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Elephant family at Elephant Orphanage in Pinnawela, Sri Lanka



The natural beauty of Sri Lanka's tropical forests, beaches and landscape, its rich cultural heritage, and its infamous tea, make it a world famous tourist destination.

Day 1 Colombo • Arrive in Colombo. Meet and greet by our representative and transfer to your hotel (approx. 1.5hrs). Accommodations: Ramada Colombo for 2 nights

Day 2 Colombo • After breakfast, a city tour will include the Colombo Fort and the Pettah area for its vibrant market place. (B)

Day 3 Colombo • Sigiriya • Depart to Pinnawella elephant orphanage where you will experience how baby elephants are fed, bathed and taken care of. The orphanage was established in 1975 by the Sri Lanka Wildlife department and is also a breeding place for elephants. Till now, over twenty elephants were born since 1984, and it now has the largest herd of elephants in captivity in the world. Proceed to Dambulla to visit the rock temple. Dedicated as a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Dambulla Cave Temple (or the Golden Temple of Dambulla) is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. It also features a functioning Buddhist Monastery dating back to the third and second centuries B.C. Inside the caves, the ceilings are painted with intricate patterns of religious images, following the contours of the rock. Accommodations: Sigiriya Village Hotel for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4 Sigiriya • Today, proceed to climb the Sigiriya rock fortress, also a "World Heritage Site" and perhaps the most fantastic single wonder of the island. It is also known as Lion Rock because of the huge lion that used to stand at the Palace entrance. Return to your hotel and evening at leisure. (B)

Day 5 Sigiriya • Kandy • This morning, depart for Kandy via Matale. Stop on the way to visit a spice & herb garden at Matale. Kandy, the last royal capital of Sri Lanka, is a major tourist destination. Famous for the Temple of the Sacred Tooth and many other temples, the city could be called the cultural capital of the island. The Sri Dalada Maligawa or The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic was built within the royal palace complex which houses one of the two surviving relics of the tooth of Buddha, an object of veneration for Buddhists. The temple is possibly the most sacred Buddhist shrine in the world. It is venerated by Buddhists all over the world. Accommodations: Chaaya Citadel Kandy for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6 Kandy • Full day is at leisure to explore the city on your own.

Day 7 Kandy • Nuwara Eliya • Depart for the English colonial town of Nuwara Eliya. Visit the Labookelle Tea Factory along the way. Nuwara Eliya was built during the 19th century and its architecture mimics that of an English country town. Blessed with a salubrious climate, breathtaking views of valleys, meadows, mountains and greenery; it's hard to imagine that Nuwara Eliya is only 180 km from the hot and humid Colombo. Visit the colonial city of little England and the Haggala Gardens. Accommodations: Galway Forest Lodge. (B)

Day 8 Nuwara Eliya • Bentota • After breakfast, depart for the beach resort of Bentota, 65 km from Colombo. Arrive and transfer to your hotel. Accommodations: Bentota Beach Resort for 4 nights.(B)

Days 9-11 Bentota • Days at leisure. (B)

Day 12 Bentota • Colombo • Transfer to Colombo's Bandaranayeke airport for your departure. (B)

The Package Includes

Transportation • Transfers • **Guides** • English speaking driver guide • **Accommodations and meals** • 4* and 3* accommodations in double occupancy • 11 American breakfasts • **Visits and excursions** • As per itinerary • **Not included** • International airfare • Gratuities to hotel personnel, driver guides • Beverages • Optional excursions

Price per person, double occupancy, from	\$CAD	
	Double	Single
Daily departures - Land portion		
November 1 to April 20*	2199	4049
April 21 to September 30	tba	tba
Supplements:		
*Compulsory dinner December 24	130	
*Compulsory dinner December 31	245	
*High season supplement Bentota Beach Resort		
Per person per night, December 22 to January 15	130	