

TROPICAL LANKA GETAWAYS

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THE GRAND CULTURAL EXPLORATION

8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS

DAY 1 - ARRIVAL-KELANIYA-COLOMBO

Met on arrival at the Airport by our Representative in Sri Lanka. Proceed to the ancient *Kelaniya Temple*, one of the most revered and historic Buddhist temples depicting exquisite sculptures and art, believed to have been visited by Buddha. Rest of the day at leisure in Colombo. Overnight in Colombo.

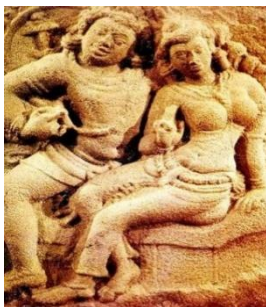
DAY 2 - COLOMBO-YAPAHUWA-AUKANA-ANURADHAPURA

Proceed to *Yapahuwa* and *Aukana* to view the monolithic statue of Buddha. Continue your journey to *Anuradhapura*, Sri Lanka's first Capital and City of Ancient Ruins. Take a tour of the ancient city and marvel its vast array of Monuments and Pagodas. Visit the *Sri Maha Bodhi* housing the oldest Bo tree in the world dating back to almost 2600 years, a sapling of the Bo tree under which Buddha is believed to have attained enlightenment. Overnight in Anuradhapura



DAY 3 - ANURADHAPURA-MIHINTALE-TANTIRIMALE- ANURADHAPURA

Visit *Mihintale*, a beautiful mountain peak believed to be the site of a meeting between the Buddhist Monk Mahinda and King Devanampiyatissa which inaugurated the presence of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. Proceed to *Tantirimale*, an ancient temple situated in a picturesque valley. Return to Anuradhapura for overnight stay.



DAY 4 - ANURADHAPURA-JAFFNA

Proceed to Jaffna in the Northern tip of the Island. In the afternoon visit the *Dambakola Patuna Temple* located by the beach with beautiful scenic views. The temple has historical value, being the location where Sangamitta Theri (Buddhist Nun) landed in Sri Lanka with a sapling from the Sri Maha Bodi (the tree under which Buddha is believed to have attained enlightenment in North India). City tour of Jaffna and Overnight.

DAY 5 - JAFFNA-NAGADEEPA-DAMBULLA

Proceed to the Island of Kayts and take a boat ride to *Nagadeepa*. On his 2nd visit to Sri Lanka, the Buddha is believed to have visited Nagadeepa. Return to Jaffna. Proceed to Dambulla for overnight.



DAY 6 - DAMBULLA-MATALE-KANDY

Visit the Cave Temple of *Dambulla*. Then proceed to *Aluvihare* Temple in *Matale* dating back to the 3rd century. *Aluvihare* is the site where the Pali Canon was first written down on *Ola* (Palm) leaves. Proceed to Kandy. In the evening visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic, Kandy. Overnight in Kandy.

DAY 7 - KANDY

Visit the *Gadaladeniya* Temple built by King Wickramabahu in 1344, during the time of the Gampola Kingdom. Visit the *Degaldoruwa Rajamaha Viharaya* which was established by King Keerthi Sri Rajasinghe and King Rajadhi Rajasinghe. Visit to *Embekke Devalaya*, the finest in the world for original Wood Carvings. Overnight in Kandy.

DAY 8 - KANDY-MAHIYANGANA-KANDY

Visit the *Mahiyangana Raja Maha Vihara*, an ancient Buddhist temple. It is believed to be the site of Buddha's first visit to Sri Lanka and is one of the 'Solosmasthanas' (the 16 sacred locations) in Sri Lanka. Return to Kandy for overnight stay.

DAY 9

At leisure until Departure to the Airport

Package Inclusions

- Airport transfers
- 8 Nights' Accommodation (your choice of standard or luxury) based on per person sharing Twin/Double/Triple Room
- Daily Breakfast
- Transport in Air-Conditioned Vehicle
- Services of an English-speaking Chauffeur/Guide
- Entry fees to Dambulla Cave Temple, Sigiriya, Temple of the Tooth Relic
- All Government Taxes

Package Exclusions

- Airfares
- Camera permits per terms and conditions of certain locations
- Expenses of Personal Nature such as Drinks, Laundry and Telephone
- Visa Fees
- Guide Tips
- Porterage at Hotels
- Expenses outside the list of 'Inclusions'

Terms and Conditions

- Prices are based on Minimum 2 Passengers travelling together.
- Prices are subject to variation resulting from changes to hotel tariffs, exchange rates and tax levies that may be imposed by governments
- 40% payment on confirmation and balance 45 days prior to commencing tour
- Cancellation of confirmed tours within 30 days before the date of arrival is subject to 100% of the cost of the holiday program
- The standard check-in and check-out times in Sri Lanka are 14:00 HRS and 11:00HRS respectively
- Prices do not include seasonal supplements for Christmas, New Year and Easter etc.
- Unfortunately, we are unable to provide refunds for any unutilised services