

Colonial Tour Sri Lanka 11 Days From **USD 1160** per person

CODE: ACME 201115

Overview

Stay in colonial style accommodation during the tour. Learn about the rich history of this Tropical Island. Find out more about the fascinating culture and be amazed by the beautiful scenery and golden beaches, dense forests, tea plantations and wildlife.

DAY 01: AIRPORT/COLOMBO



You will be met by your chauffeur-guide at the airport and transferred to a hotel in Colombo. Later in the evening you will commence a tour of Colombo.

Colombo, the commercial capital of Sri Lanka, has a long history as a port on ancient east-west trade routes, ruled successively by the Portuguese, Dutch and British. That heritage is reflected in its architecture, mixing colonial buildings with high-rises and shopping malls. The imposing Colombo National Museum, dedicated to Sri Lankan history, borders sprawling Viharamahadevi Park and its giant Buddha.

Overnight: Galle Face Hotel superior sea view room
Meals: Bed & breakfast

DAY 02: COLOMBO / NEGOMBO / ANURADAPURA



After breakfast leave for Anuradhapura en-route visit Negombo. Negombo is a major city in Sri Lanka, on the west coast of the island in close proximity to the international airport. It is also a fishing town once occupied by the Portuguese, Dutch and British Colonialists. You will find remnants of Colonial buildings in the vicinity in particular the Dutch Fort by the sea.

The Anuradhapura Kingdom was the first established kingdom in ancient Sri Lanka by King Pandukabhaya in 377 BC. Anuradhapura is also a sacred city for all Buddhists. You will see an ancient Bo tree, which was brought here in the 3rd century by Sangamitta, the founder of an ancient order of Buddhist nuns.

Overnight: The Grand Tissawewa
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 03: AUKANA/SIGIRIYA



After breakfast visit Aukana some 30km northwest of the Golden Dambulla Rock Temple.

What may be called one of the wonders of the world is the tall, standing statue of the Buddha at Aukana, another architectural marvel of the ancient Sinhalese. The rock carved statue stands 39 feet above its decorated lotus plinth and 10 feet across the shoulders, belongs to the period of King Dhatusena (459-477 AD), the builder of the great reservoir Kalawewa. It has been very well preserved over the years and is a joy for anyone to see and appreciate. It is a unique creation by an unknown sculptor.

Next, visit the ancient City of Sigiriya.

The ruins of the capital built by the parricidal King Kassapa I (477–95) lie on the steep slopes and at the summit of a granite peak standing some 180m high (the 'Lion's Rock', which dominates the jungle from all sides). A series of galleries and staircases emerging from the mouth of a gigantic lion constructed of bricks and plaster provides access to the site.

Overnight: Eco Resort Thilanka

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 04: POLONNARUWA / MEDIRIGIRIYA



After breakfast visit the ancient city of Polonnaruwa. Polonnaruwa was first declared the capital city by King Vijayabahu I, who defeated Chola invaders in 1070 to reunite the country once more under a local leader. The Ancient City of Polonnaruwa has been declared a World Heritage Site. Currently the new Polonnaruwa is under going a major development project known as the "Awakening of Polonnaruwa" under the concept of President Maithripala Sirisena. It envisions the development of all sectors in Polonnaruwa including roads; electricity, agriculture, education, health and environment will be developed comprehensively.

In the late afternoon visit Medirigiriya Vatadage, which is on a high circular stage surrounded by stone pillars about three and a half feet in height. Medirigiriya Watadage is one of the oldest ruins in South Asia. The Medirigiriya Watadage (circular relic house) along with the two watadages at Polonnaruwa and Thiriyaya in the Trincomalee district are examples of the architecture that is unique to the ancient Sinhalese. The Polonnaruwa and Medirigiriya watadages are said to be identical in measurement and design but the setting of the latter adds to its mystic appeal.

Overnight: Eco Resort Thilanka

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 05: DAMBULLA / MATALE / NALANDA GEDIGE / KANDY



After breakfast leave for Kandy en-route visit Dambulla, Nalanda Gedige and Kandy.

Kandy is a large city in central Sri Lanka. It's set on a plateau surrounded by mountains, which are home to tea plantations and bio diverse rainforest. The city's heart is scenic Kandy Lake (Bogambara Lake), which is popular for strolling. Kandy is famed for sacred Buddhist sites, including the Temple of the Tooth (Sri Dalada Maligawa) shrine, celebrated with the grand Esala Perahera annual procession.

Dambulla cave temple dates back to the 2nd century BC. It was known even before the making of the complex, as one of the largest monasteries in Sri Lanka and the caves became a major religious center during that period.

Dambulla is a UNESCO declared World Heritage Site. You can visit Nalanda Gedige the Abu Simbel of Sri Lanka. Nalanda Gedige is one of a number of remarkable archaeological sites in Sri Lanka. Thereafter you can visit a spice garden & a batik factory in Matale. (Optional)

Overnight: Suisse Hotel Kandy

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 06: KANDY / PINNAWELA / KANDY



After breakfast leave for Pinnawela & visit the elephant Orphanage. Pinnawala is one of Sri Lanka's popular attractions. The orphanage was established to feed, nurse & house young elephants abandoned in the wild. In the evening, do a city tour of Kandy and visit a Gem Museum. Late in the evening view a Kandyan cultural performance and return to your hotel for your overnight stay.

Overnight: Suisse Hotel Kandy

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 07: KANDY / PERADENIYA / NUWARAELIYA



After breakfast visit the royal botanical gardens of Peradeniya. The garden is best known for its collection of orchids and a large variety of plant species. Leave for Nuwara Eliya in the evening. Nuwara Eliya is situated in the central highlands of Sri Lanka. Visit a tea plantation and taste some of the best teas in the world. Gregory Lake is one of attractions in the locality built by Governor William Gregory between 1872- 1877.

Overnight: Heavens Sevens Hotel Nuwara Eliya

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 08: NUWARAELIYA/ELLA/BUDURUWAGALA/KATARAGAMA/YALA



Get ready and leave for Tissamaharama. Take a brief stop at Ella to take in the amazing views and en route visit Buduruwagala the seven colossal figures carved out of a rock face at Buduruwagala, which is situated five kilometers south of Wellawaya.

The rock itself resembles a kneeling elephant with its head bowed and the end of its folded trunk in its mouth. In the evening take a wildlife safari in the Yala Park (by jeep).

Elephants are undoubtedly the best-known attraction at Yala, Seen in small & large herds. Herds of spotted deer are also seen all over the park.. Monkeys-the pinkish rhesus and the Grey-faced Langur monkey live and play on the treetops and the ground below.

Wild buffalo & wild boar would startle you with their presence & the sight of a leopard sunning itself or drinking water at a water hole could be a memorable experience.

(If Yala is closed during September-October period, the Bundala reserve can be visited).

Overnight: The Safari Hotel, Tissamaharama

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 09: WELIGAMA / GALLE / BEACH STAY



After Breakfast leave for Galle en-route stop at Weligama to watch Fisherman on stilts. Visit the Galle Dutch Fort, museum & Church. Built in 1663, the fort still retains the atmosphere and charm of Dutch days. Many Old Dutch buildings are still intact inside the Fort. The best way to see the Fort is to walk around until it is time to watch the sunset. The Dutch Museum, which is housed in a restored Dutch mansion of the time, contains paintings, prints, documents, furniture and ceramics from the Dutch colonial era. The Dutch Reformed Church, built by a Dutch Army officer in 1754 is a must see building.

Overnight: Coco Bay Sea escape room
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 10: BEACH FREE DAY



It is your free day. Relax by the beach or do your own thing.

Overnight: Coco Bay Sea escape room
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 11: BEACH/AIRPORT



After breakfast, your chauffeur will take you to the airport for your departure flight to your homeland.

SUMMER 206 EXCLUDING KANDY PERAHARA AUG 2016 - 1ST MAY 2016 TO 31ST OCTOBER 2016

| PER PERSON | COMFORT (USD) |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 2 Individuals | 1320 per person |
| 4 Individuals | 1160 per person |

WINTER 2016/17 (EXCLUDING 20DEC TO 10JAN) - 1ST NOVEMBER 2016 TO 30TH APRIL 2017

| PER PERSON | COMFORT (USD) |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 2 INDIVIDUALS | 1460 per person |
| 4 Individuals | 1300 per person |

INCLUDES

Welcome at the airport by our Acme representative.

Accommodation in Double/Twin or Triple bed rooms in the hotels mentioned or similar.

Check-in - Checkout 12 noon

Tour on Half Board Basis (Nine nights on Breakfast & Dinner included)
Except in Colombo on Bed & Breakfast Basis First night only.

Air-conditioned private vehicle with English speaking chauffeur will be provided.
No vehicle will be provided on any free days if any as per program.

Fuel & Local assurance for the vehicle included.

The chauffeur will look after his meals & accommodation.

Jeep to visit reserve included

Entrance fees to be paid directly by clients.

Visits as per Program

EXCLUDES

All rates quoted are in US Dollars & net per person inclusive of all applicable taxes. (Around 30%)

If you are traveling alone please send us an email we shall advise you the details

All Entrance fees as per program to be paid directly by clients

(Entrance Fees are Subject to Change slightly without Prior Notice sometimes)

Colonial Sri Lanka Tour - Around USD 185 per person.

(Some places of visits will provide children under 12 year's half rate charges.)

For Reservations during Super Peak Period – 21 December 2016 to 15 January 2017 period please contact us for further details as Peak supplements apply at hotels during this period & this will change according to the category of hotels and actual days of stay at each hotel.

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

Single room supplement, the personal spending (tips, laundry, mini bar, telephone, fax etc.)

Beverages, the rights to use cameras or video at sites where most places they are free when you pay the entrance fees except at Kandy Tooth Temple & Pinnawela Elephant orphanage there are extra charges for Video around USD 05 per person, medical expenses, insurance, international flights.

Sri Lanka Visa charges USD 35 per person for NON SAARC countries & USD 20 for SAARC countries, can be obtained directly via the Internet.

Please visit this site. <http://www.eta.gov.lk/>

The process is not complicated if you have any difficulty we could make arrangements for same too in 48hrs to obtain same if details are provided to us by mail.

The process is very simple payments can be paid online & with the confirmation document print out & code you have to submit passport on arrival only.

The passport has to be valid for six months from the day of arrival return air tickets & sufficient funds or reservations for the holiday should be with you.

All have to obtain a visit visa except for Singapore & Maldivian passport holders.

CANCELLATION

TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY:

You may cancel your booking at any time prior to commencement of the tour by notifying us in writing, which must be acknowledged by our company.

If you cancel on or before 30 days before the first day of the tour, we will retain your small deposit to cover our costs.

In addition, if the cancellation notification is received less than 30 days prior to the first day of the tour, additional cancellation charges shall be as follows:

AMOUNT OF CANCELATION CHARGES: -

29-15 Days before the first day of the tour - 50%

Less than 14 Days before the first day of the tour 75%

Less than 7 Days before the first day of the tour 100%

No-show or early departure 100%

Thank you for choosing Leisure World Tours for your holiday in Sri Lanka.
Our partner ACME Travels will take care of your holiday needs
Chauffeur details and contact details in Colombo will be given to you once you have confirmed your tour with us.

For any clarifications in the meantime please contact: reg@leisureworldtours.net