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INBOUND TOURS & HOTEL RESERVATIONS

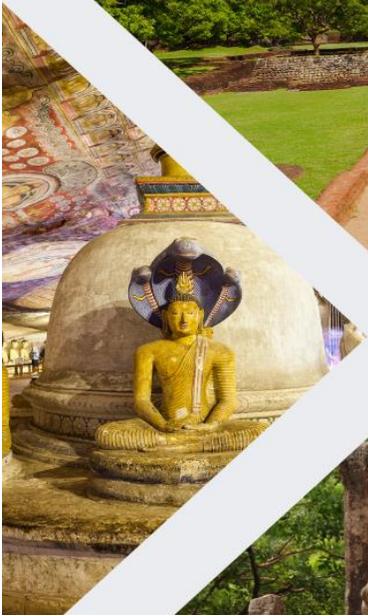


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PREMIUM GROUP ESCAPE

12 NIGHTS AND 13 DAYS

TOUR CODE: TPLK-GP01



THE ITINARARY

Day 1 – Arrival in Colombo – Negombo

Hotel

Jetwing Blue or Similar

Meal: complementary Dinner

Welcome to beautiful Sri Lanka!

On arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport, you will be warmly greeted in the arrivals hall by your professional chauffeur guide. After a brief introduction, you will be escorted to your private vehicle and transferred to your beachfront hotel in Negombo.

Negombo is known for its relaxed coastal atmosphere and vibrant fishing culture, making it the perfect destination to unwind after your journey.

This evening, enjoy a special welcome dinner with your fellow travellers and get an introduction to your exciting Sri Lankan adventure.

Special Information

Arrival airport transfers are included as part of your package. You will be met upon arrival at the airport by a representative of TravelPlanner and transferred to your hotel.

Please note: if you are arriving early and have made your own arrangements prior to the tour commencing, airport transfers will not be included. However, if you have booked pre-night accommodation through TravelPlanner, airport transfers will still be provided to your starting hotel.

As part of your experience, a special private welcome dinner has been arranged exclusively for your group. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your fellow travellers, get to know your travel companions, enjoy authentic Sri Lankan cuisine, and receive an introduction to your exciting journey ahead.

Please note that the included mileage applies only to the scheduled sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary. If you would like your private chauffeur to visit additional locations outside the planned itinerary, we can arrange extra transport services at an additional cost.



Day 2 – Negombo – Pinnawala – Dambulla

Hotel

Sigiriana Resort or Similar

Meal: Breakfast

After breakfast, depart for Sri Lanka's famous Cultural Triangle.

En route, visit the renowned Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, a unique conservation centre dedicated to caring for orphaned and injured elephants. Witness these gentle giants up close, including the memorable experience of watching them being fed and bathing in the river.

Afterwards, continue your scenic journey through rural landscapes and local villages to Dambulla. On arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.



Day 3 – Polonnaruwa Ancient Kingdom

Hotel

Sigiriana Resort or Similar

Meal: Breakfast, complimentary lunch

After breakfast, travel to the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the best-preserved historical capitals of Sri Lanka.

Explore magnificent royal palaces, ancient temples, reservoirs, and impressive stone carvings that reflect the glory of this medieval kingdom. Visit the famous Gal Vihara, where four remarkable Buddha statues are carved into a single granite rock.

Enjoy lunch in Polonnaruwa before returning to Dambulla.

After lunch, return to Dambulla and relax at your hotel.

Special Information

After your exploration of Polonnaruwa, you will enjoy an authentic Sri Lankan complimentary lunch, offering a wonderful opportunity to experience traditional local flavours and cuisine in a relaxed setting.



Day 4 – Sigiriya Rock Fortress Sunrise

Hotel

Sigiriana Resort or Similar

Meal: Breakfast

Rise early this morning for a memorable visit to the iconic Sigiriya. Climb this spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site and witness the breathtaking sunrise over the surrounding countryside.

Explore the ancient gardens, remarkable frescoes, and the impressive engineering of this 5th-century rock fortress while enjoying panoramic views from the summit.

The afternoon is free for you to relax and enjoy your hotel facilities or unwind by the pool.

Optional Tour – Minneriya shared Safari (Afternoon)

Experience an exciting safari at Minneriya National Park, famous for its large herds of wild elephants and diverse wildlife. Enjoy a private jeep safari in the park's lush landscapes.

Cost: AUD 125 per person

Note: If you prefer to join this safari, please book it at the time of your tour reservation to ensure availability.



Day 5 – Dambulla – Matale – Kandy

Hotel

Thilanka Hotel or Similar

Meal: Breakfast

After breakfast, visit the famous Dambulla Cave Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its impressive cave shrines, ancient murals, and beautifully preserved Buddha statues.

Continue your journey to Kandy, stopping en route at a spice garden in Matale. Learn about Sri Lanka's world-famous spices and their traditional uses in cuisine and wellness.

On arrival in Kandy, check in to your hotel and relax.



Day 6 – Kandy Cultural Discovery

Hotel

Thilanka Hotel or Similar

Meal: Breakfast

Today, explore the historic hill capital of Kandy. Visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth, one of the most important Buddhist pilgrimage sites in the world.

Enjoy a scenic drive along Upper Lake Drive, offering panoramic views of the city and the picturesque lake.

You will also visit a gem museum to learn about Sri Lanka's renowned gemstones, from mining to the final polished product.

In the evening, experience a traditional Sri Lankan cultural dance performance before returning to your hotel.



Day 7 - Peradeniya – Tea Country – Nuwara Eliya

Hotel

Yara Nuwara Eliya or Similar

Meal: Breakfast

After breakfast, visit the beautiful Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya, famous for its vast collection of tropical plants, orchids, and palm avenues.

Continue your scenic journey through tea plantations and misty mountains to Nuwara Eliya. En route, visit a tea factory and plantation to learn about the tea-making process from leaf to cup.

On arrival, check in and relax.



Day 8 – Nuwara Eliya – Little England

Hotel

Yara Nuwara Eliya or Similar

Meal: Breakfast

Enjoy a city tour of Nuwara Eliya, often called “Little England” for its colonial charm and cool climate.

Visit Gregory Lake, stroll through Victoria Park, pass the historic post office, and explore the vibrant local fruit and vegetable market.

The rest of the day is at leisure.



Day 9 – Scenic Train Journey – Yala

Hotel

Kithala Resort or Similar

Meal: Breakfast

Transfer to Nanu Oya railway station and board one of the most scenic train journeys in the world. Travel through rolling tea plantations, misty mountains, and picturesque villages on your way to Ella.

On arrival, meet your driver and continue your journey to Yala. Check in and relax.

Special Information

Please note that train tickets are subject to availability. In the event that tickets are unavailable, or if the train service is not operating on the scheduled day, you will be transferred to your next destination by your tour vehicle.



Day 10 – Yala Safari – Galle

Hotel

Le Grand Galle or Similar

Meal: Breakfast

Enjoy an early morning safari at Yala National Park, one of the best places in Asia to spot wildlife including elephants, leopards, and a wide variety of birdlife.

After the safari, travel towards Galle. En route, stop at Coconut Tree Hill for photos and scenic coastal views.

Continue to Galle and check in to your hotel.

Special Information

Yala National Park closes for a period between the months of September and October. The exact closure dates are made clear closer to the time. The closure is due to the prevailing dry weather prior to this time and taking into consideration the well-being of the wildlife in the reserve. For departure dates that fall over this period, as defined in the departure dates listed below, Yala National Park will be replaced with a visit to Udawalawe National Park, while still being able to visit Block 4 or 5 of Yala National Park.



Day 11 – Galle – Bentota

Hotel

Mermaid Hotel & Club or Similar

Meal: Breakfast, complementary Dinner

This morning, explore the historic Galle Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its colonial architecture, charming streets, and boutique cafés.

In the afternoon, visit a turtle hatchery and learn about sea turtle conservation.

Continue to Bentota and enjoy a special farewell dinner in the evening.

Special Information

As part of your experience, a special private farewell dinner has been arranged exclusively for your group. This memorable evening will take place on the beach, offering a beautiful beachfront setting with the sound of the waves and a relaxed tropical atmosphere. It is the perfect opportunity to celebrate your journey, reflect on your experiences in Sri Lanka, and spend quality time with your fellow travellers before the tour concludes.



Day 12 – Bentota – Colombo

Hotel

Jetwing Colombo Seven or Similar

Meal: Breakfast

Transfer to Colombo and enjoy a guided city tour. Visit highlights such as Independence Memorial Hall, Gangaramaya Temple, and the National Museum of Colombo.

Explore the vibrant streets, shopping districts, and colonial landmarks of the city before checking in to your hotel.



Day 13 – Departure

Meal: Breakfast

After breakfast, depending on your flight time, enjoy some last-minute shopping or relaxation.

At the appropriate time, transfer to Bandaranaike International Airport for your onward journey, taking home unforgettable memories of Sri Lanka.

Special Information

If you choose to extend your stay (e.g., departing after the final tour date) and have booked your additional accommodation independently, this included service will be forfeited and no refund will be issued.



INCLUDES

- Airport Pick up and Airport drop-off
- All Transfers in Air-Conditioned Private Vehicle – Mini Coach
- English Speaking Chauffeur Guide
- All Costs Related to The Vehicle and Guide
- Accommodation on Single Occupancy /Double Occupancy/ Triple Occupancy (for 15 pax) as Per the Mentioned Meal Plan
- Entrance Tickets and Costs for All the Attractions Mentioned in the itinerary
- Service of Professional Local Guides During the Visits of UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Drinking Water
- Wi-Fi Router
- All Government Taxes
- There are absolutely no hidden costs on our itinerary!

EXCLUDES

- Airfare
- Travel insurance
- Meals Not Specified
- Expenses of Personal Nature
- Optional Excursions
- Any Other Services Not Specified Above