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## PRIVATE BUDGET TOUR 7 DAYS

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## Overview:

- 7 Days Private Sri Lanka Tour
- including 5 UNESCO Heritage Sites - hill country, wildlife safari, beaches
- For all Age Groups - For all Group Sizes
- Special Packages for Solo Travellers available
- Private Transportation with an experienced chauffeur guide
- Fully Customizable
- 24/7 Customer Hotline

Our Sri Lanka Guided Budget Tour offers the perfect opportunity to explore the jewel of the Indian Ocean on a budget. Sri Lanka has it all - endless white sandy beaches, UNESCO World Heritage sites, wildlife, religious iconography, and ancient cultures.

SAFE & SECURE! We provide you with a safe, but non-intrusive travel environment, implementing strict protection measures for all our staff, vehicles, and partner hotels. You will be traveling with your partner, friends, and/or family only, no sharing!



We are known for consistent high-quality service, the best tour arrangements, and unmatched safety standards. Sri Holidays is the first choice as a Sri Lanka Travel Partner who discreetly takes care of all your needs and well-being

- Over 20 years of professional experience
- 24/7 Customer Hotline
- Own fleet of new a/c limousines & mini-vans
- Best Rates Guarantee as contract partner for most hotels and service providers in Sri Lanka
- All health & safety certificates up to date

## Tour Itinerary:

### **DAY 01:**

#### **Colombo | Anuradhapura**

After you got picked up at the airport or your hotel, you will proceed to the ancient city of Anuradhapura while visiting coconut plantations and observing the famous toddy tappers at work.

After you've checked into your hotel you will start the city tour of the city dating back to the 3rd century B.C to the 10th century A.D. You will visit the Sri Maha Bodhi (the oldest tree in the world with a written history and it is a sapling from the original tree under which Buddha got enlightened), the Brazen Palace, the Ruwanveli Seya Dagoba (biggest dagoba in Sri Lanka), the Thuparama Dagoba (oldest dagoba), the Lankarama Dagoba, the Elephant Pond, the Abhayagiriya Monastery Complex, the world-famous Samadhi Buddha Statue and the Isurumuniya Temple (Stone carving of the Sri Lankan Romeo & Juliet).

### **DAY 02:**

#### **Polonnaruwa | Sigiriya**

Sightseeing of the former royal city of Polonnaruwa (10th-12th century A.D). You will visit the modern museum, the Parakrama Samudra (gigantic reservoir made by king Parakrama the Great), Statue of King Parakrama, the Library Shrine, Palace of King Parakrama, the Kumara Pokuna (pond used by the royal family with the water flowing system), the Shiva temple, the Thuparama shrine room with its glittering statues, the Alahana Monastery Complex, the Gal Vihare (a master piece of stone carving), the Lotus Pond and a traditional wood carving factory.

After your afternoon tea, you will proceed to Sigiriya. Sigiriya Rock Fortress, built 5th century A.D (claimed by some as the 8th wonder in the world), see the water garden, boulder garden, mural paintings, the mirror wall, the lion's paws, and the royal swimming pool on top.

### **DAY 03:**

#### **Dambulla | Matale | Kandy**

The complex of caves at Dambulla is one of the most impressive Buddhist Temples in the world. There are 153 Buddha images, as well as frescoes of both a religious and secular nature. There are also four main monasteries, and it was within this complex that the monks began the militant nationalist movement against the British in 1848.

The Aluvihare Cave Temple in Matale (this is where Buddhism was brought into book form in the 1st century B.C).

## **DAY 04:**

### **Kandy | Pinnawala | Dance & Cultural Heritage Show**

The Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage was established by the Sri Lankan Department of Wildlife Conservation in 1975 for feeding and providing care and sanctuary to orphaned baby elephants that were found in the wild.

Sri Dalada Maligawa or the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a Buddhist temple in the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka. It is located in the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, which houses the relic of the tooth of the Buddha.

The Kandy Lake Club Cultural Dance Show is a stimulating Sri Lankan Arts, Dance & Cultural Heritage Show that is a must-see for any visitor who visits the historic city of Kandy. The Kandy Lake Club Dance started in 1982 with the view of having a cultural dance performance bringing together all Sri Lankan dance types to one platform. It is the first Cultural Dance Show of its kind to be established in Sri Lanka. It has since become an attraction for many people visiting the country and keen on a glimpse of its rich cultural heritage.

## **DAY 05:**

### **Kandy | Royal Botanic Gardens | Tea Factory | Nuwara Eliya | Ella**

Before leaving for the hill country a visit at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kandy. Established in 1816, these gardens are located about 6.5km before Kandy on the side of the Colombo-Kandy highway. Initially planted with Coffee and Cinnamon, now includes beautiful Sri Lankan and overseas species. No vehicle is allowed entry to this 147-acre garden. It is bounded on three sides by a loop of the Mahaweli River. The Avenue of Royal Palms, Bamboo-fringed riverside drive, Bat drive, Spice garden, Orchard house, Cactus house and a Glasshouse of anthuriums, begonias, African Violets, and other species and the giant Javan fig tree found on the great lawn attract locals as well as visitors from overseas. It covers an area of 1600 sqm. Keep your eyes open for an oxen-driven lawn mover.

At an elevation of 5,000 feet, stands the famed Labookellie Estate Tea Factory, renowned for producing some of Ceylon's finest teas, and the estate itself, established nearly 150 years ago, is perhaps the second oldest tea plantation in the Island. Visitors having taken time in observing the manufacturing process of tea, need only to stroll a short distance, to enter one of the most desired locations in the hill country that is the "DAMRO LABOOKELLIE TEA LOUNGE". It overlooks breathtaking views of tea gardens in all shades of green that carpet the slopes of surrounding hills & valleys and those observant could also spot within fields the gentle movement of tea pluckers, nimbly harvesting the tender two leaves & bud.

Nuwara Eliya or City of Light is the tea capital of Sri Lanka at an altitude of 1889 m and is the most visited hill station of the island. Nuwara Eliya was found by a group of British officers during the earlier part of the 19th century, who as the story goes, had gotten lost while elephant hunting. The British governor at the time, Sir Edward Barnes, was told about this little town and subsequently decided to take residence there, soon creating a health resort, which soon became internationally renowned. Nuwara Eliya is surrounded by a seemingly endless array of tea plantations populated by tea pickers who are almost exclusively Indian Tamils, who are distinct from the Ceylonese Tamils who live in the Northeast of the country.

Ella is a beautiful small village in Sri Lanka's hill country with little more than a handful of shops, hotels, and guesthouses, but it has an almost perfect climate and occupies a very scenic vantage point, with views on a fine day stretching right across the South Coast of Sri Lanka.

A traveler writes:

*"The view through the Ella gap was probably the best in the entire island. It was quite early and the isolated hills on the plain popped up like little islands in the mist." As if views weren't enough, Ella is surrounded by hills perfect for walks through tea plantations to temples and waterfalls.*

## **DAY 06:**

### **Ella | Yala**

Sri Lanka is one of the best places in Asia for seeing wildlife. The island's isolation from the mainland, the heavy rainfall of the two diagonally blowing monsoons, and the country's wide range of altitudes have given Sri Lanka a variation in climate and biodiversity normally found only across an entire continent. The top draw is the Sri Lankan leopard, a subspecies endemic to the country; in certain areas of the park, the average leopard density is as high as one cat to every square kilometer. During the fruiting of the palu trees in June and July, sloth bears are often observed. Other animals you might spot include sambar (a large deer), spotted deer, buffalo, wild pig, stripe necked and ruddy mongooses, langur monkey, toque monkey, golden jackal, and Indian palm civet. The combination of freshwater, marine, scrub, and woodland areas ensures a high diversity of birds. Indeed, the park hosts 220 different types, and serious twitchers have recorded 100 species in a single day.

## **DAY 07:**

### **Yala | Tangalle | Galle | transfer back to the airport or drop off**

Tangalle has many water sports activities such as surfing and diving however, we recommend kayaking through the Tangalle lagoon as a more fulfilling experience, allowing you to explore the exotic wildlife residing in the mangroves. Since kayaking

is pretty much a solo activity, you can get a relaxed, intimate experience with the lagoon. There are many little waterways running through the mangroves where you can take in the tropical beauty, and witness exotic birds and fish, as well as the occasional monitor lizard laying on the banks of the lagoon.

The port city of Galle is not only of historical interest but the business center of the South of Sri Lanka. This is the right place if you want to experience the Singhalese culture, away from the tourist hot-spots without losing out on your holiday itinerary. Galle was known as Gimhathiththa (although Ibn Batuta in the 14th century refers to it as Qali) before the arrival of the Portuguese in the 16th century when it was the main port on the island. Galle reached the height of its development in the 18th century, before the arrival of the British, who developed the harbor at Colombo.

Galle is the best example of a fortified city built by Europeans in south and southeast Asia, showing the interaction between European architectural styles and South Asian traditions. The Galle Fort is a world heritage site and the largest remaining fortress in Asia built by European invaders. Other prominent landmarks in Galle include the St. Mary's Cathedral founded by Jesuit priests.

Transfer back to the airport or drop off at your hotel on the West Coast. End of Tour.

### **Tour Includes:**

- Accommodation at selected Budget Hotels in double room (sharing)
- Mealplan: B&B
- Experienced, English-speaking driver/guide with required guiding permit.
- French, German, Russian, Italian, Japanese speaking guides can be booked for a small surcharge.
- Private transportation by a/c luxury limousine or Japanese Mini Van with driver/guide
- Full vehicle/passenger insurance by Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd.
- Driver Accommodation & Meals
- 24/7 Customer Hotline

### **Optional**

- Wi-Fi
- Free Baby Seat
- Free Wheelchair
- Free Baby Cot (below 3 years)

### **Tour Does Not Include:**

Client(s) Medical / Travel Insurance

Meals not mentioned above

Applicable Entrance Fees  
International/Domestic Flights  
Personal Expenses  
Tips/Porterage  
Excursions not mentioned in the Tour Itinerary

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