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2017- 6 DAYS 5 NIGHTS SRI LANKA TOUR

Sri Lanka Specialist

Tour Code: SRI6A

Highlights: If you want to spend your Happy Holidays in a magical tropical island, Then there is no better place than Sri Lanka offers. Classic combines exploration, culture and relaxation. Explore the World Heritage Sites and ancient cities in the Cultural Triangle before retreating to the beach for complete relaxation.

Exclusive: 100%Meals+Village Tour +2N Seaside Resort



DAY 01 SINGAPORE  COLOMBO / SIGIRIYA (B: On board or Hotel, L: Village Cuisine, D:Hotel)

Arrival at 01.40 AM to Bandaranayke International Airport and welcomed by a representative of Sri Holidays meet and transfer to your hotel in Anuradhapura. Transfer to hotel & have breakfast.

After that we can join **Village tour (ADDITIONAL TOUR)**, that is very special experience go to Sri Lanka village. In the afternoon, **Sigiriya Lion rock (optinal)**. Sigiriya (sometimes called Lion's Rock) is the ruins of an ancient palace in a 200m high rock fortress, overlooking the beautiful plains of North-Central Sri Lanka. Built for an exiled Indian prince, the breathtaking ruins are one of Sri Lanka's main tourist attractions and date back to AD 477. Despite its age, Sigiriya still retains much of its former beauty and features some of the finest examples of ancient art in the form of wall paintings, as well as a network of attractive gardens and reservoirs, and Sigiriya's namesake – a gigantic pair of lion's paws cut into the rock. With its fascinating history and unerring beauty, Sigiriya is often referred to as the 8th wonder of the world and the UNESCO-sponsored Central Cultural Fund has even restored Sigiriya's 5th century Water Gardens, so that you can get a glimpse of what Sigiriya might have been like thousands of years ago.

DAY 02 SIGIRIYA / DAMBULLA / MATALE / KANDY (B: Hotel, L: Local Cuisine, D: Hotel)

After breakfast you will leave for **Kandy**. Today you can visit **Dambulla Cave temple**.

These 2,000 year old caves sit on a massive rock overlooking the city and are a UNESCO World Heritage site, containing ancient Buddhist paintings which have attracted tourists and pilgrims from all over the world. Hidden amongst the frescoes you will find a colossal figure of the recumbent Buddha carved out of the rock. At some 14 meters long this really is an impressive sight to see. Whilst ascending the steps that lead to the caves, make sure you take some time to appreciate the beautiful surroundings, where dense forest rears up into the distance and an abundance of friendly monkeys patrol the steps, waiting for food from tourists.

You will proceed to Matale & you will have lunch at **Spice Garden in Matale**. Visit spice garden. Spice garden in Matale to see many different types of spices Sri Lanka is famous for. Just 25 km from the hill capital of Kandy, the Matale spice gardens are among the best on the island. You will be introduced to different spices and shown how some of these spices are grown and processed. A processing and training unit has been set up in the area and farmers are grouped in a cooperative to ensure fair prices and you will also be able to purchase spices. Gardens are open to visitors, a delightful place to stroll in fragrant greenery and learn about nutmeg, pepper vines, clove trees and curry, cinnamon and the precious cardamom, a relative of ginger. It grows in the shade of high jungle trees and can only be harvested by hand. Visitors may buy spices, traditional remedies and cosmetics, taste an herbal brew and in some venues, enjoy the full flavors of Sri Lankan spices over lunch. In the afternoon you will move into Kandy and visit **Temple of the sacred tooth relic (optinal)**. Sri Dalada Maligawa in Kandy is the most prominent and sacred Buddhist shrine in Sri Lanka, even in the world. The relic of the tooth is kept in a two-story inner shrine fronted by two large elephant tusks. The relic rests on a solid gold lotus flower, encased in jeweled caskets that sit on a throne. The temple is joined to the Pattiripuwā (Octagon) tower, built in 1803, that was originally a prison but now houses a collection of palm-leaf manuscripts. The king's palace is also in the temple compound. In the evening you will watch cultural dance show of fire dancers and Kandyan Dancers. Overnight stay at hotel in Kandy.

DAY 03 KANDY/ PINNAWALA / NUWARA ELIYA (B: Hotel, L: Local Cuisine, D: Hotel)

After breakfast you will leave for Nuwara Eliya. On the way visit **the Elephant orphanage (optinal)** in Pinnawela. It is established in 1975 as place for shelter and cares the wounded elephants and abandoned baby elephants found in jungle. This is covered an area over 24 acre land. It was under the department of Department of Wildlife but now under the National Zoological Garden. The main daily activities taken place in the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage are Feeding milk to baby elephants and the bathing sessions. Proceed to Nuwara Eliya.

Now visit to the hill country is complete without a visit to a **tea estate**, where you can view the vibrant green fields of tea which for so many people epitomize the image of Sri Lanka. Surrounded by the breathtaking, idyllic landscape, you will also get a chance to taste and purchase some of the world's finest tea. You will have lunch at a restaurant in Nuwara Eliya. In the afternoon you can visit in **Nuwara Eliya city**. It is an intriguing colonial-style town set in the heart of the tea-country, which still bears a distinctly British stamp. Well kept lawns, hedges, an Anglican church, Georgian-style houses, and a well-celebrated golf course give this charming town an air of nostalgia. Your trip to Nuwara Eliya will provide you with the perfect retreat after your visit to the historical sites, and because it is situated 1,890 meters above sea level, the air is cool and fresh, making Nuwara Eliya the perfect place to unwind. Overnight stay at hotel in Nuwara Eliya.

DAY 04 NUWARA ELIYA/KITHULGALA / BENTOTA (B: Hotel, L: Local Cuisine, D: Hotel)

After breakfast you will leave for **Bentota** via Kitulgala. **Kitulgala** is a small town in the west of Sri Lanka. It is in the wet zone rain forest, which gets two monsoons each year, and is one of the wettest places in the country. The Academy Award-winning *The Bridge on the River Kwai* was filmed on the Kelani River near Kitulgala, although nothing remains now except the concrete foundations for the bridge (and, supposedly, the submerged train cars that plunged into the river in the climactic scene). Kitulgala is also a base for white-water rafting, which starts a few kilometers upstream. Many birders stay at Kitulgala. This area has most of the rainforest bird species that are found at the World Biosphere Reserve at Sinharaja, although in lower numbers. However, the secondary forest and cultivation at Kitulgala is more open than the pristine woodlands of Sinharaja, and elusive endemic species like Sri Lanka Spur fowl, Green-billed Coucal and Spot-winged Thrush may be easier to see. You will have lunch in Avissawella. Proceed to Bentota. Overnight stay at hotel in **Bentota**. Enjoy beautiful beach.

DAY 05 BENTOTA / NEGOMBO (B: Hotel, L: Local Cuisine, D: Hotel)

After breakfast you will leave for Negombo. On the way visit **Madu Ganga River Safari and Turtle Farm (ADDITIONAL TOUR)**. Here in Balapitiya lies Madu Ganga, the beautiful river that nestles alongside Whispering Waters. Madu Ganga is considered as Sri Lanka's second largest wetland consisting of 32 islands including two main islands providing shelter to 215 families. The Madu Ganga River is a shallow water body in south-west Sri Lanka, which enters the sea at Balapitiya. Together with the smaller Randombe 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. In has high ecological, biological and aesthetic significance, being home to 303 species of plants belonging to 95 families and to 248 species of vertebrate animals. Madu Ganga is possibly one of the last remaining tracts of pristine mangrove forests in Sri Lanka. The inhabitants of its islets produce peeled cinnamon and cinnamon oil. Proceed to Colombo. Lunch at a restaurant in Colombo. In the afternoon do a city tour in Colombo, observing the old Parliament, the residential areas and the BMICH (Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall) and visit Fort. Also, visit the Majestic City shopping complex and the ODEL Unlimited Dress Boutique; also visit the Ceramic cooperation show room (Noritake). Proceed to Negombo. Overnight stay at hotel in Negombo.

DAY 06 NEGOMBO AIRPORT

(B: Hotel)

After breakfast transfer to airport for the return flight back to Singapore.



PACKAGE INCLUSION

Accommodation in double room

Meals and Entrance ticket as per itinerary

Private transportation in A/C luxury vehicle with English speaking driver / guide.

Request Chinese speaking tour guide +USD20/Pax

PACKAGE EXCLUSION:

• Items of personal nature, Travel Insurance.

Optional Entrance Ticket:

- Lion Rock (USD30/Pax),
- Temple Of The Sacred Tooth Relic (SGD15/Pax)
- The Elephant orphanage (SGD25/Pax)

• Tipping for tour guide and driver:

2-5pax above USD10/Pax/Day,

6pax above USD8/Pax/Day,

Porter fee Rubby100/room/way.

Tour Leader SGD3/Pax/Day

Compulsory Tour:

USD 85 /Adult, USD70/Child(2-10Years):Village Tour+ Madu Ganga River Safari+ Turtle Farm