Routing:- Colombo – Negombo – Sigiriya – Kandy-Nuwara Eliya-Colombo

***Best of Sri Lanka – 05 Nights / 06 Days***

**DAY 1 - AIRPORT / NEGOMBO**

On arrival met by a representative and transfer to Negombo.

**Negombo** *is a major city in Sri Lanka, located on the west coast of the island and at the mouth of the Negombo Lagoon, in Western Province, Sri Lanka. Negombo is the fourth largest city in the country after the capital Colombo, Kandy, and Jaffna, and it is the second largest City in Western province after Colombo. Negombo is also the administrative capital of Negombo Division. It is one of the major commercial hubs in Sri Lanka of about 128,000 inhabitants in the city limits, approximately 37 km north of Colombo city. Negombo is known for its huge and old fishingindustry with busy fish markets, and nice sandy beaches*.

Overnight stay in Negombo.

**DAY 2 - NEGOMBO/PINNAWELA/DAMBULLA**

**AM** After breakfast proceed to Dambulla en route Pinnawela.

**Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage –** *Started in 1975 to house the abandoned and the wounded, the orphanage has grown to be a big family today. The number of elephants hasincreased to more than 65 now, including baby elephant brought from various parts, as well as14 babies born as a result of the captive breeding program. The best time to visit is thefeeding time and the bathing time when the elephant are taken to the river close by. Anunique experience never to be missed.*

Visit Dambulla Cave Temple

**Dambulla** - *is a vast isolated rock mass 500ft high and a mile around the base. Here is found the famous Rock Temple dating to the First Century BC. The caves of Dambulla sheltered the King Walagamba during his 14 years of exile from Anuradhapura. When he regained the throne he built the most magnificent of Rock Temples to be found on the Island.*

Overnight stay in Sigiriya/Habarana.

**DAY 3 - DAMBULLA/MINNERIYA/SIGIRIYA**

**AM** After breakfast visit Minneriya National park.

**Half Day Safari – 4x4Minneriya National Park**.

*Minneriya National Park, an area of nearly 9000hectares, and houses many wild elephants, variousamphibians and local and migratorybirds. Approximately 160 species of birds, 9 amphibians,25 species of reptiles, 26 fish species and over 78 species ofbutterflies have been recorded in this park. Bamboos thatare rare in other parks on the island and the wildelephants are easily visible*.

**PM** Climb the Sigiriya rock fortress.

**Sigiriya *-*** *is home to the 5th Century “Fortress in the Sky” which is perhaps the most fantastic single wonderof the Island. It is also known as Lion Rock because ofthe huge lion that used to stand at the entrance to thefortress. Within its triple-moated defense the huge rockrises almost to a sheer height of 500ft. On its summitare the foundations of what was once a great andsumptuous palace and gardens complete withswimming pool. On one of the stairways the onlyknown ancient work of Sinhala secular paintingsurvived in the form of Frescoes of life sized damsels inall the freshness and delicacy of their original colour.*

Overnight stay in Sigiriya/Habarana.

**DAY 4 - HABARANA/KANDY**

**AM** After breakfast check out and proceed to Kandy en route **Matale**.

**Visit a Spice Garden at Matale**- *and see the luscious Cinnamons, Cardamoms, Pepper plants etc.You can also purchase your requirements of spices.*

 Afterwards visit a;

**Batik Factory** - *where you can see the manufacture of beautiful Batik prints. The shop contains a wide variety of Batik items.*

Arrive in Kandy

**Kandy -** *the hill capital. Venue of the annual Perahera. The last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings was finally ceded to the British in 1815. Kandy is an example of the Buddhism’s influence in SriLanka today. Temples shrines and monasteries keeping alive Buddhist traditions are everywhere*.

**PM** Commence a city tour, including Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts and crafts Centre, a Gem museum and a lapidary.

**The Kandyan Arts and Crafts -***Industrial Centre manufactures, deals and exports traditional Sri Lankan handicraft items such as Wood Carvings, Traditional Sri Lankan Masks, Stoneware, Batiks, Curios, Silverware, Brassware, Paintings and Antiques etc. The Kandy an arts and crafts industrial centre is established in 1974 by a concept of the founder Mr. M. K. R. Thilakarathne who is coming from an award winning generation. His ancestors were honoured and rewarded by Sinhalese kings as well as the Royal Family of Great Britain for their exclusively created ornaments, jewellery .*

**Gem Museum & Lapidary –***Sri Lanka produces the finest quality of gem in the world. We mine semiprecious gems, the sapphires of Sri Lanka, which are very exclusive and comes in shades of blue, red, green*.

**5:30 PM** Be a witness of the cultural show.

*Kandyan Dance is a dance form that originated in the area called Kandy of the Central hills region in Sri Lanka. But today it has been widespread to other parts of the country*.

Overnight stay in Kandy.

**DAY 5 - KANDY/PERADENIYA/NUWARA ELIYA**

**AM** After breakfast checkout and proceed to visitthe Royal Botanical gardens.

**Royal Botanical Gardens,***Peradeniya, Sixty Seven hectares of exquisite beauty and botanical treasurers containing more than 4000 species, this is haven not onlyfor Scientists but to every nature lover as well*.

Proceed to Nuwara Eliya.

En Route Ramboda falls, tea factories and tea plantation.

**Nuwara Eliya** - *The „Little England‟ of Sri Lanka, is set against beautiful backdrops of Mountains, Valleys,Waterfalls and Tea Plantations. It is supposed to be one ofthe coldest places on the island, but is really just like anEngland spring day although the temperature does drop atnight. All around Nuwara Eliya you will see evidence of theBritish influence. Houses are like country cottages or QueenAnn style mansions.*

 *To know more about Ceylon Tea, you must visit a SriLanka Tea Factory or Tea Processing Center. There arehundreds of Tea factories in the Central Highlands, the Uvaregion and in the Southern parts of Sri Lanka. Some ofthese factories are situated in breathtakingly beautifullandscape, surrounded by indeed serene green gardens of tea.A casual tourist to this island cannot call his visit completeif he does not pay a visit to some of them. Visitors to any ofthese Centers are normally treated with typical Sri Lankancourtesy and normal given an educative, guided tour on thevarious stages of tea manufacturing process*.

Commence a city tour in Nuwara Eliya.

*The city was founded by Samuel Baker, the discovererof Lake Albert and the explorer of the Nile in 1846.Nuwara Eliya's climate lent itself to becoming theprime sanctuary of the British civil servants andplanters in Ceylon*. *Nuwara Eliya, called LittleEngland then, was also a hill country retreat where theBritish colonialists could immerse in their pastimessuch as fox hunting, deer hunting, , polo, golf andcricket. Many of the buildings retain features from thecolonial period such as the Queen's Cottage, General'sHouse, Grand Hotel, Galway Forest Lodge, TownPost Office and even new hotels are often built andfurnished in the colonial style. Anyone who visits thecity can wallow in its nostalgia of bygone days byvisiting these landmark buildings. Many privatehomes still maintain their old English-style lawns and gardens.*

Optional activities; boat rides on the Gregory’s lake or Horseback ride.

Overnight Stay in Nuwara Eliya.

**DAY 6 - NUWARA ELIYA/COLOMBO**

After breakfast check out and proceed to Colombo

Commence a city tour (04 hrs – 40 kms).

**Colombo** - *like many capital cities in developing countriesColombo is fast changing its face. almost overnight, skyscrapers arisefrom where old buildings once stood, yet in some parts, the old worldcharm is retained. A 100-year-old clock tower and several Britishbuilt,colonial buildings are still to be seen in the city. The Pettahbazaar – where one can shop for bargains, a Hindu and a Buddhisttemple, residential areas where you find the stately homes of the affluent, the Colombo museum, the Bandaranaike memorial international conference hall – anoutright gift to Sri Lanka from the people‟s republic of china, the new parliament in SriJayawardenapura and the folk art center are some of the places of interest that one can visit to.*

Afterwards shopping in Colombo.

**Colombo** - *Visit shopping complexes such as ODEL, HOUSE OF FASHION, MAJESTIC CITY & CRESCAT BOULEVARD*.

Afterwards leave for the departure flight to Bandaranayke International Airport

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**Hotels used during the Tour**

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| **City / Location** | **3\* Hotels** | **4\* Hotels** | **5\* Hotels** |
| Negombo  | Golden Star Beach Hotel | Goldi Sands | Suriya Resort |
| Dambulla | Pelvehera Village | The Paradise Resort & Spa | Cinnamon Lodge |
| Kandy | Senani Hotel | Earl’s Regent | Mahaweli Reach Hotel |
| Nuwara Eliya | Oakray Summerhill Breeze Hotel | Jetwing St. Andrews | Araliya Green Hills |

**Package rates quoted are for per person sharing Double / Twin basis, in US Dollars.**

***01stNovember 2017 – 30th April 2018***

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| **CATEGORY – 3\*** | ***01stNov – 10th Dec 2017*** | ***11th Dec –15th Mar 2018*** | ***15th Mar – 30th Apr 2018*** |
| **01 Pax** | ***USD 605*** |  |  |
| **02 Pax** | ***USD 334*** |  |  |
| **03 – 04 Pax** | ***USD 305*** |  |  |
| **05 – 06 13tal Pax** | ***USD 250*** |  |  |
| **07 – 13 13tal Pax** | ***USD 268*** |  |  |
| **14 – 20 13tal Pax** | ***USD 280*** |  |  |
| **Single Supplement** | ***USD 155*** |  |  |
| **Children 02 – 12 Years with extra bed** | ***USD 135*** |  |  |
| **Children 02 – 12 Years without extra bed** | ***USD 90*** |  |  |

**COMPULSARY ROOM SUPPLEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE (24TH DEC 2016) & NEW YEAR EVE (31ST DEC 2016)**

Child = 50% of the adult rate

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| **CITY** | **HOTEL** | **CHRISTMAS EVE** | **NEW YEAR EVE** |
| **NEGOMBO** | Golden Star Beach Hotel | US $ 35 Per Adult | US $ 35 Per Adult |
| GoldiSands Hotel | US $ 55 Per Adult | US $ 60 Per Adult |
| Suriya Resort & Spa | US $ 60 Per Adult | US $ 65 Per Adult |
| **DAMBULLA** | Pelvehera Village  | US $ 25 Per Adult | US $ 25 Per Adult |
| The Paradise Resort & Spa  | US $ 70 Per Adult | US $ 90 Per Adult |
| Cinnamon Lodge  | US $ 120 Per Adult | US $ 130 Per Adult |
| **KANDY** | Oakray City Hotel | US $ 25 Per Adult | US $ 25 Per Adult |
| Earl’s Regent (Should be booked on HB basis) – Dinner sup. USD 19 PP | US $ 75 Per Adult | US $ 85 Per Adult |
| Mahaweli Reach Hotel | US $ 115 Per Adult | US $ 120 Per Adult |
| **NUWARA ELIYA** | Oakray Summerhill Breeze Hotel  | US $ 25 Per Adult | US $ 25 Per Adult |
| Jetwing St. Andrews | US $ 60 Per Adult | US $ 70 Per Adult |
| Araliya Green Hotel (Should be booked on HB basis) | US $ 60 Per Adult | US $ 60 Per Adult |

**The above cost includes:**

* Accommodation on BB basis from Breakfast on day 02 at hotels specified or at hotels of similar standard.
* Child 00 – 02 Years Free of Charge.
* Transportation in an air-conditioned vehicle on private basis throughout tour.
* Service of an English Speaking Chauffeur Guide for groups up to 10 pax and for groups above 11 pax, an English speaking National guide will be provided with an additional cost.
* Service charges & Government tax (VAT 12%, NBT 2.04%, SC 10%, and TDL 1%)

**The above cost does not include**

* All the Entrance fees
* Lunch and Dinner throughout the tour
* Camera and video permit
* Any expenses of personal nature
* Porterage at hotels

**Supplementary Cost for entrance Tickets (SAARC) – Directly Paid by Guest**

* Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage US $ 07 per Adult, US $ 3.5 per Child
* Dambulla Cave Temple US $ 15 per person
* Minneriya National Park Entrance ticket US $ 25 per Person
* Minneriya Safari Jeep (up to 06 Pax) US $ 35 per Jeep**– Direct rate may vary**
* Sigiriya Rock Fortress US $ 15 per Person
* Kandy Temple of Tooth Relic US $ 10 per Adult, US $ 05 per Child
* Peradeniya Botanical Gardens US $ 13 per Person