

Serendib Tour Sri Lanka Ten Days

From

USD 630 per person

CODE: ACME 201115

Overview:

Delve into the rich history of tropical Sri Lanka. Check out the fascinating culture and splendid scenery. Optional elephant rides through forestland. Travel uphill to the salubrious Hill Country where you will pass through lush green tea plantations and amazing scenery. Check out the production process of the world's best high grown tea. Enjoy a relaxing beach stay to end it all.

DAY 01: AIRPORT / NEGOMBO

Welcome & assist at the Airport Oon arrival. Then transfer to a hotel in Negombo. En route enjoy a city tour and a visit to the fishing village. Negombo is largely Roman Catholic by faith, with huge imposing churches down almost every street. The sea & the catamarans are the backdrop to the Negombo scenery. Arrival at the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your own pace.

You would stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 02: NEGOMBO / YAPAHUWA / ANURADAPURA

After breakfast leave for Anuradhapura en route visit the ancient kingdom of Yapahuwa. Yapahuwa. **Yapahuwa** was one of the ephemeral capitals of medieval Sri Lanka. The citadel of Yapahuwa lying midway between Kurunegala and Anuradhapura was built around a huge granite rock rising abruptly almost a hundred meters above the surrounding lowlands.



There are many interesting ruins scattered in every direction but the most important local ruin of all is the splendid though Short-lived rock fortress of Yapahuwa, which some consider to be superior to Sigiriya. The climb to the top of the rock is easy and the view is excellent. Yapahuwa was the seat of govt. in the 13th century.

Visit Anuradhapura in the evening. **Anuradhapura**, a Ceylonese political and religious capital that flourished for 1,300 years, was abandoned after an invasion in 993. Hidden away in dense jungle. This sacred city has a historically documented Bo tree that is over 2200 years old.



The sacred city of Anuradhapura, now in picturesque ruins, was once a major center of Sri Lankan civilization. The fascinating ancient ruins include huge bell-shaped stupas built of small sun-dried bricks, temples, sculptures, palaces, and ancient drinking-water reservoirs.

Return to the hotel in Anuradhapura for the overnight stay.

DAY 03: SIGIRIYA / POLONNARUWA

After breakfast leave for Polonnaruwa and en-route visit Sigiriya. The history of Sigiriya dates back to over 5000 thousand years, to the Mesolithic period. It is one of Sri Lankas major attractions and a world heritage Site, Sigiriya (Lion Rock) was well recognized during the 5th century AD.



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.

In the evening visit Polonnaruwa the second ancient capital city for three centuries it is one of the most interesting places in Sri Lanka with many well-preserved ruins of palaces and monasteries.



Return to the hotel for the overnight stay.

Day 04: DAMBULLA / MATALE / NALANDA / KANDY

Proceed to Kandy Enroute visit the Dambulla Cave Temple, spice garden, batik factory, the ancient ruins of Nalanda Gedige and reach Kandy for your stop over.

Dambulla cave temple also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla is a World Heritage Site in Sri Lanka, situated in the central part of the country. It is home to the Worlds most acclaimed Cave complex of magnificent Buddha Images and Rock Paintings of vivid colours and shapes constructed and painted from around 2nd Century BC (Anuradhapura era) and continued up to the Kandyan era of the 18th Century. Sinhalese people call it as ' Dambulu Gala' (Dambulla Rock) and the Temple is called as the ' Rangiri Dambulu Viharaya' (Golden Rock Dambulla Temple).



Nalanda Gedige is an ancient complete stone building near Matale, Sri Lanka. This building was an ancient Hindu Temple constructed in between 8th to 10th century with Dravidian architecture and then believe to have been used by Buddhists.

Kandy was an important independent monarchy in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) at the end of the 15th century and the last Sinhalese kingdom to be subjugated by a colonial power. Kandy survived the attacks of Ceylon's first two colonial rulers—the Portuguese and the Dutch—and finally succumbed to the third and last colonial ruler, the British, in 1818.

It is a beautiful scenic city lying besides a beautiful lakeside setting. The sacred tooth relic of the Buddha is housed in the famous Palace called the " Dalada Maligawa"



Stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 05: KANDY / PINNAWALA / KANDY

After breakfast leave for Pinnewala & visit the elephant Orphanage. The orphanage was established to feed, nurse & house young elephants abandoned in the wild. In the evening do a city tour of Kandy. Visit the Kandy Museum and late in the evening view a Kandyan cultural performance.



Return to the hotel for the overnight stay.

DAY 06: KANDY / PERADENIYA / NUWARAELIYA

After breakfast visit the royal botanical gardens of Peradeniya, which is well, known for its large variety of plants. 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 the best teas in the world. Gregory Lake is one of attractions in the locality built by Governor William Gregory between 1872- 1877.



Later on arrive at the hotel for the overnight stay.

DAY 07: NUWARAELIYA/ELLA/ BOUDURUWAGALA/YALA

After breakfast, travel down south to Tissamaharama. Stop at Ella and admire the magnificent views of the surrounding hills. Then visit Buduruwagala and finish your journey in Yala.

Tissamaharama is a town in the Hambantota District of the Southern Province, of Sri Lanka. It used to be the capital of the Sinhalese Kingdom of Ruhuna as early as the 3rd century B.C. Only a few buildings from that period can still be seen today.



Buduruwagala is an ancient Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka. The complex consists of seven statues and belongs to the Mahayana school of thought. The statues date back to the 10th century.



Stay overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 08: KATARAGAMA / WELIGAMA / GALLE / BEACH SOUTH

Enjoy a morning excursion to Kataragama which is a fast developing township in the deep south of Sri Lanka but in ancient days it was only a small village.



Kataragama is a pilgrimage town sacred to Buddhist, Hindu and indigenous Vedda people of Sri Lanka. People from South India also go there to worship.

After breakfast leave for Galle and en route stop briefly to view the **stilt fisherman** at Weligama. Then visit the Old Portuguese fort, of Galle.



Galle is a major city in Sri Lanka, situated on the southwestern tip, 119 km from Colombo. Galle is the administrative capital of Southern Province, Sri Lanka.

Galle Fort, in the Bay of Galle on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka, was built first in 1588 by the Portuguese, and then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century from 1649 onwards.

DAY 09: BEACH SOUTH OF SRI LANKA FREE DAY

Relax at the beach hotel on Half Board Basis (Dinner & Breakfast included).

Stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 10: BEACH / AIRPORT

Enjoy a early breakfast and get ready for the transfer to the airport.

Check out 12:00 Noon

SERVICE INCLUDES

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

Welcome at the airport by our Acme representative.

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

Check-in - Check out 12 Noon

Bed & Breakfast Basis (Room Breakfast for Six nights) & Three nights on Half Board Basis (Dinner & Breakfast) near the reserve one night & two nights at the beach.

Air-conditioned Private vehicle with English speaking chauffeur will be provided (Private Tour).

No vehicle will be provided on any free days if any as per program.

Fuel & local assurance for vehicle included

No vehicle on free day at the beach hotel last transfer included.

The chauffeur will look after his meals & accommodation by himself.

Basic Jeep to visit reserve included -(Entrance fees for the reserve to be paid directly by clients).

The excursions and sightseeing mentioned in Program (Without All Entrance Fees paid directly by clients).

EXCLUDES

All entrance fees as per program to be paid directly in Sri Lanka Rupees and it will cost around USD185 per person

Please change foreign currency in to SLRS at the airport after customs there are many 24hrs bank counters at the airport as all these payments have to be made only in SLRS No credit card payments are accepted in these places.

Subject to change slightly sometimes details are provided with rates as applicable at the moment)
(Children under 12 years will be half rate in most places) -

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 05per 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 CANCELLATION 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%

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

Per person	ECONOMY (USD)	COMFORT (USD)	LUXURY (USD)
2 INDIVIDUALS	775	995	1480
4 individuals	630	820	1330

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

PER PERSON	ECONOMY (USD)	COMFORT (USD)	LUXURY (USD)
2 INDIVIDUALS	860	1105	1745
4 INDIVIDUALS	710	960	1595

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