



TOUR ITINERARY FOR: - SL VISITERS

01/11 - COLOMBO - KANDY
(116kms. Travel time approx: 2 ½ hrs)

AM: Pickup around 06.30hrs from **COLOMBO**

En-route visit **PINNAWALA ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE**

The **PINNAWELA** is situated northwest of the town of Kegalle and is around 90 km from the capital, Colombo Sri Lanka. There are about 84 Elephants under protection. The orphanage is very popular and visited daily by many Sri Lankan and foreign tourists



If you could reach the Orphanage by 09:15 hrs you will be in time to see the baby elephants being bottle-fed. At 10:00hrs: the entire herd is taken to the river for a bath.

PM: Depart for **KANDY**

KANDY, the last royal capital of Sri Lanka is a major tourist destination. (40 kms from Pinnewala at 465 meters above sea level). Famous for the Temple of the Tooth and many other temples the city could be called the cultural capital of the island.

Also visit **THE ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Once a pleasure gardens of a Kandyan Queen this 40ha land is a beautiful park with numerous tropical foliage and the best in the island. The Commander of the allied forces in Southeast Asia Earl Mountbatten had the headquarters in the garden during the Second World War.

Continue journey to **KANDY** Check-in **AMMAYA HILLS**



EVE: KANDY SIGHT SEEING (Spiritual Journey)

GADALADENIYA TEMPLE

This 14 century temple is situated about 15Km from the town. The structure of the temple is influenced by the South Indian architecture and built on a rock. The stupa is on a high stone platform.



EMBEKKE TEMPLE

The main attraction is the intricate wooden carvings of this 14th century shrine dedicated to God Kataragama. There is also a Buddhist temple on location. Almost the entire structures of some wooden buildings are decorated with dancers, musicians, wrestlers, legendary beasts and birds. Nearby are the ruins of an ancient rest house with similar pillars carved in stone.



LANKATILAKE TEMPLE

Lankatilake temple is a magnificent building built on rock at a scenic location which also has fine paintings.



THE TEMPLE OF TOOTH

The main attraction of the city and also the most sacred Buddhist establishment in Sri Lanka is where one of Buddha's tooth is being kept. Built in the 16th century but improvements and additions have been done to this structure until the fall of the Kandy kingdom. A golden canopy was added recently. Daily rituals are being carried out at various offering times to the shrine. A dress code applies for entering the temple. The magnificence has been enhanced by the octagonal pavilion.

Take a drive to the **UPPER LAKE** and enjoy the view of the city of **KANDY**

Overnight stay at **AMMAYA HILLS**

02/11 - KANDY - ELLA

(153kms. Travel time approx: 6 hrs)

AM: After early breakfast.

Leave for **ELLA**

Visit a tea factory and a plantation to see the process of tea being manufactured. If you wish you can also purchase unblended high grown tea from the sales outlet.



Leave for Nanu Oya Railway Station to board the train for Ella, which leaves at 12:35 hrs. This is a beautiful scenic train ride through tea plantations, many waterfalls - an experience never to forget. Most of the time you have to travel in the train standing, along with the local people.

PM: The train will reach Ella railway station around 15:15hrs

The driver will pick you up from Ella Railway station and take you to the **MOUNTAIN HEAVEN HOTEL**



Rest of the day at leisure

Overnight stay at **MOUNTAIN HEAVEN HOTEL**



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."

Some of the places you could see in Ella area the Ella Gap, Ravana Ella Falls, Ravana Cave, Little Adam's Peak and Bambaragala Peak, Nine Arch Bridge, Demodara Tunnel, Dowa Temple, Bogoda Wooden Bridge, among the other many varied pleasant walks with stunning scenery.

03/11 - ELLA - COLOMBO

(275kms. Travel time approx: 6 hrs)

AM: After early breakfast.

Leave for **COLOMBO**

En-rout visit BUDURUWAGALA

Buduruwagala is located about 5 km from the Wellawaya on the Thanamalwila road. The name Buduruwagala means "the rock with the statue of Buddha" And this is exactly what it is. Seven figures are carved in this rock with a massive 51 foot Buddha statue in the Abhaya Mudra gesture at the centre. The rock itself has the shape of a kneeling elephant with its head down. Although there is no documented information about this site in the ancient scriptures, it is now believed these carvings were done during the last days of the Anuradhapura period. (Between 8 - 10 Century). These carvings are of the Mahayana Buddhist style and similar to the statues at Dowa Temple.



The tallest Buddha statue in the world was the Bamiyan Buddha statues in Afghanistan until the destruction of this ancient monument by the Taliban in March 2001. The Buduruwagala Buddha Statue is now considered the tallest in the world.

Some of the places you could see in the departure tour - Uddeyaluma, Udawalawe Reservoir Maduwanwala Waluwa, Sankapala Temple, Gem Museum, Saman Dewalaya etc...

END OF THE ROUND TOUR PROGRAM

INCLUSIONS :-

- Accommodation sharing SGL/ DBL /Twin or TPL on BB basis at mentioned hotels or similar
- Air-conditioned mini coach or large coach / Train Voyage
- Services of English speaking chauffeur-guide or National Guide, Naturalist & Adventure Specialist
- Entrance fees at locations as per itinerary
- Prevailing Government Taxes and service charge for services provide

EXCLUSIONS :-

- Refreshments other than mentioned above
- Tips or any other personal expenses
- Personal expenses such as liquor, laundry, telephone etc
- Any other expenses not mentioned above

Payment terms: - Full in advance
Special Rates: - With Transport per person - US\$
Without Transport per person - US\$

Note: The approximate distance & travel time from city to city are based on One – Way journey

Your Contact details during tour (Country Code – 00 94 +)					
NAME OF HOTEL	R/ TYPE	LOCATION	TEL #	FAX #	WEBSITE ADDRESS
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