

DURATION: 06 NIGHTS / 07 DAYS

DAY 01 :

Arrival, meet greet and proceed to Kandy.

En-route visiting the **Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage**, established in 1975, commenced with seven orphans. Today some of these orphans enjoy the fortune of seeing their grandchildren born in the same location. The original objective of establishing the orphanage inclined more towards tourism, but is soon became a conservation and educational centre. With the help of local and foreign elephant experts, Pinnawela started a scientific captive-breeding programme for elephants. The free movement of the herd enhanced the chances for respective individuals of both sexes to get together and mate. The nearby river played a dominant role in this regard, and in 1984, the first baby of Pinnawela was born. The success story of Pinnawela has drawn the attention of scientists from all over the world. A considerable number of books and research articles on Pinnawela have been published in several languages. The members of the Pinnawela herd have been filmed, videoed and photographed thousands of times by professionals.

Proceed to Kandy

Check-in to the hotel.

Overnight stay at the Hotel, Kandy


DAY 02 :

After breakfast, proceed to Peradeniya. Visit the **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.

On completion do a **city tour of Kandy**. Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankings, which is a World Heritage Site. The name "Kandy" conjures visions of splendor 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 center, a gem museum and a lapidary. Also visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy and witness a Cultural show.

Overnight stay at the Hotel, Kandy

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DAY 03 :

After breakfast leave for Nuwara Eliya

En-route visiting a **tea plantation and a tea factory**, where the best tea in the world is produced. Here you could observe all about the process of manufacturing tea.

You can also see how tea is graded. Taste a cup of pure Ceylon tea in the factory. Thereafter continue to 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.

Proceed to Nuwara Eliya Check-in to the Hotel

Overnight stay at the Hotel, Nuwara Eliya

DAY 04 :

After breakfast proceed to Kalutara via Kitulgala
Check-in to the Hotel
Rest of the day at leisure

Overnight stay at the Hotel, Kalutara


DAY 05

After breakfast Galle. **City tour of Galle** - once the chief port of Ceylon. It is still well known for hand-made lace. You can also visit the Galle Fort (spanning 90 acres) which was originally built by the Portuguese and later extended by the Dutch in

1663. This is a World Heritage Site.

Thereafter leave for **Balapitiya for a Boat Ride**. Where one could just sit back and observe how ecology and culture combines under the sun! Cut through the clear water of Madu River - a lifeline of Balapitiya - and head towards Kotu Duwa, the small island housing a temple that dates back to ancient Sinhalese kings. Or, sail through tunnels of shady mangroves swaying alongside Madu River - hiding an ecological treasure - to witness the tranquility of this bio-diversity hot spot which boasts of reptiles, mollusks and over 70 species of fresh water fish. Today the region

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- which is strong in observing rural folk life in the island - does not only boast of cinnamon plantations in abundance, but also has a fine 'fish pedicure center' - one of the most potent & latest rejuvenation techniques. Apart from these amenities Balapitiya has also become a household name in the minds of bird watchers ensuring a thrilling offshore experience.

Transfer from Balapitiya to Kosgoda. Visit **Turtle Hatchery Farm** Both locals and international volunteers battling it out for "Sea Turtles' Sake" is a common sight at Kosgoda. This vibrant tourist destination sitting calm along the Southern coast of Sri Lanka - apart from its traditional industries of fisheries and cinnamon cultivation

- was later recognized by the Wildlife Protection Society who studied the region with a Sea Turtle Conservation Project which operates on a formidable scale today. Indirectly, this has become a watering hole of flipper & shell enthusiasts!

Overnight stay at the Hotel, Kalutara

DAY 06 :

After breakfast proceed to Colombo
Check in at the hotel

Afternoon do a city tour of Colombo, like many capital cities in developing countries is fast changing its face. Almost overnight, skyscrapers arise from where old buildings once stood. Yet in some parts, the old-world charm is retained. Other places of interest are the Pettah bazaar, a Hindu and a Buddhist temple, residential

areas where you find the stately homes of the affluent, the Colombo museum, the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH)- an outright gift to Sri Lanka from the People's Republic of China, and the Dutch Museum.

Overnight stay at the Hotel, Colombo


DAY 07 :

After breakfast proceed to airport for the departure

Hotels provided

Earls Regency, Kandy X 02 nights | Araliya Green City, Nuwara Eliya X 01 night | Citrus Kalutara X 02 nights | Movenpick Hotel, Colombo X 01 night

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