



WORLD TRAVEL CENTRE COLOMBO

10 Nights / 11 Days Sri Lanka Buddhist Tour

Day 01- AIRPORT / COLOMBO – 35 KM – 01 HOUR

Arrival at the Airport. Please clear immigration & visa formalities, collect your baggage and proceed to the arrival lounge through the green channel if you do not have goods to be declared to customs. Our Representative will page you by your name. Thereafter you will be assisted to the Coach Park to begin your journey as per the booked itinerary.

Transfer for Colombo. on arrival check-in at your hotel and Commence sightseeing in Colombo.



City tour of Colombo- A drive through the city taking 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 and Independence Square.

Colombo Sightseeing

-  **Old Parliament.**
-  **Galle Face.**
-  **Dutch Hospital.**
-  **Independence Square**
-  **Town Hall.**
-  **Gangarama Temple.**
-  **BMICH.**
-  **New Parliament.**
-  **Geoffrey Bawa's House**
-  **Gallery Café**
-  **Seema Malaka**

On completion return to the hotel
Overnight stay at Hotel in Colombo

Day 02 - COLOMBO / PINNAWELA / ANURDHAPURA – 250 KM – 05 HOUR

After Breakfast leave for Polonnaruwa via Pinnewela en-route visiting Elephant Orphanage at Pinnewela and a spice Garden.



Pinnewela Elephant Orphanage - At this orphanage you will find elephants of all ages which are abandoned or otherwise unable to fend for themselves due to being injured. They are looked after with loving care until such time they are ready to work or be freed back to the jungles. The unique feature is that one could feed the baby elephants with bottles of milk during the feeding *times*.



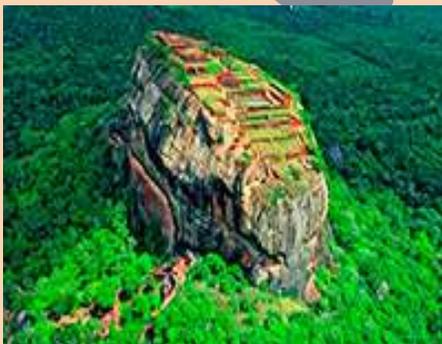
Anuradhapura is Sri Lanka's first ancient capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is home to towering stupas, ancient monasteries, and remarkable stone carvings. The city's most sacred site is the Sri Maha Bodhi tree, believed to be the oldest historically documented tree in the world. Pilgrims and travelers alike visit Anuradhapura to experience its deep spiritual atmosphere. Exploring these ruins offers a journey into over a thousand years of Sri Lanka's history and culture.

On arrival check-in to hotel.

Overnight stay at Hotel in Sigiriya

Day 03 – ANURADHAPURA / SIGIRIYA - 75KM - 01 HOURS

After Breakfast leave for Sigiriya



The Sigiriya Rock Fortress (5th Century AD) of Sri Lanka is situated in Matale district near Dambulla. Recorded as a UNESCO world heritage, Sigiriya can be reached along Colombo- Habarana highway and turning East from Inamaluwa , then proceeding about 10 km from Inamaluwa and passing Kimbissa, a rural settlement one arrives at Sigiriya. Sigiriya being a fortress citadel and had been well designed for its defences by having ramparts and moats built around it. There are several approaches to the inner city and the most prominent is the..

DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE



Dambulla cave temple also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla is a World Heritage Site (1991) in Sri Lanka, situated in the central part of the country. This site is situated 148 kilometres (92 mi) east of Colombo and 72 kilometres (45 mi) north of Kandy. It is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. The rock towers 160 m over the surrounding plains. There are more than 80 documented caves in the surrounding area. Major attractions are spread over five caves, which contain statues and paintings. These paintings and statues are related to Gautama Buddha and his life. There are a total of 153 Buddha statues, three statues of Sri Lankan kings and four statues of gods and goddesses. The latter include Vishnu and the Ganesha. The murals cover an area of 2,100 square metres (23,000 sq ft). Depictions on the walls of the caves include the temptation by the demon Mara, and Buddha's first sermon.

On arrival check-in to your hotel.

Overnight stay at Hotel in Sigiriya

Day 04 - SIGIRIYA / POLONNARUWA / SIGIRIYA – 120 KM – 02 HOUR

After Breakfast excursion for Polonnaruwa and back to Sigiriya



While Vijayabahu's victory and shifting of kingdoms to the more strategic Polonnaruwa is considered significant, the real "Hero of Polonnaruwa" of the history books is actually Parakramabahu I. It was his reign that is considered the Golden Age of Polonnaruwa. Trade and agriculture flourished under the patronage of the king, who was so adamant that no drop of water falling from the heavens was to be wasted and each was to be used toward the development of the land. Hence, irrigation systems that are far superior to those of the Anuradhapura Age were constructed during Parakramabahu's reign - systems which to this day supply the water necessary for paddy cultivation during the scorching dry season in the east of the country. The greatest of these systems is the Parakrama Samudra or the Sea of Parakrama. It is of such a width that it is impossible to stand upon one shore and view the other side. It also encircles the main city like a ribbon, being both a moat against intruders and the lifeline of the people in times of peace. The Kingdom of Polonnaruwa was completely self-sufficient during King Parakramabahu's reign.

On completion return to the hotel
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Day 05 - SIGIRIYA / MATALE / KANDY – 100 KM – 03 HOUR

After Breakfast Leave for Kandy via Matale on-route visiting spice garden and Batik factory.



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Kandy city tour including Gem Museum in Kandy Kandyan art and craft center, silk show room, upper lake view of Kandy temple. The Temple of the Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha... Kandy - This lovely city was the last Capital of the Kingdom of Sri Lanka before it became a colony of the British Empire. During the last two centuries of the Kingdom, Nanayakhar princes of India exerted substantial influence among the rulers of this country. Encircled by hills, with a tranquil lake in its centre, it is the site of the renowned "Temple of the Tooth". Places of interest are the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens and the Mahaweli Diversion settings. Spice Gardens dot the outskirts of Kandy



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 Witness a traditional Kandyan Dance & Fire Walking Show

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Overnight stay at Hotel in Kandy.

Day 06 – KANDY

After Breakfast continue sightseeing in Kandy



Royal Botanical Garden, Peradeniya is about 5.5 km to the west from the city of Kandy in the Central Province of Sri Lanka. It attracts 2 million visitors annually. It is near the Mahaweli River (the longest in Sri Lanka). It is renowned for its collection of orchids. The garden includes more than

4000 species of plants, including orchids, spices, medicinal plants and palm trees.[1] Attached to it is the National Herbarium of Sri Lanka. The total area of the botanical garden is 147 acres (0.59 km²), at 460 meters above sea level, and with a 200-day annual rainfall. It is managed by the Division of National Botanic Gardens of the Department of Agriculture

Kandy Sightseeing

- ✚ **Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.**
- ✚ **Cultural Show.**
- ✚ **Botanical Gardens Peradeniya**

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Day 07 – KANDY/ NUWRA ELIYA – 90 KM- 03 HOURS

Nuwara Eliya (**Optional Train Journey**) on arrival check-in at your hotel and Commence sightseeing in Nuwara Eliya.



Nuwara Eliya - The 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, is set against beautiful backdrops of Mountains, Valleys, Waterfalls and Tea Plantations. It is supposed to be one of the coldest places on the island, where the air is pure, cool and distilled up through 1,884 meters; windswept peaks lie shrouded in mist, while gaily clad tea pickers wind their way among tea bushes listening to the wild music of the water falls. The city is complete with a Lake, Golf course and Race course ideal for hikes, golf, horse riding and boating.

Nuwara Eliya Sightseeing

-  **Gregory Lake.**
-  **Golf Course.**
-  **Race Course.**
-  **Hakgala Botanical Garden**

On completion return to hotel.

Overnight stay at Hotel in Nuwara Eliya

Day 08 – NUWARAELIYA / KITULGALA / BENTOTA – 250 KM – 05 HOURS

After Breakfast Leave for Bentota via Kitulgala. **Optional** – White Water Rafting.



Kitulgala- The location famous for adventure sports including mountain biking, Tracking, bird watching and the most attractive of all white-water rafting. This is also the site where David Lean's world-famous film "Bridge over River Kwai" was filmed



Bentota- Facing the Indian Ocean, a tropical lagoon and a major river Bentota offers water sports possibilities nowhere else to be found. The name comes from a mythical story which dates back to kings time saying a demon called Bem ruled this river (tota = river bank). Bentota also delivers an ancient art of healing called Ayurveda. The city is famous for its toddy production, an alcoholic beverage made out of coconut nectar. Beach stay at leisure

On arrival check in to the hotel

Overnight stay at Hotel in Bentota.

DAY 09 - BENTOTA

After Breakfast continue sightseeing in Bentota or Leisure at the hotel.

Bentota Sightseeing

- + Turtle Hatchery.
- + Optional – Madu river boat safari.
- + Optional – Water activities.

On completion return to the hotel.

Overnight stay at Hotel in Bentota

DAY 10 - BENTOTA /COLOMBO – 90 KM – 03 HOURS

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DAY 11 - COLOMBO / AIRPORT – 35 KM – 01 HOURS

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