

5D SRI LANKA FAMILY COMBO

Day 1 ARR SRI LANKA – SIGIRIYA –PINNAWALA ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE-DAMBULLA GOLDEN ROCK TEMPLE (LD)

✚ Overnight stay at **Deer Park Hotel, Sigiriya – 4***

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage App. 55 miles from Colombo, off the Colombo - Kandy road is Pinnawala, where an orphanage was started in 1975 to house the abandoned and the wounded elephants. The number of elephants has increased to more than 65 now; including Baby Elephants brought from various parts, as well as the 23 babies born, as a result of the captive breeding programme.



Dambulla Cave Temple The cave temple consists of a complex of Buddhist image houses. Its rock ceiling is one large sweep of colourful frescoes, some of which dates back to over 2,000 years, which depicts Buddhist mythology, and the tales of the Buddha's previous births. This cave temple has the largest number of Buddha statues all housed in one place, including a 14 meter long, colossal figure of the recumbent Buddha carved out of the rock.

Day 2 ENROUTE SPICE GARDEN – CITY TOUR OF KANDY(INCD TEMPLE OF TOOTH RELIC) – CULTURAL SHOW OF SRI LANKA (BLD)

✚ Overnight stay at **Hotel Topaz, Kandy – 3***

Spice Garden in Mawanella to see the different spices, which Sri Lanka is famous for. You will be introduced to different spices and shown how some of these spices are grown and processed

Kandy, including Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts & Crafts Centre, Gem Museum & Temple of Tooth Relic. Kandy the hill capital, venue of the annual Perahera The last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings was finally ceded to the British in 1815. Kandy is an example of the Buddhism's influence in Sri Lanka today.

Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic - ever since 4th Century A.D, when the Buddha's Tooth was brought to Sri Lanka hidden from sacrilegious hands in an Orissan princess' hair, the Relic has grown in repute and holiness in Sri Lanka and throughout the Buddhist world. It is considered Sri Lanka's most prized possession.

By the night experience a **colourful show** where you will be taken to mind blowing Sri Lankan culture extravaganza... Get ready for Heavy drumbeat and acrobatic act.

Day 3 CITY TOUR IN COLOMBO (INCD Gangarama Temple) (B/LUNCH AT SHERATON with Crabs /D)

✚ Overnight stay at **Pegasus Reef Hotel, Colombo – 4***

Colombo a drive through the city taking you to the busy commercial areas as well as the tree lined residential, Cinnamon Gardens, Visit Fort, the former British administrative centre and military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmiths quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area, where is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. Also visit the BMICH, see the replica of Avukana Buddha & the Independence Square.

Gangaramaya Temple Established during Sri Lanka's 19th century Buddhist revival it is not merely a temple but a centre for vocational training. Gangaramaya is currently one of Colombo's most important Buddhist temples. The Buddhist temple has a collection of elephant tusks, rare artefacts, and relics of Buddha acquired locally and from abroad.

Day 4 BALAPITIYA RIVER CRUISE – CONTINUING CITY TOUR IN CLM INCD SHOW (BLD)

✚ Overnight stay at **Pegasus Reef Hotel, Colombo – 4***

River Cruise, beautiful river called **Madu Ganga** in Balapitiya which offers a glimpse of how it has become a part of the life of the people in the area. Over the past generations Madu Ganga has played an important role in providing food and shelter and of course providing easy access to the main land via small wooden boats.



Odel is Sri Lanka's most famous shop, a growing department store in the centre of town. Western-label clothes are sold at a fraction of overseas prices. Other attractions include home wear stores like Paradise Road, Suriya and Gandhara. Saffron Villas is popular for antique furniture. Barefoot is famous for its hand spun and vibrantly-coloured fabrics. There are several good quality jewellers.

Day 5 DEPARTURE BACK

After breakfast transferred to the Airport for the flight back .

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