

Connaissance De Ceylan

Sri Lanka Tour 05 Nights / 06 Days





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**DAY 1****KATUNAYAKE AIRPORT | SIGIRIYA****D**

(Travel time: Katunayake Airport to Sigiriya - Approx. 150km/3h45mins)

AM/PM

- Arrival at the Colombo Airport.
- Assistance on arrival by a representative of Connaissance de Ceylan.
- Afterwards, proceed to Sigiriya.
- Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel and relax.
- Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 2**SIGIRIYA****B & D****AM**

- Early morning proceed to visit the **Sigiriya Rock to witness the sunrise.**

Sigiriya, a massive rock in the green scrub jungle, is perhaps the most memorable place for visitors to Sri Lanka. The site was known from ancient times as a hermitage for Buddhist monks. A well-planned monastic complex included caved temples, bathing pools, lovely ponds and Asia's oldest surviving landscaped gardens. Today Sigiriya is famous for its frescoes painted in the pocket of the rock. The "Lion stairway", the "mirror wall" and the "water gardens" are its other highlights.

- Return to the hotel for the breakfast.
- Afterwards proceed to experience an authentic **village tour including a local lunch experience.**

PM

- Return to the hotel.
- In the evening, proceed to experience a **cultural show in Habarana.**
- Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 3**SIGIRIYA | POLONNARUA | MINNERIYA | SIGIRIYA****B & D**

(Travel time: Sigiriya to Polonnaruwa - Approx. 60km/1h15mins)

AM

- After breakfast, proceed to visit **the ancient city of Polonnaruwa.**

Polonnaruwa was established as Sri Lanka's medieval capital after the fall and destruction of Anuradhapura at the hands of the Cholan invaders from India. Polonnaruwa contains various masterpieces of Buddhist sculpture and architecture, as well as, remarkable feats of engineering that are widely regarded as ahead of their time. The most famous of these masterpieces is the Gal Vihara, with its famous rock carvings of Lord Buddha; The Sacred Quadrangle, which includes the Vatadage, used to hold the Tooth of Lord Buddha; and the Parakrama Samudra, or the sea of Parakrama in English, is man-made reservoir (or tank) stretching over 23 kilometers which is prime example of the advanced engineering of that time.

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PM

- In the afternoon proceed to experience a jeep safari at the **Minneriya National Park**.

This will be either Minneriya / Kaudulla or Eco Park, this park will be decided on the elephant movements of the visiting day.)

Minneriya National Park is one of the best places in the country to see wild elephants. Dominated by the ancient Minneriya Tank, the park has plenty of scrub, forest and wetlands in its 88.9 sq km to provide shelter for toque macaques, sambar deer, buffalo, crocodiles, leopards and abundant birdlife as well. The dry season, from May to September, is reckoned to be the best time to Elephants, which can number 200 or more, come to feed and bathe during what is known as 'the Gathering'. However, it's also possible to see large numbers of elephants here at other times of year too.

- Return to the hotel and relax.
- Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 4

SIGIRIYA | DAMBULLA | MATALE | KANDY

B & D

(Travel time: Sigiriya to Matala – Approx. 65km/1h55mins | Matala to Kandy – Approx. 25km/1h)

AM

- After breakfast, proceed to **Dambulla Cave Temple**.

The Dambulla cave temple, also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla was founded in the 1st century by King Valagamba. Ancient sculptures and paintings of the Buddha and various Hindu deities and are located in five central caves. The original sculptures and paintings have gained additions throughout the centuries and stand monument to evolving artistic styles of the ancient Ceylonese.

- Afterwards, proceed to Kandy.

- En route visit a **Spice Garden in Matala**.

Step into the lush, aromatic world of Matala Spice Garden, where the secrets of Sri Lanka's ancient spice trade come to life. Wander through vibrant greenery as the scents of cinnamon, cardamom, and cloves fill the air, and discover how these treasured spices are grown, harvested, and used in everyday life. It's a sensory journey of flavor, healing, and tradition, an experience that awakens both taste and curiosity.

PM

- Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel in Kandy.
- In the evening, proceed to visit the **sacred Temple of the Tooth**.

Sri Lanka's second city is, a beautiful historical city in the citadel of the country. It is not only known for its great kings who ruled the city for almost 225 years independently until the British took over in 1815, but it is also the place where the Sacred Tooth of Lord Buddha is laid in a magnificent temple. The incomparable Perahera celebration, a procession of more than 100 elephants, is held every August here.

- Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

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**DAY 5****KANDY | COLOMBO****B & D**

(Travel time: Kandy to Colombo – Approx. 120km/ 3h 50min)

AM

- After breakfast, proceed to visit the **Peradeniya Botanical Garden**.

The Royal Botanical Garden at Peradeniya was established in 1821 and now covers 140 acres, smuggled in a loop in the Mahaweli River, the longest river in Sri Lanka. Its primary purpose was the testing and acclimatizing of plants for commercial use in Sri Lanka. Today the Gardens have one of the largest collections of flora from sub-tropical climates around the world.

- Afterwards proceed to visit a **Tea Factory**.
- Later proceed to Colombo.

PM

- Upon arrival check-In at the hotel.
- In the evening proceed to experience a **city tour in Colombo**.
- Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 6**COLOMBO | KATUNAYAKE AIRPORT****B**

(Travel time: Colombo to Katunayake Airport– Approx. 35km/45mins)

AM/PM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Later, proceed to the airport for the departure.

Please note that you are required to be at the Airport 3 hours prior to the departure flight.

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Proposed Accommodation

Hotels mentioned below subject to availability on the moment of reservation

3-star properties

City	Property	Room Category	Meal Basis	No of Nights	Web Site
Sigiriya	Oak-ray Elephant Lake	Deluxe Room	HB	3	Hotels in Habrana Sri Lanka Oak Ray Elephant Lake Sigiriya Official Site
Kandy	Hotel Suisse	Superior Room	HB	1	Hotels in Kandy with Lake Views Hotel Suisse Kandy
Colombo	Sofia Colombo	Deluxe Room	HB	1	Sofia Colombo City Hotel The Nexus of Bussiness & Leisure

4-star properties

City	Property	Room Category	Meal Basis	No of Nights	Web Site
Sigiriya	Aliya Resort & Spa	Deluxe Room	HB	3	Sigiriya Hotels Aliya Resort & Spa Thema Collection Official Site
Kandy	Cinnamon Citadel	Superior Room	HB	1	Boutique Kandy Hotel Cinnamon Citadel Kandy Official Site
Colombo	Granbell Colombo	Standard Room	HB	1	City Hotels in Colombo for Beach Stays Granbell Hotel

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Requirements to Travel to Sri Lanka

Please check with our team for updates as procedures may change.

- Visa - Needs to be obtained online ([Online Visa Application](#)) before traveling to Sri Lanka.

General Notes

- All drive times are approximate and are subject to change.
- All reservations and visits subject to availability at time of booking and Sri Lanka Health & Govt restrictions.
- The standard check-in time in Sri Lanka is 1400 hours and the Checkout time is 11 am. Early check-ins & Late check-outs are subject to availability.
- On Poya (Full Moon Day) and other religious days alcohol will not be served at hotels and restaurants.
- Please note that the plucking of Tea leaves is not done on public holidays & Sundays. As such the Tea production process does not take place, however a tour of the factory will be arranged where the process is explained.
- We advise you to change your currency at the airport. A local SIM card can be purchased at the airport of Sri Lanka or arranged with Connaissance De Ceylan if required.
- When visiting religious sites such as Kandy Temple, Dambulla Temple, etc... your attire should cover your knees and shoulders. It is also advised to bring a pair of socks as you will be asked to remove slippers/shoes when entering sacred temples.
- Tipping is not compulsory, however, Standard Tips for restaurants and hotel would be LKR 200.00 per person and for the driver/guide USD 5.00 per person per day. This is only an indication and guideline; the decision of tipping solely depends on your level of satisfaction.
- Train Rides, Tuk Tuks & other public transport will be subject to health guidelines at the time of travel.
- Train tickets are only open to purchase a few weeks before the date and are therefore subject to availability at the time of reservation.
- If provincial or government taxes are adjusted or amended within the specified contract period, the local agent reserves the right to adjust the contracted rate accordingly to reflect the change.

Cancellation Policy:

- If cancelled 50 days prior to your arrival; no charge
- If cancelled 35-49 days prior to your arrival; charge 30% of total price
- If cancelled 25 -34 days prior to your arrival; charge 50% of total price
- If cancelled 15 - 24 days prior to your arrival; charge 70% of total price
- If cancelled less than 15 days prior to your arrival; charge 100% of total price

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