

Eco Tour

DAY 1

Arrive at Colombo. You will be transferred to the Cinnamon Lakeside hotel or similar.

DAY 2 - 3

Drive to Sigiriya (approx 4 hours). In the afternoon visit the Dambulla rock caves, 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. They rock is carved with a drip line to keep the interiors dry. The caves contain numerous statues and paintings. You will be staying at Vil Uyana or similar.

After breakfast climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Sigiriya – the Lion’s rock, a World Heritage site - is an ancient rock fortress. Palace ruins are surrounded by the remains of an extensive network of gardens, reservoirs, and other structures. Sigiriya is world renowned for its ancient paintings (frescos). You will be staying at Vil Uyana or similar.

DAY 4 - 5

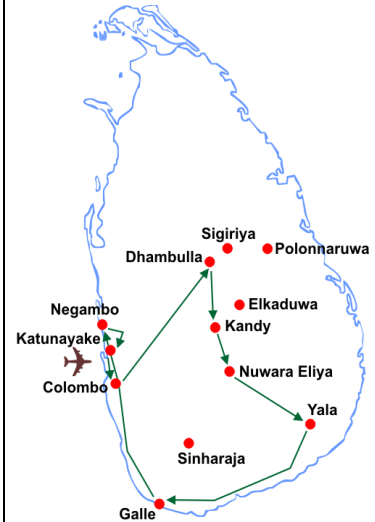
Drive to Kandy (approx 3 ½ hours). Afternoon visit the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens is situated in a slope of the Mahaweli river. They are considered to be one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in the world. You will be staying at Hunas Falls or similar hotel.

Visit the bustling downtown of Kandy and the Temple of the Tooth Relic. The Temple of the Tooth Relic or the Sri Dalada Maligawa, 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. You will be staying at Hunas Falls or similar hotel.

DAY 6 - 7

After breakfast leave for Nuwara Eliya. (approx 2 hrs). Nuwara Eliya is a mountain station at 1,868 m (6,128 ft) of altitude, in a splendid landscape. The city is particularly well-kept and neat, and is always covered with green grass. Nuwara Eliya was built entirely during the 19th century and its architecture mimics that of an English country town, with red-brick walls, country house like hill club and mock-Tudor half-timbering. It is blessed with salubrious climate, breathtaking views of valleys, meadows, mountains and greenery. Rest and relax or go for a walk along the tea plantations. You will be staying at St. Andrews or similar.

Visit the Horton Plains National Park. Horton Plains is characterized by a beautiful landscape of rolling hills, covered in upper montane forest and wet patana grassland and are the headwaters of three major Sri Lankan rivers. This plateau at an altitude of 7,500 ft is rich in biodiversity and many species found here are endemic to the region. You will be staying at St. Andrews or similar.



DAY 8 - 9

Drive to Sinharaja (approx 4 hours). Named as a World Heritage site in 1989, this lowland evergreen rain forest is steeped in deep legend and mystery. It is a treasure trove of endemic species, including trees, insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Experience a jungle trek in the Sinharaja Forest. You will be staying at Rainforest Lodge or similar.

DAY 10 - 11

Drive to Yala (approx 5 hours). Experience a jeep safari in the Yala National Park. Yala Park includes multifarious ecosystems ranging from Moist monsoon forests, to dry monsoon forests, semi deciduous forests, thorn forests, grasslands, fresh water and marine wet lands and sandy beaches with wide varieties of wild animals and plants. You will be staying at Yala Village or similar.

DAYS 12

Drive to Colombo (approx 6 hours). You will be staying at Cinnamon Lakeside or similar.

DAY 13

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

