

# Wonders of Sri Lanka

## Detail Itinerary

**Day 01 - Destination: Colombo**  
**Drive: Approximately 1 Hour (31 km)**



On arrival in Sri Lanka you will be met and assisted by our Airport Representative, who will direct you to your very own Chauffer who will transfer you to Colombo, the commercial capital of the country.

Once you check in at your hotel relax and recover from any jet lag. If you have spare time your chauffer will introduce you to the sights and sounds of Colombo.

**Overnight Stay: Hotel in Colombo**

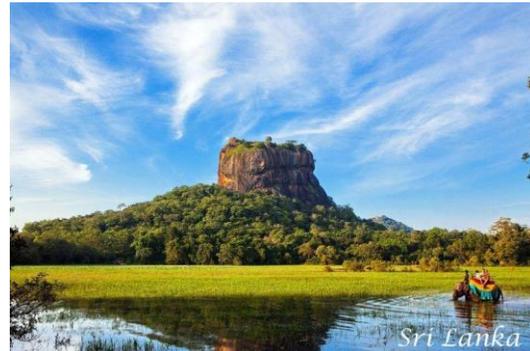
**Day 02 -Destination: Anuradhapura**  
**Drive: Approximately 5 Hours (206 km)**



After Breakfast leave for Anuradhapura and visit the sacred ancient city founded in the 04th century B.C a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1982. It has the largest number of

ancient monuments of the great Sinhala civilization which flourished in this region. You will see some of the most famous as well as the tallest dagobas of Sri Lanka, Ruwanweliseya Dagoba, 2nd century BC with its famous elephant walls and the 3rd century BC Thuparama Dagoba. Ruins of ancient royal palaces specially the pillars of the Brazen Palace, which once had nine storeys, temples, the image of the Samadhi Buddha one of the finest pieces of Buddhist sculpture, monasteries, the twin ponds, guard stones and the moonstone. The 'Sri Maha Bodhi' or the sacred Bo tree is over 2200 years old grown from a branch of the very tree under which "The Buddha" attained enlightenment – the oldest historically documented tree in the world.

**Day 03 - Destination: Sigiriya**  
**Drive: Approximately ½ an Hour (25 km)**



After breakfast leave for Sigiriya. Begin the morning by climbing the rock fortress of Sigiriya - a 5th Century "Fortress in the Sky". Built by King Kassapa the fortress was a Royal Citadel for more than 18 years. The lion rock (A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SIGHT) is a citadel of unusual beauty, rising 200 metres from the scrub jungle. The base of the rock is ringed by a moat and rampart and extensive gardens including the renowned water gardens. The majestic Lion's Paw picturesquely guards the stairway of the palace on the summit. See the famous frescoes of the "Heavenly maidens" of Sigiriya in a sheltered pocket of the rock and the 10 foot high Mirror Wall.

**Destination: Polonnaruwa**

**Drive: Approximately 1 ½ Hours (67 km)**

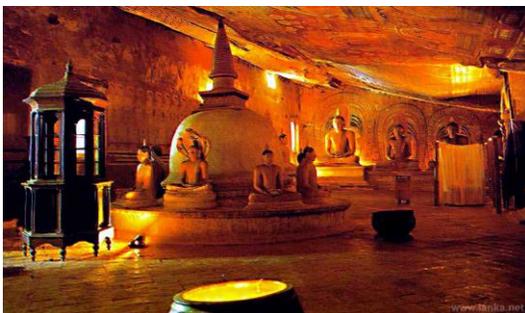


Then continue to one of the ruins of ancient Ceylon - the UNESCO World Heritage City of Polonnaruwa, which was the Capital of Sri Lanka from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> century. A well-planned medieval city defended by enclosing walls (around 5 km. which still remain), graced by palaces, shrines, monasteries, pavilions, parks, ponds and irrigation lakes. Polonnaruwa is strewn with ruins in a resplendent state of preservation.

The 'Gal Vihara' which consists of statues of the recumbent, standing and seated Buddha have been cut from a single granite wall and rank among the true masterpieces of Sri Lankan Art.

**Day 04 - Destination: Dambulla**

**Drive: Approximately ½ Hour (25km)**



After breakfast head for Dambulla and explore the famous Golden Rock cave temple which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

A sacred pilgrimage site for 22 centuries, this cave monastery, a vast isolated rock mass with its five caverns is the largest best preserved cave-temple complex in Sri Lanka.

The Buddhist mural paintings (covering an area of 2,100 sq. meters) are of particular importance as are the 157 statues including a 47 foot long statue of the recumbent Buddha.

**Destination: Kandy**

**Drive: Approximately 2 1/2 Hour (72 km)**

Afterward head on to the bustling hill capital of Kandy. En route you will visit a spice garden in Matale. You will check in at your hotel on arrival and once you are rested, continue on to your tour of Kandy!

Kandy, the bustling hill country capital is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is famous for the pink painted Temple of the Tooth which houses the most sacred religious relic, the tooth of the Buddha, the Kandy Lake built in 1807 which is an attractive centerpiece to the town and the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens.

In the Evening you will visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic. Thereafter enjoy the Kandyan Cultural show at the Kandyan Arts & Cultural Centre. The show features the graceful and rhythmic dancers and drummers culminating in an impressive fire walking display.

**Overnight Stay: Hotel in Kandy**

**Day – 05 Destination: Pinnawala  
Elephant Orphanage  
Drive: Approximately 1 ½ Hours (50km)**



After breakfast Visit the Elephant orphanage. This orphanage was set up by the government to take care of baby elephants lost or abandoned in the wild. Witness the feeding of the elephants. Thereafter observe them as they take their daily bath in the river nearby, which affords marvelous photo opportunities. Bath time is enjoyed by all elephants, young and old alike and it is a good time to closely observe their tightly knit family structure. Daily feeding times - 9.15 am, 1.15 pm, and 5.00 pm. bathing times – 10.00 am, 2.00 pm, and 4.00 pm.

**Destination: Ratnapura  
Drive: Approximately 4 Hours (115km)**

On completion commence a sightseeing tour of the city of Ratnapura. Ratnapura is the world's richest treasure house of gems. Rare sparkling precious and semi-precious stones are found in the rich soil that covers the entire district. It is a city set amidst a mix of paddy fields, rubber and tea plantations which give a scenic backdrop to this legendary city of a thousand gems.

**Day 06 - Destination: Sinharaja  
Drive: Approximately 1 ½ Hours (60 km)**



After breakfast leave for Sinharaja Nature Reserve for a daybird watching and trekking through the forest. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site It is the least disturbed and biologically unique lowland rain forest remaining in Sri Lanka. It is a treasure trove of endemic species including trees, insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Because of the dense vegetation wildlife is not as easily seen as at dry zone national parks. Bird watching is particularly interesting as it is home to 95% of the endemic birds of Sri Lanka.

**Destination: Galle Drive: Approximately 5 ½ hour (210km)**

On completion leave for Galle, the capital of the southern province and is a city with a colourful history. A UNESCO declared World Heritage Site the magnificent Dutch fort is the most popular attraction of the town. A 300 year old Dutch colonial atmosphere is still very much alive around the fort and amidst its many historical buildings not invaded by the skyscrapers. Founded in the 16th century by the Portuguese, Galle reached the height of its development in the 18th century, before the arrival of the British.

**Overnight Stay: Hotel in Galle**

**Day 07 - Destination: Mt. Lavinia**  
**Drive: Approximately 3 Hours (104km)**



*After breakfast head for Mt. Lavinia. Famed for its "Golden Mile" of beaches, Mt. Lavinia is a pleasant coastal town just a short distance from Colombo. On arrival check in at you hotel, and if you have spare time you chauffeur will show you the sights and sounds of Colombo city.*

**Overnight Stay: Hotel in Mt. Lavinia**

**Day 08 - Destination: Airport**  
**Drive: Approximately 1Hour (44 km)**

*Now that you are at the end of your journey with us, after breakfast your chauffeur will comfortably take you to the international airport in time for your departure flight.*