

## WONDER ISLAND

03 DAYS

Wonder Island is a short 3-day tour in beautiful Sri Lanka. Visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic; a UNESCO World Heritage site, and walk with the gentle giants of Sri Lanka in Pinnawala. explore the urban capital of Sri Lanka, Colombo and experience life in the commercial city. A tour of immense charm.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Gentle Giants – Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

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Last Kingdom - Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic & Kandyan Culture.

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## Sri Lanka the Wonder of Asia

It could be Kenya, it could be Fiji, and it could be Tibet, New Zealand or South Africa. The people, landscapes and wildlife are so diverse, you could be just about anywhere on earth. But there's something very different here. It hits you as soon as you step off the plane. You know, you're somewhere special and exotic. The ancient temples, the sweet scents of spices, the old-world charms and the warm tropical air tell you; you're on the teardrop island of Sri Lanka.

The one thing that can really stop you in your tracks in Sri Lanka, is how profoundly and how quickly the landscape and wildlife changes over a relatively short distance. One minute you're in hot, bustling village streets. The next, you're in the cool mountain region, surrounded by endless tea fields. You turn a corner and wild elephants are standing by the road side. Half an hour later, and you're at the bottom of a huge waterfall, sheltering from the heat with the local monkeys.

It's as if the trade winds have carried a few elements from every corner of the earth and deposited them all here, in this one little island. And that's not far from the truth. Sri Lanka's prominent position along ancient spice routes between Europe, Africa and Asia, means travelers have been stopping here and leaving a little something behind for thousands of years.

There are 8 world Heritage sites in Sri Lanka. The 3 ancient and magnificent cities of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Sigiriya were inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1982 followed by Galle, Kandy, and the Sinharaja Forest Reserve in 1988. The Golden Temple of Dambulla in 1991 and finally the Central highlands were added in 2010. These places of historical and natural significance are not to be missed for any visitor to Sri Lanka.

Being an ancient kingdom, Sri Lanka has preserved its most precious treasures, its culture and tradition. An integral part of this is its cuisine. Sri Lankan cuisine has many influences from varied destinations such as North and South India, Persia, Malaysia, Holland and Portugal. Rice, which is usually consumed daily, can be found at any special occasion, while spicy curries are a favorite dish for lunch and dinner. Fish curry is a specialty. Having a history



marked by four centuries of colonial rule, the country still manages to safeguard remnants from the past in their original grandeur. Some of the more renowned historic sites are the Galle Fort built originally by the Portuguese, Colombo Harbour and the ancient city of Polonnaruwa all confirm Sri Lanka's ancient and colorful past. The rock temple of the Buddha, Gal Vihara is one of the finest examples of the religious heritage. Temples play an important part in everyday life and a visit to one should be a must for all visitors.

Sri Lanka's wildlife is as varied as the island itself, ranging from elephants and leopards to Whales – it is the only place in the world to find all three in such proximity. Sri Lanka is ranked amongst the world's best biodiversity hot spots. As a country with a high rate of endemism, it has many groups of animals including birds, mammal, reptiles and amphibians which can't be found anywhere in the world.



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## Day 01

### Overnight

See Hotel Collection

### Room Type

See Hotel Collection

### Meals

No Meals on This Day

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## Airport > Pinnawala > Kandy

Arrive at Colombo International Airport. Here, you will be met by a designated chauffer guide from Lakpura. After the formalities at the airport you will be escorted to your air conditioned vehicle and proceed to Pinnawala and visit Elephant Orphanage. (Travel Time: 2 ½ to 3 hrs)



Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage is the home for young Elephants who have been displaced or lost from their natural habitat, located at Pinnawala village in Sabaragamuwa province of Sri Lanka. Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage is the best place for an up close and personal experience with the world's largest land mammals! Today with 70 elephants herein, Pinnawala has become the home to the largest captive group of elephants in the world.

Thereafter continue to Kandy and check in to the hotel. (Travel Time: 1 to 1 ½ hours)

Do a you learn about spices, such as coriander guided tour of a spice and herbal garden, where, chili, cinnamon, cardamom, and nutmeg; and their uses.

Thereafter proceed to Kandy and go on technical tours related to arts such as gem crafting, woodcarving and batiks and thereafter visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic.



Visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic a UNESCO World Heritage Site which was built in the 16th century as the place of veneration and protection for Lord Buddha's sacred tooth. Walk through the beautifully embellished passageways and elaborately painted halls, done in red, cream and black. Lounge against delicately carved pillars and get amazed by the beautiful golden statues. Get an unforgettable experience of history and art.

On completion return back to the hotel.

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## Day 02

### Overnight

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### Room Type

See Hotel Collection

### Meals

Breakfast

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## Kandy > Udawattekele > Peradeniya > Kandy

Early in the morning proceed to Udawatte Kele sanctuary. (Travel Time: 1 ½ to 2 hrs)



Visit the historic forest reserve of Udawatte Kele, which lies very close to the center of Kandy. Follow the trails as you catch glimpses of birds, monkeys, snakes and many other wildlife. Enjoy viewing the secretive Buddhist hermitages and ancient rock shelter dwellings that lie deep within the forest. An especially perfect nature adventure for those staying in Kandy.

Thereafter return to the hotel relax, later visit Royal Botanical Garden in Peradeniya. (Travel Time: 20 to 30 mins)



Visit the famous Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya, which were formed in the early 19th century. Walk through the vast area containing over 4000 species of plants. Enjoy the learning more about the orchids, spices and medicinal plants. Wander down avenues shaded by large and rare trees, or bordered by flowering plants. Enjoy seeing the cannonball tree, walking over the wobbly suspension bridge and through the short hedge mazes or even climbing the twisty trees that make wonderful jungle gyms.

On completion return to the hotel and relax.

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## Day 03

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### Meals

Breakfast

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## Kandy > Colombo > BIA

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After breakfast at the hotel check out and proceed to Colombo and go on a City and Shopping tour in Capital City in Sri Lanka. (Travel Time: 3 to 3 ½ hours)



Experience the colorful lights and bright life of Colombo, the capital City of Sri Lanka. Visit historic monuments such as the Old Lighthouse, the Old Parliament, Galle Face Hotel, Galle Face Green, Gangarama Temple, the National Museum and more. Enjoy the malls of Independence Square or the Race Course. Visit boutique shops and designer stores.

On completion proceed to airport for your departure after spending a memorable time in this island.

~ End of Tour ~

## HOTEL COLLECTIONS

	Nights	Economy (3 Star)	Standard (4 Star)	Luxury (5 Star & Boutique)
Kandy	02 Nights	Oak Ray Regency	Cinnamon Citadel	Earl's Regency

## COST OF TOUR BASED ON 02 PAX TRAVELING

### Economy (3 Star) Collection

Cost Per Person Sharing a Double Room on BB Basis **USD 255**

*This is only an offer without any obligation on the hotel rooms, until such time the tour is confirmed, and availability is checked.*

### Standard (4 Star) Collection

Cost Per Person Sharing a Double Room on BB Basis **Contact us for Pricing**

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### Luxury (5 Star & Boutique) Collection

Cost Per Person Sharing a Double Room on BB Basis **Contact us for Pricing**

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## COST INCLUDES

- Accommodation on sharing a one double room and occupying a double room at the hotels specified in hotel collection.
- Meal plan on Bed and Breakfast basis starting with breakfast on day 2 and ending with breakfast on day 3.
- Transport in a Private Vehicle, inclusive of all chauffer accommodation, cost of fuel, parking & highway tolls.
- Service of an English-Speaking Chauffer Guide throughout the tour.
- All prevailing taxes and service charges (Except for Credit Card Charges)

## COST EXCLUDES

- Entry Visa Fees, please visit [www.eta.gov.lk](http://www.eta.gov.lk) for more details / submit your individual visa application.
- International / Domestic Airfare.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Tips & Portages.
- Cost of Beverages
- Meals where not specified.
- Entrance fees where not specified.

## COMPLIMENTARY

- Daily 1ltr bottle of water Per Person.
- 1 Un-loaded SIM card.