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7 Days 5 Nights Sri Lanka Culture Tour

Enjoy the Exhilarating Packages with Pinnacle Travel!

DAY 1: ARRIVE TO COLOMBO – NEGOMBO

Arrive at Colombo, you will be met and greeted by our local tour representative and be transferred to Negombo for hotel check in.

DAY 2: NEGOMBO – PINNAWELA – DAMBULLA (B, L, D)

Morning departs for visit to **Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage** - app. 55 miles from Colombo, off the Colombo - Kandy road is Pinnawela, where an orphanage was started in 1975 to house the abandoned and the wounded elephants. The number of elephants has increased to more than 65 now. The best time to visit is the feeding time from 0930-1000 hours and 1330-1400 hours and the bathing time from 1000-1030 hours and 1400-1430 hours when all the elephants are taken to the river close by. Continue to Dambulla. Visit **Dambulla** - is a vast isolated rock mass 500 feet high and a mile around the base. Here is found the famous **Rock Temple** dating to the First Century B.C. The caves of Dambulla sheltered King Walagamba during his 14 years of exile from Anuradhapura. When he regained the throne he built the most magnificent of Rock Temples to be found in the Island.



DAY 3: DAMBULLA – POLONNARUWA – MINNERIYA – DAMBULLA (B, L, D)

Today, visit to **Polonnaruwa (OPTIONAL - US \$ 25 PP)** - is another "World Heritage Site" was the Capital of Sri Lanka from 11th - 13th Centuries, contains some splendid and spectacular statues. Lankatilake, Tivanka and Thuparama are the most beautiful and largest Image Houses and Tivanka has the best examples of frescoes of the Polonnaruwa period. Rankoth Vehera and Kirivehera are well preserved large stupas, and Gal Vihare - a rock shrine, has four Buddha statues, two seated, one standing and one reclining and Parakrama Bahu statue are examples of Sinhalese stone carver. Afternoon, proceed back to Dambulla. En route visit Jeep Safari at **Minneriya National Park** - This National Park with 8889 hectares in extent is famous for its large population of elephants in herds of 100 to 150 roaming in the jungle and seen in the catchment area of the lake. Entrance is at Ambagaswewa about 6 km from Habarana on the main Habarana Polonnaruwa road. Elephants, about 300 wild elephants, wild buffaloes, wild boar, spotted deer, sloth bear, Sambhur, leopards, crocodiles, jackals, 9 kinds of amphibians, 25 kinds of reptiles, 160 species of birds, 26 varieties of fishes, 78 varieties of butterflies are recorded from the Minneriya National Park.



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DAY 4: DAMBULLA – SIGIRIYA – MATALE – KANDY (B, L, D)

After breakfast climb the **Sigiriya Rock Fortress (OPTIONAL – US \$ 30 PP)** - is home to the 5th Century "Fortress in the Sky" which is perhaps the most fantastic single wonder of the Island. It is also known as Lion Rock because of the huge lion that used to stand at the entrance to the fortress. Next, proceed to Kandy. En route visit a **Spice Garden in Matale** to see the different spices, which Sri Lanka is famous for. You will be introduced to different spices and shown how some of these spices are grown and processed. On arrival city tour of Kandy, including **Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts & Crafts Centre, Gem Museum**. Visit **Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic** - ever since 4th Century A.D, when the Buddha's Tooth was brought to Sri Lanka hidden from sacrilegious hands in an Orissan Princess' hair, the Relic has grown in repute and holiness in Sri Lanka and throughout the Buddhist world. It is considered Sri Lanka's most prized possession. Evening time, witness a cultural show featuring various dance groups of Sri Lanka.



DAY 5: KANDY – PERADENIYA – NUWARA ELIYA (B, L, D)

Today, depart for Nuwara Eliya - meaning "City on the Plain (**Table Land**)" or "City of Light", is a town in the central highlands of Sri Lanka with a picturesque landscape and temperate climate. En-route visit the **Royal Botanical Gardens** at Peradeniya, a pleasure garden of the Kings of Gampola and Kandy. Also visit a **Tea Plantation** and a **Tea Factory**. Proceed to **Nuwara Eliya** - The 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, is set against beautiful backdrops of Mountains, Valleys, Waterfalls and Tea Plantations. All around Nuwara Eliya you will see evidence of the British influence, houses like country cottages or Queen Ann style mansions. The Victoria Park, in the middle of the town, is a lovely place for a stroll or a picnic and is also good for Birding as you get some rare birds in this Park.

DAY 6: NUWARA ELIYA – COLOMBO – DEPART FROM COLOMBO (B, L, D)

Morning, return to Colombo for half day city tour. A drive-through the city takes you to the busy commercial areas as well as the **Tree-lined Residential, Cinnamon Gardens**. Visit **Fort**, the former British Administrative Center and Military Garrison, **Sea Street** - the Goldsmith's quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area, where is also a **Hindu Temple** with elaborate stone carvings and the **Dutch Church of Wolfendhal** dating back to 1749. Also visit the **BMICH**, see the replica of Avukana Buddha & the Independence Square. **Shopping** in Colombo... visit **ODEL**... Unlimited provides ample opportunity indulge, not only in shopping for designer wear apparel for the whole family. Discover yourself at '**Barefoot**' - Toys, Bags, Clothes, Handloom Fabric, Sarongs, Sarees, Household Linen, Art, Photography, Books Furniture Gallery Café. Also visit **House of Fashion**, a large fourstorey mall which has a wide variety of apparel, handbags, luggage and home decor at very reasonable prices. At scheduled time, transfer to airport to catch your homebound or onward flight.

DAY 7: ARRIVE HOME DESTINATION

Home Sweet Home!