



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

## Highlights of Sri Lanka

### 3-Day, 3-Night Journey

*Colombo, Dambulla, Kandy*

This mini trip highlights some of unique wonders of Sri Lanka which will have you coming back for more!

You'll be intrigued by the serenity of the tea plantations at the hill station, the ancient temples and the massive Sigiriya rock fortress which is Sri Lanka's most popular attraction. Travel back in time to witness old Sri Lanka traditions, European influences, and the British colonial and Buddhist heritage. Visit the old Dutch hospital, one of the oldest buildings in the Colombo Fort area, which is now beautifully renovated, housing an eclectic collection of some of Colombo's finest restaurants and shops. The Lion Rock, Royal Botanical Gardens and tea plantation are also additional must-see attractions that should not be missed.

#### ◆ Customizable Private Tour

#### Trip Overview (\*UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

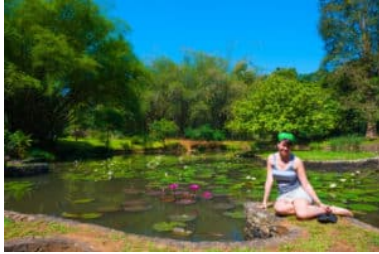
- ▶ Colombo City Tour
- ▶ Independence Memorial Hall
- ▶ National Museum of Colombo
- ▶ Gangaramaya Temple
- ▶ Seema Malaka
- ▶ Old Dutch Hospital
- ▶ **Sigiriya Rock (Lion Rock)\***
- ▶ Peradeniya Royal Botanical Garden
- ▶ Tea Plantation Tour

# Why You'll Love This Tour



## ARCHAEOLOGICAL WONDERS

Sri Lanka offers a chance to see museum quality statues and artifacts in-situ. The Lion Rock is a citadel rises more than 1,000 ft. from the jungles below. The temples and museums in Columbo City take you back in time to witness ancient Sri Lanka legacies.



## GARDEN OF EDEN

Enjoy one of the best collection of orchids, 130 ft tall Burma bamboo and the giant Javan Fig Tree in stunning gardens that were exclusively for the royalty.



## BIG FLAVOR SRI LANKAN FOOD

Taste the true heart of Sri Lanka in their flavorful cuisine and discover the influences from Holland, Indonesia, India and China. Cardamom, curry leaves and many other fragrant spices are the building blocks of local cuisine together with rice, coconut, and native tropical fruits and vegetables.

## Inclusions

- Airport Transfers, Meet and Greet
- Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals  
(See tour plan for details)
- English-speaking Local Guide
- Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

## Exclusions

- Air Fare
- Travel Insurance
- Medical Expenses
- Visa Fee
- Gratuity
- Personal Expenses

## Nearby Airport

Colombo- Bandaranaike International Airport (CBM)

# Itinerary

(B)-Breakfast, (L)-Lunch, (D)-Dinner

## DAY 1: MEET UP AT COLOMBO | CITY TOUR (D)

Upon arriving at **Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB)** in **Colombo**, you will be transferred to your hotel.

We take a **Colombo City Tour** today. We will drive past **Independence Memorial Hall**, built in 1948 to mark the independence of Sri Lanka from British rule. Visit the **National Museum of Colombo**, one of the largest museums in Sri

Lanka. Then visit the **Gangaramaya Temple**, one of the best Buddhist temples in Colombo. Within the temple complex, you will find a small Hindu temple and a museum. The museum houses a library, an open-air meditation hall, a Bodhi tree, and a large collection of antique artifacts, Buddhist sculptures and statues.

A short drive away from the temple is **Seema Malaka** by the Beira Lake. This is one of Colombo's most restful and tranquil meditation venues with beautiful statues of Lord Buddha surrounding the main hall - an iconic shot of Colombo. Later we drive along Galle Face Green park, past the old Parliament of Sri Lanka. We visit the **Old Dutch Hospital**, one of the oldest buildings in the Colombo Fort area, now beautifully renovated, housing an eclectic collection of some of Colombo's finest restaurants and shops.

## DAY 2: COLOMBO - DAMBULLA | SIGIRIYA (B, D)

After breakfast embark on your drive to **Dambulla** in north central Sri Lanka.

After lunch, we visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Sigiriya Rock (Lion Rock)**, built by King Kassapa in the 5th century AD. Today the rock is a treasure trove of rare art. If you wish to climb Sigiriya Rock, there are about 1,200 steps and, on an average, it takes about 1.5 hours to climb the rock (actual time varies from person to person). We have an overnight stay in Dambulla.

## DAY 3: DAMBULLA - KANDY | ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS (B)

After breakfast, we drive to Kandy. We visit the **Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya**, which spreads over 67 hectares (160 acres) of exquisite beauty and houses more than 4,000 species of flora, a haven for nature lovers.



**DAY4: KANDY - COLOMBO | TEA PLANTATION (B)**

After breakfast, on the way back to Colombo, enjoy an experience at a **tea plantation** together with tea tasting. We will learn the tea manufacturing process, from the initial drying (withering) of the leaves, through rolling, fermenting, sifting, to produce the different types of tea. Finally, you can taste different teas, to appreciate for yourself the differences in color, flavor and strength. After lunch the tour ends and we drive back to Colombo for your departure flight.

**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.

