter to the river near by. Transfer from Pinnawala to Kandy.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel</p> <p>Standard Tour - Senani Hotel www.oakrayhotels.com Superior Tour - Amaya Hills www.amayaresorts.com Deluxe Tour - Earl's Regency www.aitkenspencehotels.com</p>

<p>Day 5 Day 05</p>	<p>KANDY / NUWARA ELIYA</p> <p>Breakfast at Hotel Proceed to Nuwara Eliya Visit Nuwara Eliya. Nuwara Eliya, because of its invigorating mountain climate and scenery, is Sri Lanka's most popular hill resort. Nuwara Eliya is also the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country producing a significant share of the world's best tea. Sri Lanka's highest mountain Pidurutalagala (8282 feet) is located here. Nuwara Eliya also has one of the finest 18 hole golf courses in South Asia.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel</p> <p>Standard Tour - Oak ray Tea Bush www.oakrayhotels.com Superior Tour - The Blackpool Hotel www.blackpool.lk Deluxe Tour - Heritance Tea Factory www.heritancehotels.com/teafactory</p>
<p>Day 6 Day 06</p>	<p>NUWARA ELIYA / YALA</p> <p>Breakfast at Hotel Proceed to Yala Yala National Park is undoubtedly the largest and most popular in Sri Lanka. It consists of five blocks also found here.</p> <p>Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel</p> <p>Standard Tour - Magampura Eco Village Lodge www.magampuraresort.com Superior Tour - Ekho safari www.ekhohotels.com/ Deluxe Tour - Double Tree by Hilton www.hilton.com</p>
<p>Day 7 Day 07</p>	<p>YALA / GALLE / AIRPORT OR BEACH HOTEL</p> <p>Breakfast at Hotel Proceed to Galle Galle is located in the south-western part of Sri Lanka and is an important city in the region. The city remains the best example of a fortified city built by the Portuguese during their period in the country. The Galle Fort, today, is a world heritage site and the most important landmark in the city. The Dutch Museum and the Dutch Church are two other significant attractions. Galle has also made a name for itself for its intricate lace and ebony carvings.</p> <p>Transfer from Galle to Airport or to a Beach Hotel for Beach Stay.</p>

<p>Included in price</p>	<p>Not included in price</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☒ Accommodation on Half Board basis in hotel specified or similar commencing with dinner on Day 01 and ending with Breakfast on the last day ☒ Transportation in an Air-conditioned Vehicle as per the tour program ☒ Services of an English-Speaking Chauffeur guide ☒ Entrance fees as per tour itinerary ☒ Jeep hires to the national parks as per the program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☒ Peak Period Supplement (Given above separately) ☒ X'mas & New Year Compulsory Supplements (Given above Separately) ☒ Camera and video permits ☒ Any expenses of a personal nature ☒ Tips and porter age ☒ Lunch on tour ☒ Meals not specified in the program ☒ Departure Transfer ☒ Entry Visa Fees, please visit "www.eta.gov.lk" for more details ☒ Early check in & Late check - out
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