

# 9 day tour to Colombo, Dambulla, Habarana, Kandy & Bentota

Marco Polo considered Sri Lanka "the finest island of its size in the world". We invite you to explore this superb destination with this small tour which covers some ancient cities and UNESCO World Heritage sites, spice coast and finishing your holiday with beach resort.



# Day 1 Australia 🛧 Colombo

Fly from Australia to Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital city with a rich colonial heritage. Upon arrival at Colombo International Airport, you are met and transferred to your hotel

#### Day 2 Colombo 🛱 Dambulla / Habarana Meal: B/D

Travel by road to Dambulla, en-route stop at Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, established in year 1975 as a conversation breeding centre for elephants by Sri Lankan Wildlife Department. It was started with a herd of five baby elephants. As of today this orphanage is considered as one of the largest elephant breeding centres in the world with the number going up to 80 elephants. Afternoon you visit the World Heritage site of Dambulla Caves dating back to the 2nd century B.C. It is the largest and best preserved cave complex in Sri Lanka with over 80 documented caves in the surrounding areas. However the major attractions are spread over 5 caves which contain statues and paintings related to Lord Buddha's life. Stay two nights in Dambulla.

#### Day 3 Wildlife Safari

## Meal: B/D

After breakfast enjoy a visit to Polonnaruwa, the ancient capital of Sri Lanka. As of today the city remains as one of the best planned archaeological relic sites in the country, a standing testimony to the discipline and greatness of the Kingdom's first rulers. It is now declared a World Heritage site by the UNESCO. Afternoon proceed for a wildlife safari at Minneriya National Park. The Park is based largely around a huge tank (reservoir) and serves as an important gathering place for Sri Lanka's large elephant population. Besides elephants, Minneriya is also home to many species of mammals, such as the deer, sambur and sloth bear.

## Day 4 Dambulla / Habarana 🛱 Kandy Meal: B/D

Travel to Kandy, en-route visit the 5th century old Sigiriya Rock Fortress. The palace still

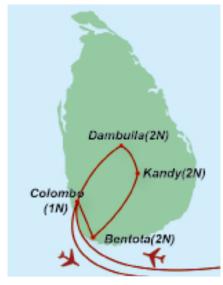
has remains of four indoor swimming pools where the King's 500 concubines bathed, a complex water arteries in the walls that provided natural air conditioning during the hot climate. The mirror walls of the Sigiriya rock still retain the world famous frescoes of the king's concubines, who originated from all parts of the world. Later visit the Spice Garden at Matale to see varieties of spice plantation and purchase as a locally grown souvenir. On arrival check in at hotel in Kandy and stay two nights.

#### Day 5 Kandy

# Meal: B/D

In the morning after breakfast explore the town and visit Temple of the Tooth Relic, which houses the Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha. The Tooth is kept in a two-storey shrine fronted by two large elephant tusks and rests on a gold lotus flower, encased in jewelled casket that sits on a throne. The temple is





decorated with beautiful local paintings and architectural features. Visit the Gem Museum in the afternoon. Evening enjoy upper Lake drive and watch a cultural show before finishing your day.

Day 6 Kandy Bentota Meal: B/D Travel by road to Bentota, a small resort town in the south western coastal belt where the beaches boast of its dazzling combination of sun, sea and sand. Soft golden sand that feel like talcum powder under the feet, giant palm fronds rustling lightly in the tropical breeze; all in a breath stopping beautiful corralled bay, make your two nights at resort simply gorgeous! Enjoy and immerse yourself in the serenity of the area.

# Day 7 Bentota Today is at leisure.

Meal: B/D

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Today is at leisure. In time, transfer to Colombo International Airport for your overnight flight bound for Australia.

Day 9 Australia Arrive in Australia in the morning.







# Sri Lanka Explorer Dates & Prices

Tour code	Start Colombo	End Colombo	Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane# / Adelaide# / Perth#	* Please refer to Page 7 for Tour Inclusions and Extending Your Holiday details.
	Wednesday	Wednesday	Singapore Airlines	<ul> <li>* Land only price: Tour starts from <u>Arrival transfer in Colombo</u> to <u>Departure transfer in Colombo</u>, excluding any International air tickets.</li> <li># Package prices of Singapore Airlines are for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth. Any cost including hotel or meals incurred due to the connecting flight in Hong Kong or Singapore will be at your own expenses.</li> </ul>
LE170222	22-Feb-17	01-Mar-17	\$2,990	
LE170315	15-Mar-17	22-Mar-17	\$2,990	
LE170419	19-Apr-17	26-Apr-17	\$2,990	
LE170524	24-May-17	31-May-17	\$2,950	
LE170726	26-Jul-17	02-Aug-17	\$2,950	
LE170913	13-Sep-17	20-Sep-17	\$2,950	
LE171011	11-Oct-17	18-Oct-17	\$3,080	
LE171115	15-Nov-17	22-Nov-17	\$3,080	
LE180124	24-Jan-18	31-Jan-18	\$3,080	Stopover in Singapore permitted if flying with Singapore Airlines. Extra airport taxes apply. Land arrangement in Singapore or Hong Kong can be arranged at additional cost.
LE180221	21-Feb-18	28-Feb-18	\$3,080	
LE180314	14-Mar-18	21-Mar-18	\$3,080	Hotels used for this town 1* Colombo OZO Hotel, 1* Dombullo Sur Group Desert & Sur, *
Land only: \$1950 Single supplement: \$660				Hotels used for this tour: 4* Colombo OZO Hotel; 4* Dambulla Sun Green Resort & Spa; Kandy Earls Regent; 4* The Surf Hotel or similar.
* This tour is a guaranteed departure based on a minimum of 2 people. Full package prices above include airport taxes and fuel surcharges.				Pre / Post Stay Hotel: \$210 (Colombo) - per room per night with breakfast

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