

CULTURE AND HERITAGE

09 DAYS

Visit the Rock Fortress of Sigiriya and discover its marvels. Explore the Golden Temple of Dambulla long with its five main caves dedicated to Buddha and Buddhism. See the many pagodas, monasteries and palatial buildings of Polonnaruwa. Visit the highlands of Kandy, the place of the last majestic Kingdom of Sri Lanka. Walk through the streets of Nuwara Eliya with its picturesque colonial architecture and plenty of holiday activities to do. Long relaxing beach stay in Hikkaduwa where the golden sand, bright blue sea and swaying palms bask in the sunlight.

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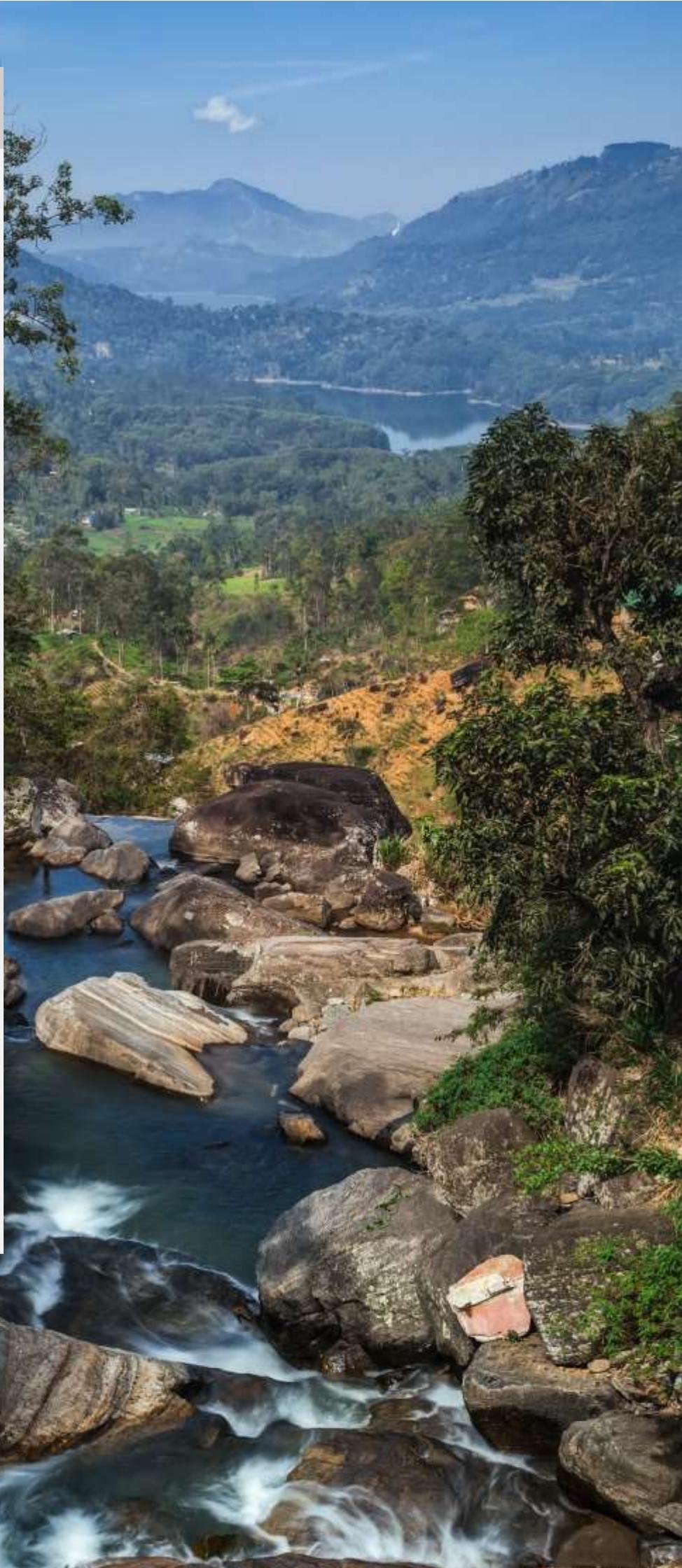
YOUR TOUR CONSULTANT

Lakpura LLC



Lakpura, meaning the 'Whole of Lanka' pays homage to the resplendent Island that is Sri Lanka. Our own journey began in 2008 and ever since then, we've been creating memorable adventures and vibrant encounters for travelers to Sri Lanka with an eye of details and an insightful approach that is best fitted in crafting tailor-made packages.

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Day 01

Overnight

See Hotel Collection

Room Type

Room Category

Meals

No Meals on This Day

Airport > Pinnawala > Dambulla

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: 3 to 3 ½ hours)



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 Dambulla and check in to the hotel and relax. (Travel Time: 2 to 2 ½ hrs)

Later visit Dambulla Cave Temple. (Travel Time: 20 to 30 mins)



Enter the historic caves of the Golden Temple of Dambulla, dating back to the 1st century BC. View the ancient murals depicting the life story of Lord Gautama Buddha. Look at the hundreds of figurines of Buddha and other deities scattered throughout the five main caves. Visit the Cave of the Divine King, Cave of the Great King and the Great New Monastery. See the giant golden Buddha Statue just a little distance outside the cave complex.

On completion return to the hotel and relax.

Day 02

Overnight

See Hotel Collection

Room Type

Room Category

Meals

Breakfast

Dambulla > Polonnaruwa > Minneriya > Dambulla

After the breakfast check out from the hotel and visit Polonnaruwa. (Travel Time: 50 to 60 mins)



Visit the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, which was the second major capital of Sri Lanka. Walk through the ruins of the city that flourished between the 10th to the 13th century AD. View important monuments such as Gal Vihara, Vatadage, the lotus bath, Lankathilaka Temple and the statue of King Parakramabahu whose reign was considered the golden age of Polonnaruwa. Get to know more about Sri Lanka's ancient history.

Thereafter proceed to Minneriya and go on a lovely Jeep Safari in Minneriya National Park. (Travel Time: 2 to 2 ½ hrs)



This safari takes you on a ride through the Minneriya National Park. Enjoy the sight of over 150 elephants congregating in one place during the famous Great Elephant Gathering, which happens in the dry season between May to October. In addition to elephants, get a chance to also see many mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians in the scrublands, forests and other areas.

On completion return to the hotel and relax.

Day 03

Overnight

See Hotel Collection

Room Type

Room Category

Meals

Breakfast

Dambulla > Sigiriya > Dambulla

After the breakfast at the hotel go and visit the rock fortress, Sigiriya. (Travel Time: 20 to 30 mins)



Climb the 5th century AD rock fortress, Sigiriya, where the King Kasyapa ruled. Walk through the entrance framed by the paws of a lion that is quite appropriate for its name, 'the Lion Rock'. View the beautiful unfading murals that brought Sigiriya its fame. Climb the steep staircase to see the terraced gardens and still-working cisterns. Walk through the tunnels leading to the palace as you get a feel for times long past.

Thereafter visit a local village in Sigiriya and get an authentic experience of Sri Lankan village life.



Get a chance to go on an oxen cart ride and experience the world from the view of a village farmer. Have a relaxing catamaran safari through a calm lake. Walk through the golden fields ripe with their harvest of paddy. Watch an enjoyable traditional cooking demonstration that teaches you the basics of Sri Lankan cuisine. Delight your taste buds with a home cooked lunch; made over a wood-fire and served on fragrant lotus leaves placed over woven trays. Enjoy the life of a Sri Lankan villager, just this day.

On completion return to the hotel for relaxation.

Day 04

Overnight

See Hotel Collection

Room Type

Room Category

Meals

Breakfast

Sigiriya > Matale > Kandy

After the breakfast at the hotel check out and proceed to Kandy, en route make a pause at Matale, visit a Spice Garden and do a guided tour of a spice and herbal garden, where you learn about spices, such as coriander, chili, cinnamon, cardamom, and nutmeg; and their uses. (Travel Time: 1 to 1 ½ hrs)



Euphoria Spice and Herbal is located 12 km away from Matale (The spice capital of Sri Lanka). Enriched with herbs, spice groves and plants with fragrant greenery shading from the tropical trees that enlightens the unique aroma of each spice and herb. We give the opportunity for our visitors to explore and gain knowledge on Sri Lankan spices, herbs and the benefits of Ayurveda. The tropical climate in which our plants and herbs are grown helps them preserve its ancient originality. The educational tour around the

garden, which we call "The Spice Tour", let the visitors feel the sensation of the Sri Lankan spices and herbs which is demonstrated in different foreign languages to suit our customer need.

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

Towards the evening go on technical tours related to arts such as gem crafting, woodcarving and batiks. And watch the Kandyan Cultural Show with its colorful traditional dances and delightful music.



The Kandy Cultural Show gives an opportunity to experience some of the traditions of Sri Lanka. Enjoy this hour-long extravaganza as some of the most popular art forms of the island take to the stage. Get wowed by fire dancers and sword dancers. Watch the colorful Kandyan dancers take to the air to the thrumming primal beat of the drums.

On completion return to the hotel and relax.

Day 05

Overnight

See Hotel Collection

Room Type

Bungalow

Meals

Breakfast

Kandy > Nuwara Eliya

After the breakfast at the hotel check out and visit Temple of the Tooth Relic. (Travel Time: 20 to 30 mins)



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.

Thereafter return to the hotel and check out and proceed to Nuwara Eliya. (Travel Time: 1 to 1 ½ hrs)

En-route make a stop at Ramboda Falls and visit Ramboda Falls, which is the 11th tallest in the country. Get a guided tour through a Tea Estate and learn more about the varieties, processing methods and qualities of tea.



Visit a Tea Factory and a plantation where you would see how the world's famous "Ceylon Tea" is manufactured. In 1824 a tea plant was brought to Ceylon by the British from China and was planted in the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya for non-commercial purposes. James Taylor was a British citizen who introduced commercial tea plantation in Sri Lanka (Ceylon). He arrived to Sri Lanka in 1852 and settled down in Loolecondra estate in Kandy. Today even people who have never heard of Sri Lanka are familiar with Ceylon tea, which is known for its quality.

Thereafter proceed to Nuwara Eliya and check into the hotel. (Travel Time: 50 to 60 mins)

Later in the evening go and explore the scenic city of Nuwara Eliya.



Visit the highland city that was the premium holiday resort town of the British in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Enjoy walking through the streets with their pretty little cottages, quaint villas and beautiful mansions. Make a memory in the old red-bricked postoffice as you purchase an inexpensive and colorful postcard to take home or send to your friends. Relax at Queen Victoria Park or on the shores of Lake Gregory.

On completion return to the hotel and relax.

Day 06

Overnight

See Hotel Collection

Room Type

Bungalow

Meals

Breakfast

Nuwara Eliya > Bentota

After the breakfast check out from the hotel and proceed to Bentota, on arrival to Bentota visit Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery. (Travel Time: 5 to 6 hrs)



Visit the Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery on the Southwestern coast of Sri Lanka. Learn more about the five endangered sea turtle species that come to the shores of Sri Lanka to nest. Learn how the Kosgoda Turtle Care Program helps protect the nests until they hatch and increases the chances of survival for the babies. Get a chance to see, touch and feed baby turtles; or even injured adult turtles that the Turtle Hatchery cares for.

On completion proceed to the hotel, check in and relax.

Day 07

Overnight

See Hotel Collection

Room Type

Superior Room

Meals

Breakfast

Bentota > Bentota

Spend the day leisurely enjoying the beach and the hotel facilities.

Later on, the day proceed to Balapitiya and go on boat safari in Madu River. (Travel Time: 20 to 30 mins)



Go on a wonderful boat ride down the Madu River with its flourishing ecosystem. Pass through the secretive passages created by the mangroves. See the basking crocodiles and water monitors. Visit one of the small islands with its cinnamon harvesting natives. Enjoy the restorative qualities of the famous fish massage. Observe the waterbirds in their natural habitats.

Thereafter proceed to Galle and visit Old Colonial City of Galle. (Travel Time: 50 to 60 mins)

Explore the secrets of Galle where the Portuguese and Dutch made their headquarters. Visit the Galle Fort which is one of the best-preserved fortifications in Asia. View the museums of Galle and the lighthouse. Walk through the cobblestoned streets with their Dutch names and listen to your guide tell their stories. Relax with a king coconut or a cup of tea caressed by a breeze of the tropics.



On completion return to the hotel and relax.

Day 08

Overnight

See Hotel Collection

Room Type

Superior Room

Meals

Breakfast

Bentota > Colombo

After the breakfast check out from the hotel and proceed to Colombo. (Travel Time: 2 to 2 ½ hrs)

Thereafter check into the hotel and relax. Towards the evening go and explore the Commercial City of Sri Lanka, Colombo.



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 return to the hotel and relax.

Day 09

Meals

Breakfast

Colombo > BIA

After a relaxed morning and breakfast at the hotel check out and, drive to the Airport for your flight back home!

End of Tour

COST OF TOUR BASED ON 02 PAX TRAVELING

Economy (3 Star) Collection

Cost Per Person Sharing a Double Room on BB Basis

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Standard (4 Star) Collection

Cost Per Person Sharing a Double Room on BB Basis

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Luxury (5 Star & Boutique) Collection

Cost Per Person Sharing a Double Room on BB Basis

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COST INCLUDES

- Accommodation on sharing one 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 9.
- 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 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.

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.

Sunset in The East Coast

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



Stilt Fishing in the South Coast

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.



Elephants in the Wild