

## SRILANKA GRAND MASTI

8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS ( 2 NIGHTS DAMBULLA 1 NIGHT KANDY , 2 NIGHTS NUWARA ELIYA , 2 NIGHTS BENTOTA , 1 NIGHT COLOMBO



# Description

A diverse and multicultural country, **Sri Lanka** is home to many religions, ethnic groups, and languages. In addition to the majority Sinhalese, it is home to large groups of **Sri Lankan** and Indian Tamils, Moors, Burghers, Malays, Kaffirs and the aboriginal Vedda.

# Tour Highlights

#### KANDY

Kandy is a Sinhala majority city; there are sizable communities belonging to other ethnic groups, such as Moors and Tamils. The city remains an important religious centre of the Sinhalese and a place of pilgrimage for Buddhists, namely those belonging to the Theravada school.

#### BENTOTA:

Bentota is a coastal town in Sri Lanka, located in the Galle District of the Southern Province, governed by an Urban Council. It is approximately 65 kilometres (40 mi) south of Colombo and 56 kilometres (35 mi) north of Galle. Bentota is situated on the southern bank of the Bentota River mouth, at an elevation of 3 metres (9.8 ft) above the sea level. The name of the town is derived from a mythical story which claims a demon named 'Bem' ruled the tota or river bank

#### **COLOMBO**

The name "**Colombo**", first introduced by the Portuguese in 1505, is believed to be derived from the classical Sinhalese name Kolon thota, **meaning**"port on the river Kelani".

#### **NUWARA ELIYA**;

It is at an altitude of 1,868 m (6,128 ft) and is considered to be the most **important**location for tea production in Sri Lanka. The city is overlooked by Pidurutalagala, the tallest mountain in Sri Lanka. **Nuwara Eliya** is known for its temperate, cool climate — the coolest area in Sri Lanka.

#### **DAMBULLA:**

**Dambulla** is a large city, situated in the Matale District, Central Province of Sri Lanka, situated 148 km (92 mi) northeast of Colombo and 72 km (45 mi) north of Kandy. Due to its location at a major junction, it's the centre of vegetable distribution in the country.

# Attractions and Shopping Tips

**COLOMBO**: Galle Face Green, National Museum of Colombo, Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple, Viharamahadevi Park, Kelaniya Raja Maha Vihara, National Zoological Gardens of Sri Lanka, Beira Lake

**COLOMBO SHOPPING TIPS:** Gems, Batik, Tea, And Handicrafts. The Most Popular Items Among Tourists Are Handloom Fabrics, Leather Products, Reproduction Antiques, Jewelry And Ceramics. Ratnapura Is The Most Famous Place To Find Gems, Including Blue Sapphires, The King Of Sri Lankan Precious Stones.

**KANDY**: Temple of the Tooth, Kandy Lake, Udawatta Kele Sanctuary, Sigiriya, Royal Palace of Kandy, Dambulla cave temple

BENTOTA: Bentota Beach, Sea Turtle Protection Association, Lunuganga, Bentota River,

**BENTOTA SHOOPING TIPS:** Meetiyagoda is one of the best places to shop for moonstone jewellery, mementos and handicrafts, Batik textiles, mementos and gift items made using decorated and carved wood and brassware.

**NUWARA ELIYA**; Hakgala Botanical Garden, Devon Falls, St. Clairs Falls, Pidurutalagala, Galway's Land National Park, Horton Plains National Park, Lover's leap Waterfall

NUWARA ELIYASHOOPING TIPS: Sarees, Sarongs, textiles, Warm clothing, Wines & alcoholic beverage,

**DAMBULLA:** The Golden Temple, Golden Cave Temple, Heritance Kandalama Spa

## **Indian Restaurant**

COLOMBO INDIAN RESTAURANTS :Chutneys At Cinnamon Grand Colombo , The Mango Tree , The Sizzle , Shanmugas , Harbour Court, The Kingsbury , Indian Summer

KANDY INDIAN RESTAURANTSDevon Restaurant, Sharon Inn, Worldspice, Balaji Dosai.

**BENTOTA INDIAN RESTAURANTS** :Golden Grill , Amal Restaurant , Sun & Sea Restaurant , Trax Garden Restaurant , AwanhalaBeach Restaurant , Bentota Lake , Randholee

NUWARA ELIYA INDIAN RESTAURANTS: Indian Summer Nuwara Eliy Salmiyaa, Barnes Hall, Grand Indian

**DAMBULLA INDIAN RESTAURANTS** : Athula Restaurant , Sakura , Mango Mango Restaurant , Benthota Bake House , Gimanhala

# Itinerary

• ENTRY AND EXIT POINT OF TOUR;

• ENTRY : COLOMBO • EXIT : COLOMBO

#### DAY 1: ARRIVAL / DAMBULLA - 175KMS - 5.5HOUR

Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake met by r2i representative and transfer to hotel in Dambulla.

#### Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage

The centre opens at 8.30 and closes at 6pm daily. Bottle feeding is at 9.15am, 1.15pm & 5pm and bathing time at the river is at 10am and 2pm. **Pinnawela** (**Pinnawela**) **Elephant Orphanage** is very popular tourist attraction visited by Sri Lankan tourists as well as by the foreign tourists. Visiting **Pinnawela** grand opportunity to enjoy the spectacle up close a large herd of elephants interacting together. The highlight is the elephants at the bathing hours: at 10.00 am and 2.00 pm daily.

#### **Dambulla Cave Temple**

Dambulla, the geographical centre of the island, is a vast isoloated rock, which houses a rock temple inside 5 caves. Inside are beautiful fresoces dating back some 2,000 years as well as a statue of a recumbent Budhha statue carved out of rock measuring and impressive 14 metres.

Dinner & Overnight stay at the Hote in Dambulla.

#### DAY 2: DAMBULLA 02ND DAY

Breakfast at the Hotel in Dambulla.

#### Minneriya National Park

Located between Habarana and POLONNARUWA, the 8890 hectares of MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK is an ideal eco tourism location in Sri Lanka . The park consists of mixed evergreen forest and scrub areas and is home to Sri Lanka 's favourites such as sambar deer, leopards and elephants.

However the central feature of the park is the ancient Minneriya Tank (built in 3rdcentury AD by King Mahasena).

During the dry season (June to September), this tank is an incredible place to observe the elephants who come to bathe and graze on the grasses as well as the huge flocks of birds (cormorants and painted storks to name but a few) that come to fish in the shallow waters.

#### Sigiriya Rock Fortress

This outstanding sight was a royal citadel for more than 18 years for a 5th century king who wanted to create an impenetrable fortress. The famous heavenly maiden fresoces can be seen after ascending a spiral staircase on the journey to the top of the rock. The UNESCO – sponsored Central Cultural Fund has restored Sigiriya's Water Gardens to its former glory which can be viewed upon reaching the summit; the site of the ancient palace.

Dinner & Overnight stay at the Hote in Dambulla.

## DAY 3: DAMBULLA / KANDY - 101KMS - 2.5HOURS APPROX

Breakfast at the Hotel in Dambulla and leave for Kandy.

#### Matale spice garden

If variety is the spice of life, the variety of spices hand-reared and harvested at Matale Spice Garden must be Sri Lanka's

immortal soul. Here you'll find in abundance the great scents, tastes and medicines that made and make Sri Lanka famous. Stroll around the fragrant greenery and through the cardamom groves in the shade of huge tropical trees and give your sense of smell a new lease on life. Sniff, see and learn about nutmeg, pepper, cloves, curry, cinnamon and many others at Matale, and experience the great riches of Sri Lanka's cuisine and traditional Ayurveda therapy.

#### **Temple of Tooth Relic**

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 which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha

Enjoy a typical Sri Lankan dancing Show.

Dinner & Overnight stay at the Hote in Kandy

#### DAY 4: KANDY / NUWARAELIYA -77 KMS - 2HOURS APPROX

Breakfast at the Hotel in Kandy and leave for Nuwara Eliya

#### Royal Botanical Garden, Peradeniya

This was a pleasure garden of a Kandyan King of the 16th Century and later made in to a Botanical Garden during the British regime.

## Sri Baktha Hanuman Temple, Ramboda

The Ramboda area is believed to be an area where Rama's forces were gathered against Ravana. RamPadai means Rama's Force. The hills of Ramboda is also believed where Hanuman was searching for Sitadevi. The Chinmaya mission of Sri Lanka has built an Anjaneyar temple with Hanuman as the presiding deity. This temple is called Sri Baktha Hanuman temple and the image of lord Hanuman here is 16 Feet tall.

#### Ramboda Falls

Gliding swiftly down mountain slopes, thick forests and valleys of Tea Estates, small convergent brooks in the central highlands gives birth to some of Sri Lanka's most magnificent waterfalls, one of which is the "Ramboda Waterfalls" in Nuwara Eliya. Cascading down at an altitude of 3200ft. the Ramboda Falls brings pride and glory to this beautiful island making Sri Lanka a popular tourist destination for both the romantic escapee & nature lover

#### Pedro and Labookelle tea estates at Nuwara Eliya

Pedro and Labookelle tea estates afford the opportunities to get on-site knowledge on tea industry of Sri Lanka. Located 3 km east of **Nuwara Eliya**, beneath a flank of Mount Pedro is the Pedro Tea estate. The resident guide at the estate explains and elaborates on the process of growing and manufacturing Ceylon Tea. Labookelle Tea Estate located 20 km north of **Nuwara Eliya**, is set at an elevation of 2000 meters. The expansive estate is fully geared to host the visitors with a tour around property. The café is a fine place to enjoy a cup of Ceylon tea while having a slice of cake.

## Dinner & Overnight stay at the Hotel in Nuwara Eliya

## DAY 5: NUWARA ELIYA 02<sup>ND</sup> DAY

Enjoy your breakfast at the Hotel in Nuwara Eliya

#### Seetha Amman Temple, Seetha Eliya

A temple to Rama's wife which is thought to mark the spot where she was kept prisoner by King Ravana.

The stream that runs from the hill, catered to the needs of Seetha Devi during her stay at Ashok Vatika. She is said to have bathed in this stream. About a century ago of three idols was discovered in the stream, one of which was that of Seetha. It is believed that the idols have been worshipped at this spot for centuries. Now there is temple for Lord Rama, Seetha Devi, Luxshmana, and Hanuman by the side of this stream. It is interesting to note that foot prints akin to Lord Hanuman's

are found by this river and some are of small size and some are of large size, which tells us of the immense powers of hanuman transforming himself into any size.

## Nuwara Eliya city tour

Nuwara Eliya is a mountain station at 1,868 m (6,128 ft) of altitude, in a splendid landscape. The city pretends to be particularly well-kept and neat, and the always green grass gives to the locality an aspect of "colonial British style". Town was built entirely during the 19th century and its architecture mimics that of an English country town, with redbrick walls, country house like hill club and mock-Tudor half-timbering.

Blessed with salubrious climate, breathtaking views of valleys, meadows, mountains and greenery; it's hard to imagine that Nuwara Eliya is only 180 Km from the hot and humid Colombo. Temperatures are 14C-21C (Jan- April) 16C-18C (May-Aug) 15C- 18C (Sept-Dec).

#### Ambewela Farm

There are two farms at Ambewela and those are called New Zealand farm and Ambewela farms. New Zealand farm is at 1km from Ambewela and Ambewela farm is at before Ambewela. Rabbits, Cattles, Cows, Pigs, Goats and grass lands, vegetable farm, seed potatoes producing center and nice reservoir are available on Ambewela farm. No special permission needed to enter Ambewela Farms.

Dinner & Overnight stay at the Hotel in Nuwara Eliya

#### DAY 6: NUWARA ELIYA / BENTOTA - 249 KMS - 6.5 HOURS

Enjoy your breakfast at the Hotel in Nuwara Eliya and leave for Bentota

Leisure

Dinner & Overnight stay at the Hotel in Bentota

DAY 7: BENTOTA 02<sup>ND</sup> DAY

Enjoy your breakfast at the Hotel in Bentota

#### **Turtle Hatchery Kosgoda**

Here you will find lots of information about Sri Lanka's pioneering sea turtle conservation project - why Sri Lanka (and the village of Kosgoda in particular) is a prime turtle nesting site, why the conservation project is needed and how the project is operated by local people with the help of international volunteers

### Maadu River safari

A breezy boat ride on the River will not only take your breath away but will invigorate your senses and uplift your soul. The River is situated in the Galle District and it is a fitting example of the intricate river channels which decorate our country's south west coast. In the global context, the ecological importance of this site has garnered it the 'Ramsar Wetland' status in 2003 being the second largest wetland in Sri Lanka with a colossal 915 hectares with 23 islands inhabited by nearly 300 families. The River Sanctuary is now a Tourist Development Area and a Special Area Managed (SAM) by the Coast Conservation Department. Balapitiya is where the 'Madu Ganga' makes its home.

Galle enjoys a nice coast line. And it's a district that enjoys a great variance of scenarios, from beaches to marsh lands to dry planes to hills. To add to the natural beauty, Galle has a great history too. The history goes in to King Solomon's time. It is believed that Galle is the ancient seaport "Tarshish", from which king Solomon drew the ivory and other valuables. It's been the most prominent seaport before the western rule of the country. Persians, Arabs, Greeks, Romans, Malays and Indians were doing business through Galle port. The 'modern'history of Galle starts in 1505, when the first Portuguese ship was drawn by a storm and the captain Lourenzo de Almeida came near Galle. But he did not land. Later they occupied many Sri Lankan Coastal towns, and by 1597, built a small fortification in Galle.

#### Dinner & Overnight stay at the Hotel in Bentota

#### DAY 8: BENTOTA / COLOMBO - 65KMS - 2.5 HOURS

Breakfast at the Hotel in Bentota and leave for Colombo

#### Colombo

Colombo is the commercial and business center of Sri Lanka located on west cost. The city blends together with old colonial type building, high-rise commercial buildings and hotels. It is filled with shopping malls, airline offices bazaars and interesting tourist attractions. Some of the finest structures built during the colonial times still preserved in one part of the City. Colombo is home to majority of Sri Lankan corporate and Government offices. Hotels of Colombo city is located centrally which will make the visitors more convenient. Colombo city is full of popular tourist attractions such as National Museum, Galle Face Green, Beira Lake, Cargills & Millers building, Independence Square, Viharamahadevi Park, Colombo Fort, Pettah bazaar, Beach Waadiya, Churches, Mosques and Temples of Colombo City, Railway museum and Mount Lavinia beach

#### **Colombo Shopping**

There are wide varieties of shopping complexes within the Colombo city all of them are with all the facilities. Most of the shopping malls are fully wi-fi enabled. If you are looking goods for less prices Pettah bazaar is the ideal location. You can buy almost anything you want but this is always busy and crowded. If you move along the Gall road you can find shopping malls like Majestic City, Liberty Plaza and Crescat which are very popular among locals as well. You can buy garments, handicrafts, books, leather goods and many more. Prices are very competitive. ODEL and Arina are another shopping malls which are very popular among tourists. The shops in Main Street of Pettah mostly sell readymade garments.

Dinner & Overnight stay at the Hotel in Colombo

DAY 9: COLOMBO / KTY - 37KMS - 1 HOUR

Breakfast at the Hotel in Colombo.

Leave for Katunayaka according the flight time

# Price

Rates are per person DBL/ TWN sharing in USD	DLX	PREMIUM
2 Pax	662	820
3- 4 Pax	589	746
5- 6 Pax	564	735
7- 8 Pax	530	700
9- 12 Pax	518	673
SGL supplement PP	312	462
Child with extra bed (5- 11.99 years)	186	260
Child sharing (5- 11.99 years)	98	135

# Hotel Used

City	DLX	PREMIUM	
Habarana	Fresco Water Villa	Amaya Lake	
Kandy	Emerald Hills	Amaya Hills	
Nuwara Eliya	Royal Hills	Heaven Seven	
Bentota	Coco Royal	Citrus Waskaduwa	
Colombo	Grand Oriental Hotel	OZO Colombo	

# Inclusions

- Accommodation at above mentioned hotels.
- Breakfasts and dinners at the hotels in Sri Lanka.
- Airport assistance.
- · All transfers in an air conditioned vehicles with English speaking chauffeur guides in Sri Lanka

## Exclusions

- Airfares or VISA charges.
- Early check-in or late check-out at the hotels.
- Lunches during the tour in Sri Lanka.
- Any entrance or activity fees.
- Bank charges (USD 25 per transaction)
- Tips or gratitude's.
- Any expense of personal nature

# Cancellation Policy

- Before 1 Month ,Suitable, Communication & Other Expenses As Applicable
- Between 21 To 30 Days 25% Of Package Amount
- Between 15 To 20 Days 50% Of Package Amount
- Between 7 To 15 Days 75% Of Package Amount
- Between 0 To 7 Days No Refund
- Cancellation Request To Be Send In Writting

Or

- As Per Rules & Regulation Of The Hotels / Resort / Suppliers / Couterpart
- In Case Of Special Medical/ Emergency That To Be Consider For Postpone Of Booking For Next Date, Strictly Under Approval Of Hotel/Resort