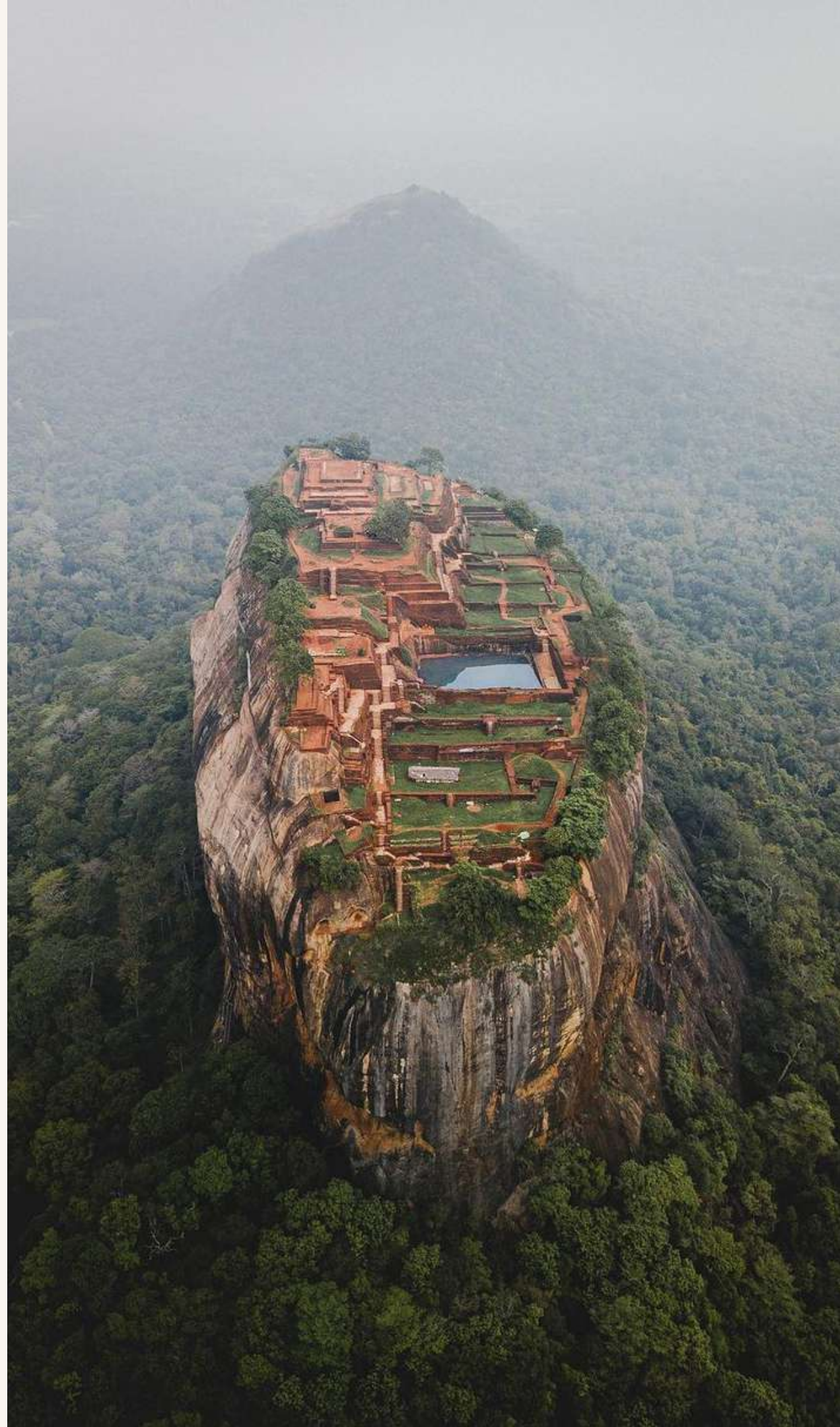


Sri Lanka.....

Located in the Indian Ocean and popularly known as 'the pearl of Indian ocean' and 'the wonder of Asia', this small yet beautiful island named Sri Lanka has been declared by the National Geographic Channel as the second best place to visit in the world. Sri Lanka is one of the 34 biodiversity hotspots identified in the world possessing a high level of biodiversity and wildlife resources and contains six archaeological and two ecological world heritage sites. With its varied landscapes, tropical climate, vast stretches of golden sandy beaches, amazing wildlife, diverse ethnicity and unique culture, it is no wonder Marco Polo claimed Sri Lanka to be the "best island of its size in the world". Explore this magical land with our various Sri Lanka Tour packages.

SRI LANKA CLASSICAL TOUR

07 NIGHTS / 08 DAYS



DAY 01

AIRPORT - NEGOMBO

Travel Time – Approx. 30 Mnts | 15 kms

A warm welcome awaits you at the arrival lounge of the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA), Katunayake. Your designated guide will welcome you and transfer to **Negombo**.

Arrive at the hotel, Check-In

Afternoon **sightseeing tour of Negombo**.

Negombo is a characteristic fishing town north of Colombo and Situated by the shores of a lagoon and is an ideal place for those who want quick access to and from the airport. Set amidst lush groves of coconut palms, it breathes the spirit of the sea. Negombo is a gourmet's paradise with sea food in plenty. Old - world fishing craft, like the outrigger canoe and the catamaran, bring seer, skipjack, herring, mullet, pomfret and amber jack, while lobster and prawn are caught in the lagoon.

Return to hotel for dinner & overnight stay



DAY 02

NEGOMBO - SIGIRIYA

Travel Time – Approx. 3 ½ hrs | 155 Kms

After breakfast leave for **Sigiriya** visiting **Dambulla Cave Temple** en-route, the magnificent rock temple in Dambulla, a world heritage site built in the first century BC. It is recognized to be the largest cave sanctuary in the world with its 2000 m² of walls and ceilings painted with more than 150 Buddha images, the largest of which is engraved in the rock and reaches 14 meters

Arrive and check-in to the hotel.

Afternoon at leisure

Return to hotel for dinner & overnight stay.



DAY 03

SIGIRIYA

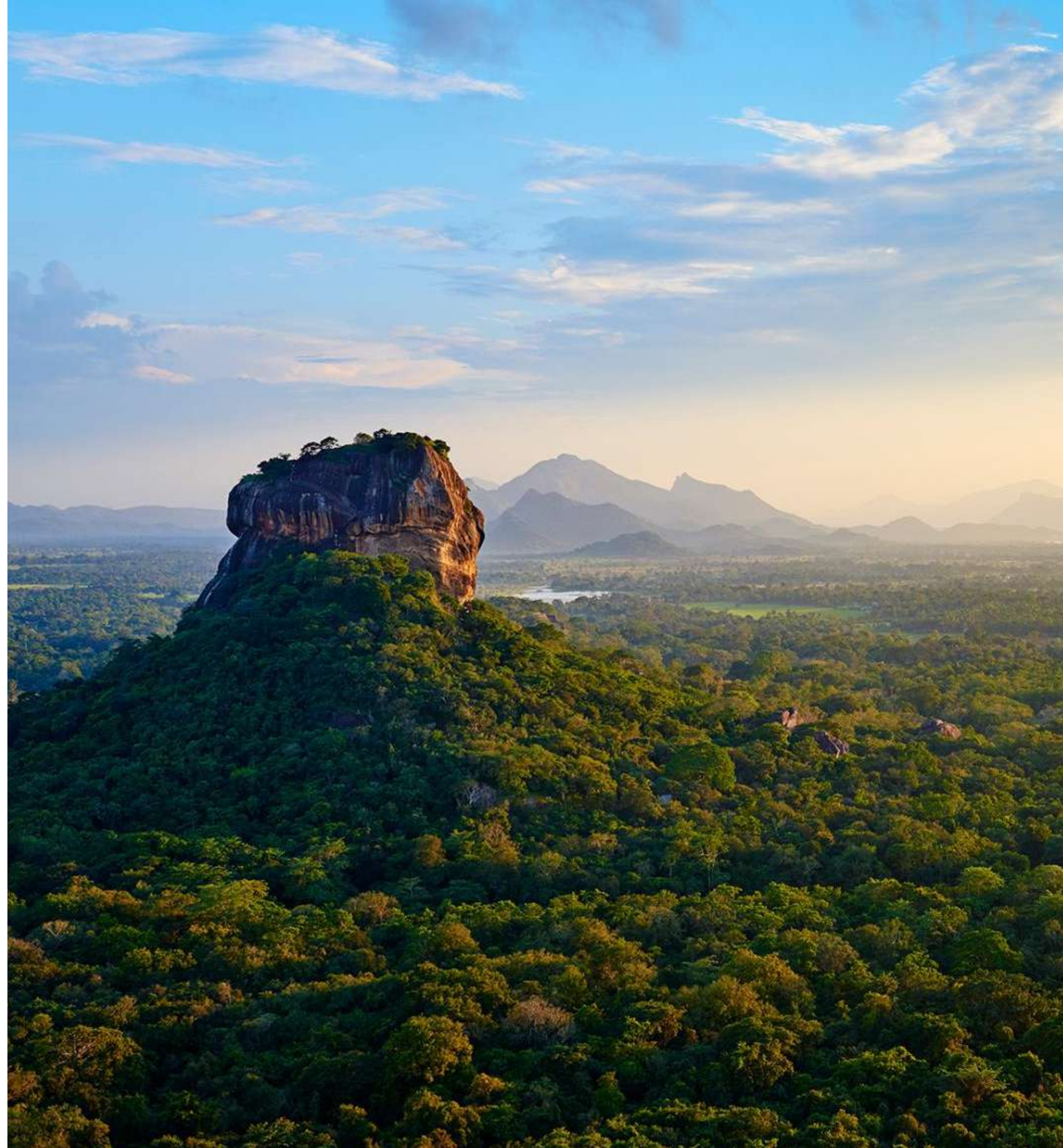
After breakfast **climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress** (Lion's Rock), one of the most extraordinary artistic complexes of its time (477–498 AD). This magnificent citadel, declared as a UNESCO heritage site in 1982, allures artistic and architectural curiosity from around the globe.

Return to the hotel.

Thereafter, **join a cooking class to prepare a few spicy Sri Lankan dishes and enjoy a Sri Lankan rice and curry lunch at the hotel.**

Afternoon, proceed to Polonnaruwa and **set on a sightseeing tour of Polonnaruwa (UNESCO) by Cycle.** - the Medieval Kingdom from the 11th to the 13th century. Ethnic harmony prevailed between the Sinhalese and the Tamils during this period. Buddhist and Hindu Temples located in the same complex and many other ruins symbolizes this fact. The Palaces, Huge granite sculptures and the massive tanks and complex irrigation systems built by the Great Kings conveys the extent of development that existed in this middle history period.

Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight stay in Sigiriya



DAY 04

SIGIRIYA - KANDY

Travel Time – Approx. 3 hour | 90 kms

After breakfast leave **Kandy**.

En-route visit a **Spice Garden in Matale**, experience an Ayurvedic massage at the spice garden (10-15 minutes).

Continue to **Kandy**.

Arrive and check-in to the hotel.

Afternoon, **embark on a sightseeing tour in the city of Kandy**.

Kandy was the hill capital from 1514 to 1815 AD. Originally known as Senkadagala, the city eventually came to be known as Kandy. Kandy was declared as a UNESCO heritage site in 1988. The style and character of the Sri Lankan civilization at the time are well articulated in the heart of the city itself, with its lake, the temples, including the Temple of the Tooth Relic, and the well preserved ruins of the royal palaces.

Late afternoon, **visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic of the Buddha**, the founder of Buddhism. The sacred relic was brought to Sri Lanka in the 4th century A.D. The sacred relic has ever since been the symbol of sovereignty for its ruler and is always enshrined in great splendour.

Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight stay at Kandy



DAY 05

KANDY - NUWARA ELIYA

Travel Time – Approx. 2½ hrs | 80 kms

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning, leave for Nuwara Eliya. **You could either travel this distance by vehicle or train.**

A **train journey** is truly a rare experience and an adventure in itself! Apart from the breathtaking scenery of the tea country and picturesque waterfalls, it is a chance for you to mingle with the local people.

**** Train ride -only on seat availability, which could be confirmed and reserved 30 days prior to the journey ****

Thereafter, proceed to **Nuwara Eliya**

Thereafter, **visit a tea plantation and a factory.** Here you will enjoy the absolute tea experience, taking you from the moment the young tea leaves are plucked from the plantation to being processed in the factory to make a steamy cup of tea.

Arrive and check-in to the hotel.

Late afternoon **sightseeing tour Nuwara Eliya.**

Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight.



DAY 06

NUWARA ELIYA - YALA / TISSMAHARAMA

Travel Time – Approx. 4 ½ hrs / 180 kms

After breakfast, leave for **Yala / Tissamaharama** via **Ella**.

En-route you will witness the **Ravana Water Falls**.

Arrive and check-in to the hotel.

Afternoon, enjoy a **jeep safari at Yala National Park**. The Yala National Park is situated in the South East of Sri Lanka and offers wildlife enthusiasts an approach of life time to see wild boar, deer, leopards, crocodiles, monkeys in their national surroundings.

Return to the hotel for inner & overnight stay



DAY 07

YALA / TISSAMAHARAMA - BEACH (DOWN SOUTH)

Travel Time – Approx. 4 hrs / 240 kms

After breakfast leave for **Beach (Down South) via Galle.**

Afternoon, set on a sightseeing tour of the Galle Fort and ramparts enclosing a perfectly preserved old heritage town. A walk round the ramparts and bastions is the customary method of appreciating the magnificence of its structure, and of gaining a perspective of the town it encloses. Using a little imagination, this fort, a testament in stone, can yield up a corridor into the past, a journey down which eLater, sample the narrow, busy streets that reveal much about the life of the inhabitants. Admire the Dutch houses, the Dutch Reformed Church and the restored Dutch gatevokes images of earlier times.

Continue to beach.

Arrive and check-in to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight overnight stay at Bentota / Kalutara.



DAY 08

BEACH (DOWN SOUTH) - AIRPORT

Travel Time – Approx. 2 ½ hrs / 115kms

Breakfast at the hotel.

Later proceed to **Colombo**, and **set out on a sightseeing tour of the commercial capital, Colombo.**

The commercial capital of Sri Lanka. The colorful city walk takes you from the noisy bazaar to the fashionable residential area, passing places where grand colonial-era buildings coexist with modern office structures. The diversity of religion and ethnicity of the people in this city becomes very evident.

Thereafter Leave for airport for your departure flight.

It is advisable to be at the airport 3 hrs prior to your flight. You are transfer to the airport will be arrange as per your departure flight information.

~~~~~ End of Tour ~~~~~





## GENERAL INFO

- Sri Lanka is a humid tropical country. Therefore, lite cotton clothing is suitable.
- Bring Sun protection lotion, sun glasses, sneakers, slippers and casual/leisure clothing, mosquito replants, and of course a camera
- •Be modestly dressed. Specially at Buddhist and Hindu Temples, cover your shoulders and legs up to ankle length. Refrain from wearing skinnies or revealing cloths. Remove your head gear and shoes when entering a religious or a place of worship.
- Hill Country ( Nuwaraeliya, Haputale,etc.,) is supposed to be the coolest places in the Island, but it is really just like an English spring day, although the temperature does drop at night. Please bring appropriate clothes.
- Train Tickets are issued by the railway on manual basis exactly one month before the traveling date therefore train journey is strictly on availability.
- Kandy Perahera will be taking place during the months of July OR August every year. The dates will vary each year according to the Poya Days and the dates will be announced 03-04months prior to the event date. The Kandy hotels will add an extra supplement during this period and we will notify this to you separately once the dates are announced by the Temple of the Tooth. The general quotes offered does not include this supplement.
- Kandy Perahera Seats/ Tickets are not included in the above cost and should be purchased separately.
- Yala National Park will be closed for routine maintenance in September/October. The exact dates will be known to us only 1 ½ months before. During this time Udawalawe National Park Or Yala NP (Block & 5) could be used.



