

# Lanka Explorer

## 10 Day Tour to Colombo, Dambulla, Habarana, Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya, Kandy & Bentota

This tour highlights the best of Sri Lanka on her beautiful sceneries, cultures and people. Please come with us to explore this superb destination which covers some ancient cities and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, spice coast and finishing your holiday with beach resort.

### Day 01 **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 for 2 nights.

### Day 2 **Colombo**

Meal: B/D

Enjoy sightseeing of Colombo and visit the residential areas where you find the stately homes of the affluent families, the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, the New Parliament in Sri Jayewardenepura, the Folk Art Centre, Art Galleries, Parks, Independence Square, the Ceramic Corporation famous for its well-known brand "Noritake" and ODEL the renowned shopping centre.

### Day 3 **Colombo – Pinnawala – Dambulla – Habarana (205 Kms / 4 Hrs)**

Meal: B/D

After breakfast drive to Habarana in north central Sri Lanka en route visit Pinnawala & Dambulla.

**Pinnawala Elephant orphanage**, a conversation breeding centre for Elephants; today it is considered as one of the largest elephant breeding centres in the world with 80 elephants. Afternoon we visit the World Heritage site of **Dambulla Caves**, 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. Continue drive to Habarana, check into your hotel for overnight stay

### Day 4 **Polonnaruwa & Minneriya National Park**

Meal: B/D

After breakfast enjoy a visit to Polonnaruwa, the ancient capital of Sri Lanka. The city remains as one of the best planned archaeological relic sites in the country. It is now declared a World Heritage site by the UNESCO. Afternoon enjoy wildlife Safari at Minneriya National Park, it famous for Sri Lanka's large elephant population. Besides elephants, Minneriya is also home to many species of mammals; like the deer, sambur and sloth bear.

### Day 5 **Habarana – Sigiriya – Kandy (106 Kms / 3 Hrs)**

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. The mirrors 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 6 **Kandy**

Meal: B/D

In the morning 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-story shrine fronted by two large elephant tusks and rests on a gold lotus flower, encased in jewelled casket that sits on a throne. Later in the afternoon visit the Gem museum and in the evening enjoy upper Lake drive and watch a cultural show before finishing your day.

### Day 7 **Kandy – Bentota (182 Kms / 4.5 Hrs)**

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 8 **Bentota**

Meal: B/D

Day is at leisure. Enjoy the beautiful beach and relax.

### Day 9 **Bentota – Colombo Airport (110 Kms / 2.5 Hrs)**

Meal: B

This morning is at leisure until in time transfer to Colombo Airport for your flight bound for Australia.

### Day 10 **Australia**

Arrive in Australia this morning.