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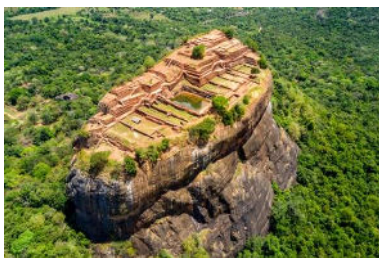
Heritage of Sri Lanka

7-Day, 6-Night Journey (Private Tour)

Negombo, Sigiriya, Kandy

Embark on a captivating journey from Negombo to Kandy, exploring the ancient Sigiriya Rock Fortress, witnessing elephants in Minneriya National Park, and marveling at the intricate statues of the Dambulla Cave Temple. In serene Kandy we visit the revered Temple of the Tooth Relic and the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, where you can observe and interact with rescued elephants.

Savor delicious local dishes, fragrant spices, and famous Ceylon tea. This memorable tour is crafted to give you a profound sense of Sri Lanka's rich cultural and historical tapestry.



Birds Eye view of Sigiriya Rock Fortress



Entrance to Sigiriya Rock



See elephants in the nature



This ancient temple complex showcases 150 stunning Buddha statues



Temple next to Kandy Lake



The Sacred Tooth Relic Temple

Inclusions

- ▶ Private Airport Transfers
- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ English-speaking driver cum guide
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

Exclusions

- ▶ International Air Fare
- ▶ Government Tourism Fee
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Colombo – Colombo-Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB)

Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN SRI LANKA

Upon arrival at **Colombo International Airport (CMB)** you will be transferred to your hotel in **Negombo**. The rest of the day is free.

Negombo is a charming coastal town located 25 miles north of Colombo. The town's rich colonial history is a fascinating blend of influences from the Portuguese, Dutch, and British who ruled the region at different times. This seaside town, strategically located near the mouth of the Negombo Lagoon, was a key center for the spice trade, particularly cinnamon.

[2 Nights in Negombo. Meals: None]



DAY 2: NEGOMBO CITY TOUR

Start the tour with a full-day guided tour of **Negombo**.

Visit **St Marys Church** (built by the Portuguese in the 1500s). See **coral reefs and a shipwreck**. Take a boat ride at **Hamilton Canal** (expanded by the Dutch in 1600s). Experience the diverse wildlife of **Muthurajawela Marsh**.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 3: NEGOMBO – SIGIRIYA, SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS EXPERIENCE

This morning, we drive to **Sigiriya** which is located in the heart of the Cultural Triangle. (About 3 hours @9am)

We visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Sigiriya Rock** built by King Kassapa in the 5th century AD (About 3 hours @2pm). Today **Sigiriya Rock** is a treasure trove of rare ancient art. In a pocket of the giant rock are the famous frescoes of the heavenly maidens of Sigiriya. It is also called the 'Rock Fortress' or 'the Lion Rock' because of the huge crouching lion that is carved at the entrance to the fortress. This citadel is more than 1,000 ft above the jungles below.

[2 Nights in **Sigiriya**. Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 4: MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK

Today we visit **Minneriya National Park** to spot a variety of wildlife, including elephants, leopards, sambar deer, and a wide range of bird species. (8 hours @9am)

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 5: - SIGIRIYA - KANDY | DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE

After breakfast we visit **Dambulla Cave Temple** (3 hours @9am) and then continue to Kandy. The Dambulla Cave Temple, also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its stunning collection of Buddha statues and intricate murals within five ancient caves. Transfer to **Kandy** (about 2.5 hours drive) is nestled amidst misty hills in central Sri Lanka, next to the serene Kandy Lake. It has a rich cultural heritage and lush botanical gardens.

[2 Nights in Kandy. Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: KANDY | KANDY CITY TOUR, TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH RELIC

After breakfast we explore **Kandy city**. (8 hours @9am)

Visit the **Temple of Tooth Relic of Buddha**, located in the royal palace complex, which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha. It is one of Sri Lanka's eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit a **gem gallery** (window shopping for precious stones such as blue sapphire, pink sapphire, ruby and more). Next is the **Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya** which spreads over 160 acres of exquisite beauty with more than 4,000 species of flora. This is a haven for nature lovers. Enjoy a **Kandy culture show**.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 7: KANDY – COLOMBO AIRPORT (CMB)

After breakfast we drive to **Colombo Airport**.

Enroute, we visit **Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage** (4 hours @9am). The orphanage is a sanctuary to nearly 100 elephants. Take photos of the elephants in their natural habitat as they roam freely within the orphanage grounds, bathing and feeding.

Transfer to **Colombo Airport (CMB)** for your flight home.

[Meals: Breakfast]

*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

*The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.

Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

