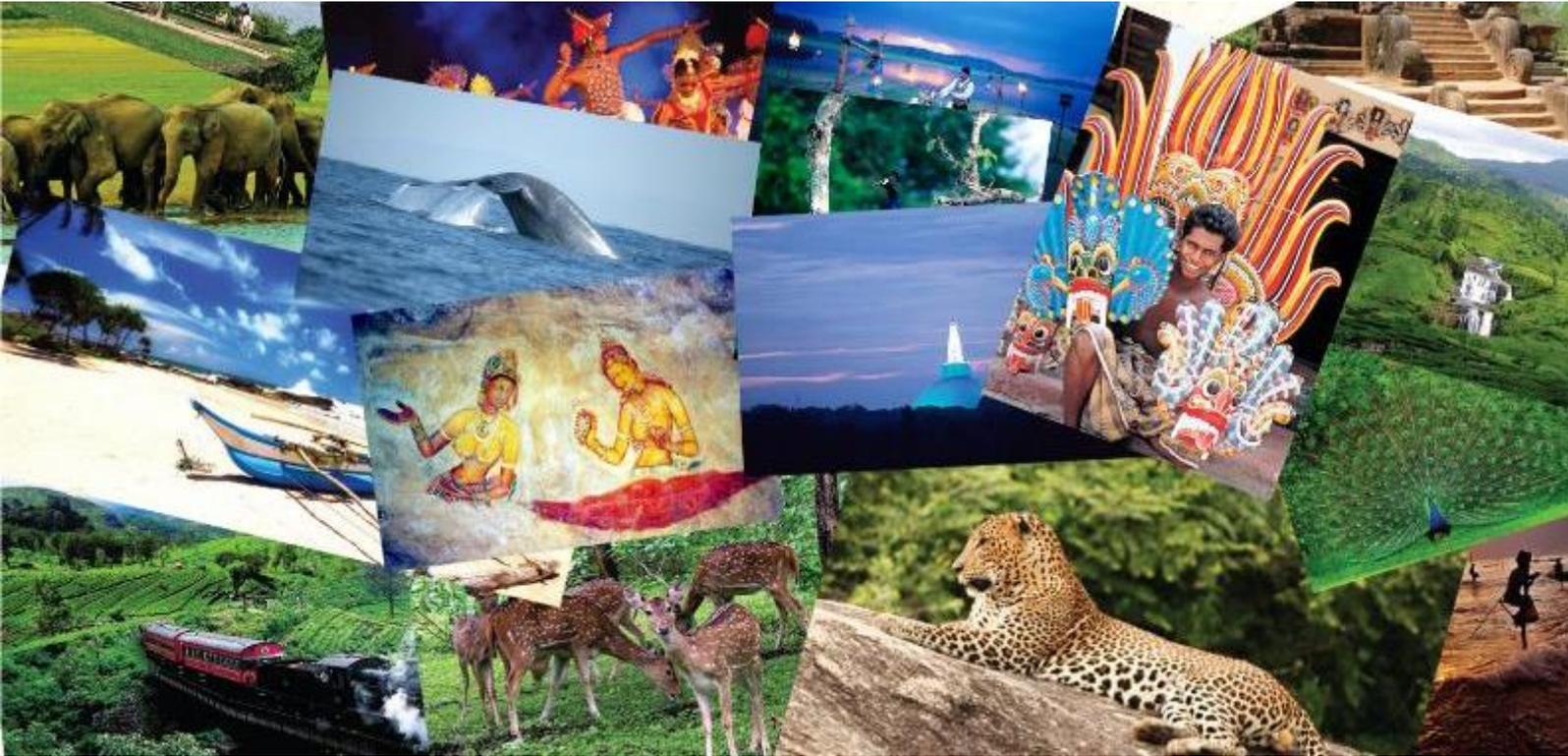


## **YOUR SRI LANKAN EXPERIENCE**

A journey that is overflowing with the best of what the island has to offer!



### **6 Day Sri Lanka Scenic and Wildlife Tour**

## THE ISLE OF SERENDIPITY

This extraordinary island set in the Indian Ocean, off the south-eastern tip of India, has thousands of years of diverse culture. Still a predominantly Buddhist country, it also has strong Hindu, Christian and Muslim communities as well. Incredibly fertile and a great producer of exotic fruits and it was for centuries the spice producer of the world famous and incredibly picturesque hill country. With a strong cultural past that now offers over 7 UN World Heritage sites, Sri Lanka was once one of the richest countries in Asia. In recent times it has not developed at the dramatic pace of its neighbours' in the region adding to its charm and character. The relative lack of development and gentle island pace make Sri Lanka the perfect destination for those looking for a varied and stimulating holiday. From beautiful beaches, unbelievable flora and fauna (much endemic), amazing architecture as well as a vast amount of historical & religious sites, white water rafting, cycling and many other adventures for the more active and finally the friendliest of people who carry infectious smiles with them every day!

Whatever you are looking for in Sri Lanka, it is an island of immense beauty, small enough to explore widely in 10 to 15 days yet large enough to offer infinite variety.

### THE FACTS

- ✓ Population 21 million
- ✓ 3 main languages - Sinhala, Tamil and English.
- ✓ Buddhist majority (70%), with Hindu, Christian and Muslim minorities.
- ✓ Gained independence from Britain in 1948
- ✓ Democratic Socialist Republic since 1978
- ✓ The top exports are: Tea, Textiles, Gems & Foreign Remittances

### THE TRIVIA

- ✓ Has the highest concentration of Leopard in the world
- ✓ 7 of the world's UN World Heritage Sites
- ✓ Is one of the world's 25 Biodiversity Hot Spots
- ✓ World's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest tea producer
- ✓ The Sinhalese name, Sri Lanka, means, "The Resplendent Land" or "Holy Ceylon."
- ✓ Is famous for its Ceylonese Sapphire
- ✓ Has 1,340km of tropical coastline

### OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO DO:

1. Enjoy a refreshingly hydrating king coconut known as 'Thambili' in Sri Lanka.
2. Keep your camera's on hand to snap amazing pictures of all the beautiful scenery across the island.
3. By the beach, dig your toes into the sand or in the hills, sip on our famous Ceylon tea.

### OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO EAT:

1. Eat the freshest chilli crab with your feet in the sand under the stars by the Indian Ocean
2. An egg hopper for breakfast with seeni sambol! Watch out of the 'kata sambol' - it's a definite challenge (spicy wise)
3. Buffalo Curd & Treacle - start and you won't be able to stop!
4. Cashew nut curry – so rich and creamy you will never forget it

### OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO BUY:

1. Hand woven Sarongs from Barefoot - they have the most incredible selection in the brightest of colours and are reasonably priced. Great gifts if you can bare to give them away.
2. A bottle of local brew called ARRACK ...a daring drink for the adventurous.
3. Cashew nuts from Kadjugama
4. Plenty of the best Ceylon tea to continually remind you of this amazing island and to give to those who missed the opportunity to visit Sri Lanka.



## 6 DAY SCENIC AND WILDLIFE TOUR

### WELCOME TO SRI LANKA!

Ayubowan! Once your Diethelm Travel Sri Lanka Representative meets you personally on arrival at the airport and introduce you

Visit, feel and discover. Feel the vivacity of this island nation, bask in this emerald isle's intoxicating beauty and enjoy an extraordinary travel experience. Explore Sri Lanka's golden beaches, the glorious history, the rich wilderness and the bustling cosmopolitans and be amazed!

### AIRPORT – KANDY

(-/-/-)

Day 01

Your chauffeur guide will meet and greet you on arrival, afterwards commence your journey through this amazing island and travel to Kandy.

Arrive into the last stronghold of Sinhala Kings & UN World Heritage Site – the Hill Country capital of Kandy and enjoy a personalized city tour of Kandy.

Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan Kings, and is a World Heritage Site. The name Kandy conjures visions of splendour and magnificence. Many of the legends, traditions and folklore are still lovingly kept alive. Drive around the Kandy Lake built by the last Sinhala king Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1798.

Wander around the lake and the streets of Kandy getting a feel for this wonderful city and explore the local markets.

In the evening explore the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic and experience at Pooja Ceremony. Afterwards enjoy a colourful performance of traditional Kandyan dancing and drumming

#### Overnight stay at Topaz Hotel Kandy 4\*

Meals included: Breakfast

### KANDY- NUWARA ELIYA

(B/-/-)

Day 02

For garden lovers, visit the beautiful Royal Botanical Gardens and see its Treasures of tropical flora!

Rug up to cooler climbs – 6500ft and enjoy a scenic drive to the Hill Country. Stop at a Tea Factory to see how the famous Ceylon Tea is made and learn the art of becoming a discerning tea taster.

Nuwara Eliya, because of its invigorating mountain climate and scenery, is Sri Lanka's most popular hill resort. Nuwara Eliya is also the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country producing a significant share of the world's best tea. Sri Lanka's highest mountain Pidurutalagala (8282 feet) is located here. Nuwara-Eliya also has one of the finest 18 hole golf courses in South Asia.

After the drive, walk around Nuwara Eliya, also called "Little England".

#### Overnight stay at Black Pool Hotel Nuwara Eliya. 4\*

Meals included: Breakfast

**NUWARA ELIYA – HORTON PLAINS**

**(B/-/-)**

Day 03

Early morning stretch your legs for a walk in Horton Plains National Park. For those wanting the exercise we recommend walking to World's End.

The Horton Plains form an undulating plateau over 2000 meters high, which consists mainly of grasslands interspersed with patches of forest, with some unusual high-altitude vegetation. The plains are more often than not, visible only before 10.00am due to the heavy mist, which engulfs the area.

The most unique feature of the Horton Plains is the "World's End". This is a sheer 1,000 feet vertical escarpment which visitors throng to see. The Horton Plains was once the hunting ground for Mr. Farr, a former British Governor which is today home to rare species of fauna and flora.

Train journeys in Sri Lanka are an absolute must. Take the most magical train journey through Sri Lanka's tea country. A fabulous way to see Sri Lanka's hill villages, tea country and see the daily lives of the local people. Your driver will take your luggage and meet you at the station. It's hassle free!

(Confirmation of the ticket will be provided 14 days prior to the date of train journey also there are chances for the train to get delayed because it is a one way track in those areas, and due to uncertain weather conditions etc, train journeys can generally be postponed or even cancelled.)

Enjoy traditional High Tea at the hotel

**Overnight stay at Black Pool Hotel Nuwara Eliya 4\***

Meals included: Breakfast

**NUWARA ELIYA – UDAWALAWE**

**(B/-/-)**

Day 04

In the morning drive to Udawalawe, home of the National Park well known for its elephants. Scenic drive through the hill country and stop off at the spectacular waterfall Rawana Ella which according to the great epic 'Ramayana' the mythical King Ravana of Lanka kidnapped Princess Sitha of India and kept her hidden somewhere close to this waterfall. It really is a site to see.

Your first stop will be the Elephant Transit Home at Udawalawe rescues orphan elephants and returns them to the wild when they are ready. Born Free helps make sure the orphans receive the milk, care and medical attention they need. With the help of our sponsors elephant.co.uk and Land Rover we have provided the site with life-saving facilities and equipment such as a hospital and intensive care centre, an elephant ambulance and a kitchen. Born Free also funds post-release studies run by the University of Colombo, monitoring the orphans with the help of radio collars once they have been returned to the wild.

Afterwards venture out on a jeep safari at Udawalawe National Park, great place to see wild elephants.

**Overnight stay at Grand Udawalawe 4\***

Meals included: Breakfast

### UDAWALAWE – YALA

(B/-/-)

Day 05 Gear up to visit the Yala National Park today.

Yala National Park was declared as a Game Park in 1938 and is 965 sq. kilometres in extent. According to the Leopard Research, Yala Block 1 probably has one of the highest densities of Leopards in the world. Yala therefore offers one of the best chances in Asia to see Leopards. You may also see Elephant, Sloth Bear, Sambhur, Spotted Deer, Wild Boar, Stripe-necked, Brown & Ruddy Mongooses, Black-naped Hare & several civet species. In the water holes you may see Muger Crocodile, Painted Stork, Lesser Whistling Teal, Black-headed Ibis, Eurasian Spoonbill, Great, Median & Little Egrets & the rare Black-necked Stork

It's Safari time! Leopard, elephant, crocodiles, bears, deer, amazing birds....they are all here.

#### Overnight stay at Jetwing Yala 5\*

Meals included: Breakfast

### YALA – GALLE - AIRPORT

(B/-/-)

Day 06 Schedule a visit to Galle, a thriving city. The fortified old town is enjoying an artistic renaissance and the beautiful beaches around it are dotted with luxurious villas and classy boutique hotels. The revival of Galle, in fact, has quietly influenced its coastline, which has regained its confidence and which has become a favoured retreat for intelligent, independent travellers.

Wander on the ramparts and through the streets of the UN World Heritage Site – Galle Fort. Considered one of the best examples of a living fortified city built by Europeans in South and South East Asia.

There is so much to discover and it is best to do it on foot.

Afterwards you will be dropped off at your beach extension or at the airport in time for your return flight.

Meals included: Breakfast

**"WE WISH YOU AN ENJOYABLE JOURNEY"**



Temple of the Tooth Relic



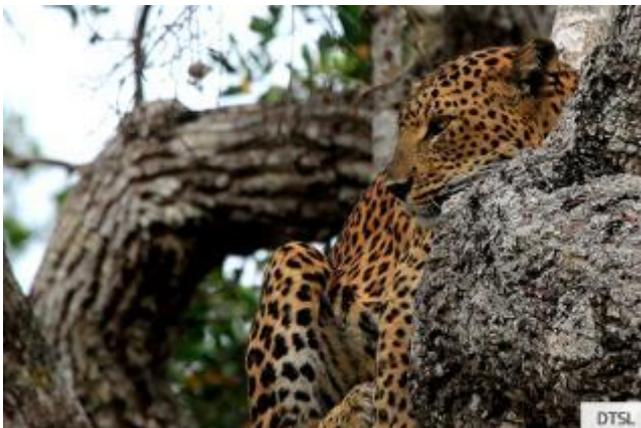
Nuwara Eliya



Horton Plains



Udawalawe National Park



Yala National Park



Galle

**TOUR PRICE - 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

PAX	1 Guest	2 Guests	3-4 Guests	5-6 Guests	Single room supplement	Triple room reduction
<b>PER PERSON SHARING DBL/TWIN ON BB BASIS</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>30</b>

**OUR TOUR PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF**

- Accommodation in shared DBL room with private bathroom
- Meals are as stated in the programme B= breakfast,
- Transfers and tours with local English-speaking driver guide in private air-conditioned vehicles

**NOT INCLUDED ARE**

- **All entrance fees and boat fees as mentioned in the programme**
- Domestic airfare (quoted separately, if requested)
- Peak period supplements
- International airfare to / from Sri Lanka (quoted separately, if requested)
- Optional tours
- Surcharges for other language guides
- Surcharges for Christmas & New Year Eve
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenditure, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, camera fees, communications, postage, gratuities etc.
- Meals and services other than mentioned in the programme
- Drinks with meals
- Compulsory gala dinners during festive seasons and peak season surcharges which will be advised at the time of booking
- Electronic Travel Authorisation fee for Visas upon arrival (Please note that an ETA is compulsory for nationalities besides nationals from the Republics of Singapore and Maldives)
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels, if not mentioned in the programme

**PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD**

- If the payments are made by credit card, the following charges will be added to your invoice value
- Payment facilitation fee locally - 2%
- On-line payment facilitation fee - 3.15%

**CANCELLATIONS**

- Before 21 days no cancellation.
- Between 21 – 14 days 50% cancellation of the total invoice value.
- Between 14 – 07 days 75% cancellation of the total invoice value.
- Less than 7 days 100% cancellation of the total invoice value.
- No shows & early departures 100% cancellation of the total invoice value
- Refunds will not be given for unused or cancelled services after the tour arrangements have commenced.

\*\*Certain Hotels impose stricter cancellation policies which will be advised separately.

## PLEASE NOTE

- For air ticket reservations, we require the guests' full names AS THEY APPEAR IN THEIR PASSPORTS. Airfares and reservations are always subject to change until paid in full and ticketed.
- Airfares are subject to increase without prior notice.
- Please be advised that prices will be adjusted periodically in case of fuel price increase by our suppliers.
- This is a quotation only and neither reservations for services nor hotel bookings have been made.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Most Museums are closed on Sundays, Mondays and public holidays. Colombo National Museum is open all 7days a week except on public holidays.
- Certain parts of the tours on offer are provided by independent third parties, such as airlines, hotels, transport operators and local tourist offices. Diethelm Travel is therefore not responsible for any loss, injury or damage caused thereby to the tourists, including those occurring outside of the normal touring programmers. Additional expenses incurred due to delay, accident, natural disaster, political actions and unrest shall be borne by the tourists.
- We advise that due to frequent flight changes, delays and cancellations by the various domestic airlines and trains we cannot fully guarantee that the proposed itinerary can be carried out as planned. Based on our experience, changes of departure times and/ or cancellations can occur at very short notice even after confirmation of a flight has been received. The same applies for train travel: Schedule changes occur frequently; often without prior notification. In case of schedule changes or flight cancellations we always try everything possible to arrange an alternate programme within the framework of the original quoted costs. However, we reserve the right to charge any cost exceeding the original budget to the tour operator/ travel agent or to the participant of a tour after consultation with the agent.
- The visits to wild life parks will be at your own risk. The available jeeps are basic with basic insurance cover (not comprehensive as in the case of the vehicle which is used on the tour).

- In the event the road condition is unsuitable for the Tour vehicle to be used during a specific segment of the tour a basic alternate third party vehicle would be provided, no liability or insurance would cover such vehicles.
  - Poya holidays are observed on the day of each full moon in general, Hindu and Buddhist festivals are declared according to local astronomical observations and it is often only possible to forecast the approximate time of their occurrence. On such days of religious reverence selling alcohol in public is illegal. However at certain hotels the room bars remain accessible.
  - Programmes, prices, services and conditions are based on those valid at the time of proposal submission and are subject to change thereafter without advance notice until all services have been paid in full.
  - We strongly advise to leave valuable items (money, passport, credit cards, jewellery, sensitive documents, laptop computer, etc.) in the hotel safe. During excursions and roundtrips, personal belongings, especially money and valuables should NEVER be left on vehicles, even during short breaks, and carried around at all times. Diethelm Travel Sri Lanka is not responsible for any loss or theft.
  - Due to ongoing rapid upgrades/developments of roadways and highways in Sri Lanka the times mentioned for transfers may take longer than estimated without prior notice.
  - **TRAVELLED WITH US?**
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  - Thank you in advance for your valuable thoughts and time. Your feedback will surely help us to continuously improve our products and services.