

## **Classic Tour**

### **DAY 1**

Arrive in Colombo. You will be transferred to Galle Face Regency or similar. You may choose to relax or take a brief city tour.

### **DAY 2**

From Colombo the modern business capitol of Sri Lanka, you will travel to Anuradhapura, founded 380 BC and the ancient capitol of Sri Lanka kingdom for 14 centuries. Rest & relax alter the 5 hour long drive. In the evening you will visit Mihintale. You will be staying at Palm Garden Village or similar.

### **DAY 3**

Anuradhapura was the residence and royal capital for 119 successive Sri Lankan kings till the year 1000 AD. No wonder it is home to many of the earliest and grandest monuments of Sri Lanka and a UNESCO World Heritage site. In the morning you will explore remains from palaces, temples, monasteries, ceremonial baths and the temple of the holy Bo-tree. Relax in the evening. You will be staying at Palm Garden Village or similar.

### **DAY 4**

From Anuradhapura you will travel to Habarana (Approx: 45 minutes away). You will visit Medirigiriya archeological site. One of the unique architectural buildings here is Vatadage: A Buddhist Stupa surrounded by three concentric circles of pillars. You will be staying at Cinnamon Lodge or similar.

### **DAY 5**

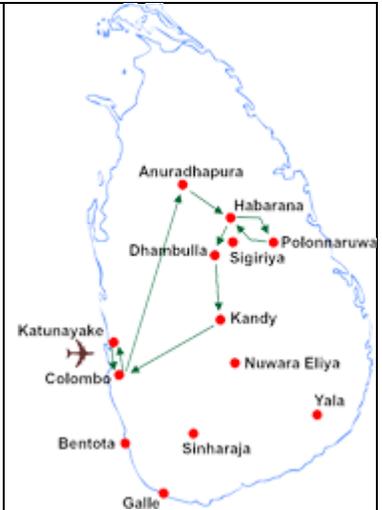
From Habarana you will travel to Polonnaruwa (approx: 1 hour away). You will explore Polonnaruwa, which became the capitol of Sri Lanka after Anuradhapura. We will return to Habarana in the evening. You will be staying at Cinnamon Lodge or similar.

### **DAY 6**

Half an hour away from Habarana are several must visit places. In the morning we will take you to the Ibbankatuwa pre-historic site. In the evening you will explore the cave temples of Dambulla, a World Heritage site. There are more than 80 documented caves in the area. Major attractions are spread over 5 caves that are under a vast overhanging rock. The caves contain numerous statues and paintings. You will be staying at Amaya Lake or similar.

### **DAYS 7**

Take a short drive from the hotel to Sigiriya – the Lion Rock, a World Heritage site. Climb Sigiriya rock in the morning to see the famous frescoes. There are also a lot of palace ruin including the remains of an extensive network of gardens, reservoirs, and other structures. On the way visit the Pidurangala temple as well. You will be staying at Amaya Lake or similar.



**DAY 8**

A two hour drive will take you to Kandy, the last kingdom of the Sri Lankan kings. The Temple which houses the Sacred Tooth Relic of The Buddha, is one of the most sacred for Buddhists. It is also an architectural marvel built by the Sri Lankan kings of Kandy and the reason for the city been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Botanical Gardens is situated in a slope of the Mahaweli river. They are considered to be one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in the world. You will be staying at Amaya Hills or similar.

**DAY 9**

Drive from Kandy back to Colombo. On the way visit the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. This 24 acres large Elephant Orphanage is also a breeding place for elephants and has the greatest herd of elephants in captivity in the world. You will be staying at Galle Face Regency or similar.

**DAY 10**

Spend the last day of the tour in Colombo before you are driven to the airport (approx: 1 hour drive) for your flight home.

