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## \* 9 DAYS 8 NIGHTS SRI LANKA UNESCO HERITAGE TOUR \*

Private Tour Good for 2 Pax Travel Price frSGD 1,068 per pax

### Day 1 Arrival in Colombo – Negombo (Dinner)

Free & Easy

Arrive in Colombo airport, welcome and assist by your personal chauffeur guide for your transfer to hotel in Negombo.

### Day 2 Negombo – Sigiriya (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Sigiriya Village Tour with Traditional Cooking Demonstration and UNESCO World Heritage Tour

Get ready to proceed for **Sigiriya Village Tour** where you will experience the activities like a **Boat Ride** and a trip on a **Bullock Cart**. Visit the **Chena Cultivation** fields and be humbled by the farmer's hospitality. Chena cultivation is a form of seasonal cultivation practiced by the locals to maximize the effects of the monsoon rains. You will later witness a **Traditional Cooking Demonstration** in a rural village house and enjoy the delicious authentic Sri Lankan lunch.



Thereafter, proceed to explore the majestic 5th century "Fortress in the Sky", which is the most visited historical sites in the country. Climb the UNESCO-listed **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**, approximately 1200 steps, rising 200 meters (660ft) high into the heaven. Also known as Lion Rock because of the huge lion that used to stand at the entrance to the fortress. On its summit are the foundations of what was once a great and sumptuous palace and gardens complete with swimming pool. This rock climbing activity is recommended for most tourists as you get to see some beautiful engraved frescoes of the ancient era and also the remnants of a fortress at the top of the rock, not forgetting the tremendous view from the summit.

### Day 3 Sigiriya – Anuradhapura – Sigiriya (Breakfast, Dinner)

UNESCO World Heritage Tour

Discover the wondrous historical grandeur of the first capital of Sri Lanka with a visit to the **Sacred City of Anuradhapura**. The ancient city of Anuradhapura, listed as UNESCO World Heritage in 1982, is famous for its well-preserved ruins of an ancient Sinhala civilization. It was the center of Theravada Buddhism for many centuries and is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. A magnificent collection of architectural and archaeological wonders includes massive dagobas, crumbling temples, giant brick towers and archaic pools that were constructed during Anuradhapura Kingdom. Today, several of the sites remain in use as temples and holy places. The first stop is the **Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi**, a sacred fig tree, which is said to



have grown from a branch of the tree under which the Buddha attained enlightenment. It was planted 2250 years ago and is the oldest historically authenticated tree in the world. Continue to **Ruwanwelisaya**, a stupa and a hemispherical monument that houses various relics. Be amazed by the **Jetavanaramaya**, the world's tallest stupa when it was constructed. After that, proceed to **Abhayagiri Monastery** before heading to **Isurumuniya**, a Buddhist temple renowned for its stone carvings of Isurumuniya Lovers, Elephant Pond and The Royal Family. Thereafter, visit **Thuparama**

**Temple**, the first Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka. And **Ranmasu Uyana**, an ancient royal garden with granite ponds, stone carvings built in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century.

### Day 4 Sigiriya – Polonnaruwa – Sigiriya (Breakfast, Dinner)

UNESCO World Heritage Tour

Head on to the **Ancient City of Polonnaruwa**, the second capital of Sri Lanka, from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> century. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1982. Discover the ruins of **Royal Palace**, **Audience Hall** and **Sacred Quadrangle**. Admire the four beautiful Buddha statues that were carved out of rock at **Gal Vihara Temple**. Explore the impressive **Lankatilaka Vihara Temple** and **Tivanka Image House** – the largest brick-built shrine in Sri Lanka, famous for its wall paintings. You will also see the large well-preserved **Rankoth Vehera Stupa** and **Kiri Vehera Stupa**. Thereafter, head to **Alahana Pirivena**, one of the largest and most popular ancient pirivena complexes in Sri Lanka. Your last stop will be **Ancient Bhikku Hospital**.



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### Day 5 Sigiriya – Dambulla – Matale – Kandy

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Twin UNESCO World Heritage Tours + Sri Lankan Cultural Dance Show

Start your day with a visit to **Dambulla Cave Temple**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla. It is the largest, best-preserved cave-temple complex in Sri Lanka, consists of five cave shrines carved under a very large overhanging rock. The temples are filled with paintings, statues of Buddha and his faithful disciple Ananda, as well as Hindu deities. Next, visit **Spice Garden** in Matale to see the different spices, which Sri Lanka is famous for. You will be introduced to different spices and shown how some of these spices are grown and processed. After that, head on to another UNESCO World Heritage site – Kandy, the last capital of the Sinhala Kings. Visit the **Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic**, which houses the tooth of Buddha that was brought to Sri Lanka in the 4th century and is considered the country's most prized possession. In the evening, enjoy a **Sri Lankan Cultural Dance Show**.



### Day 6 Kandy – Dambana – Mahiyangana – Kandy

(Breakfast, Dinner)

The Village of Vedda Tribe and Mahiyangana Raja Maha Vihara Temple

Today, you will immerse yourself in the Vedda culture by visiting the **Vedda Village** in Dambana. The term "Vedda" translates to "people of the forests". A population close to 1000 individuals, the seclusion and protection of the forests is home to the indigenous Vedda community of Sri Lanka. You will be introduced to the community of incredibly traditional primitive tribe, see their rustic homes and lifestyles, and get to learn how they hunt and farm to sustain themselves. The hunters of the tribe will explain their innovative ways of catching prey such as rabbit, deer and wild boar from the forests that surround the area. After that, visit the famous **Mahiyangana Raja Maha Vihara**, an ancient Buddhist temple in Mahiyangana. It is believed to be the site of Gautama Buddha's first visit to Sri Lanka.



### Day 7 Kandy – Galle

(Breakfast, Dinner)

UNESCO World Heritage Tour

Bid farewell to Kandy and head towards Galle, situated on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka, is Sri Lanka's most historically interesting town. Visit the well-known **Galle Fort**, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1988, originally built by the Portuguese in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. In 1640, the Dutch moved in and began fortifying the town by constructing an 89-acre (36-hectare) fort on the town's promontory, surrounded on three sides by the Bay of Galle. The Dutch also developed what was then an innovative tide-based sewage-system within the Fort. A maze of narrow roads lined with small houses and shops with Dutch names still remain. Explore the **Dutch Reformed Church, All Saints Church, Amangalla Hotel** (formerly the New Oriental Hotel), **Lighthouse** and **Bell Tower**. After dinner, you may want to hang-out in popular pubs located in the town.



### Day 8 Galle – Kelaniya – Colombo

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Kelaniya Temple, Colombo City and Shopping Tour

Begin your tour with a visit to **Kelaniya Raja Maha Vihara**, also known as Kelaniya Temple, is a Buddhist temple in Kelaniya. It is a site made hallowed by visits of Lord Buddha and is one of the most sacred worshipping places of the Buddhists in Sri Lanka. The temple is famous for its image of the reclining Gautama Buddha and paintings which depict important events in the life of the Buddha. After that, make your way to the bustling city of Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka. Colombo has a long history as a port on ancient east-west trade routes, ruled successively by the Portuguese, Dutch and British. The heritage is reflected in its architecture, mixing colonial buildings with high-rises and shopping malls. Visit the **Independence Square, Old Parliament** and **Gangaramaya Temple**. It is one of the oldest Buddhist temples in Colombo, being a mix of modern architecture and cultural essence. Thereafter, enjoy a **Shopping Tour** at popular shops in Colombo. For nightlife lovers, Colombo has a lively and extravagant nightlife. You can visit the entertaining casinos, the swanky night clubs or the fantastic bars.



### Day 9 Departure from Colombo

(Breakfast)

Free & Easy

Free at own leisure till departure transfer to Colombo airport for homebound flight.

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