

Your Tour Of Sri Lanka
With A Driver Guide In Your Own Exclusive Air-Conditioned Vehicle.

2 CENTRE HOLIDAY – KANDY AND SRI LANKA'S BEACHES

Day	Date	Location	First Class Hotels	Standard Hotels	Daily Schedule
01		Depart UK			
02		Arrive Colombo To Kandy	Amaya Hills	Hotel Thilanka	>Pick Up From Colombo Airport
03		Kandy	Amaya Hills	Hotel Thilanka	>Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth
04		Kandy	Amaya Hills	Hotel Thilanka	>The Sigiriya Rock Fortress, One Of The Wonders Of The Ancient World >Golden Cave Temples At Dambulla
05		Kandy	Amaya Hills	Hotel Thilanka	>Peradeniya Gardens And Its Famous Orchid Houses
06		Kandy	Amaya Hills	Hotel Thilanka	>Visit Kandy's Bazaars And Markets >Kandyan Cultural Performance
07		Beach	1		>Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage >Bathing With Elephants At The Millennium Elephant Foundation >Drop Off At Beach Hotel
08		Beach	2		
09		Beach	3		
10		Beach	4		
11		Beach	5		
12		Beach	6		
13		Beach	7		
14		Depart Colombo Arrive UK			>Transfer To Colombo Airport

Yellow=Beach



Reclining Buddha At Kandy

Day 01 – Depart UK

Day 02 – Kandy



Temple Of The tooth At Night

To Kandy From Colombo

The journey by road through **Colombo's** suburbs takes you to the lush tropical lowlands interspersed with paddy fields and coconut plantations of the **Western Province** of the island. The famous and highly scenic ascent of the **Kandyan Hills** reaches its climax at **Kadugannawa Pass**.



View Of Kandy In The Morning Mist



Day 03 – Kandy



Temple Of The Tooth

Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth

Arrive in **Kandy**, the island's prettiest town and the last capital city of the **Sri Lankan** Kings. The best time to visit its world famous shrine, containing the revered tooth of the **Buddha** is the evening 'pooja' ceremony when the temple is illuminated with flickering lamps - a magical experience.

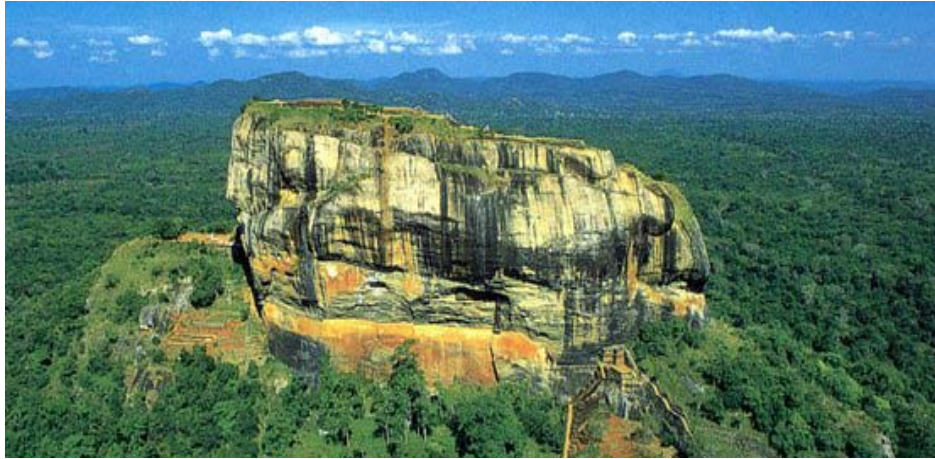
A beautiful view of **Kandy** can be seen from **Lake Drive** above the pretty **Kandy Lake**. You may also visit the **Old Town** area adjacent to the temple, which contains some very early **British** colonial and **Kandyan** period buildings in a narrow maze of streets. **UNESCO** has designated the whole area as a **World Heritage Site**.



Inside The Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth



Day 04 – Dambulla



Sigiriya Rock Fortress

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The remarkable 'fortress in the sky'. A magnificent rock citadel with beautiful frescoes hidden in a natural cave dating from 470 A.D. The climb to the top from the huge stone **Lions Paws** is a dizzying experience with superb views over surrounding forests and distant hills. The newly excavated **Royal Pleasure Gardens** at the foot of the rock are some of the earliest from antiquity. Thought by many to be the **8th Wonder Of The Ancient World!**



The Golden Cave Temple At Dambulla

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An extremely ancient series of 5 cave temples containing thousands of **Buddhist** images and paintings, which date back 2000 years. **Sri Lanka's** artistic masterpiece and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** of prime importance.



Day 05 – Kandy



Peradeniya Gardens

Peradeniya Gardens And Its Orchid Houses

One of the finest botanical gardens in the East including an **Orchid House** with 300 varieties. **Lord Mountbatten's South East Asia Command Headquarters** were located here during WW 2.

There are several 'plant world records' held by **Peradeniya**. The riverside **Bamboo** groves are in the **Guinness Book Of Records** as the fastest growing recorded plants in the world! There is also a huge **Benjamina** tree covering a surface area of 3000 square feet!



Amazing Orchid At Peradeniya's Orchid House



Day 06 - Kandy



Kandy At Night

At Kandy's Markets, Craft Villages And Bazaars

Kandy is a great place to relax or to take a stroll through its markets and bazaars, which are famous for handicrafts produced in local villages. Craftsmen can be seen working on wood, brasswork and lacquer-ware.

Kandy also has a collection of famous **British** colonial era hotels, which have not changed much since the 1950's. **The Queens Hotel** actually dates from 1835 and **The Hotel Suisse** was **Lord Mountbatten's World War 2 Asia Command Staff Headquarters**.



Kandyan Cultural Performance

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An evening performance by the famous **Kandyan Temple Dance Troupe** which incorporates highly rhythmic movements to the sound of temple drums and flutes.



Day 07 – To Sri Lanka's Beaches



Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage

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Set in a pretty riverside location, this is home to about 70 **Elephants**- the largest group of orphaned **Elephants** in the world! Most have been found injured or abandoned in the wild. Baby calves, some only a few weeks old are fed by bottle and the whole herd is then bathed in the adjoining river. A tour highlight for many visitors to **Sri Lanka**.



Elephant Ride At Millennium Elephant Foundation

Millennium Elephant Foundation

Located near to **Pinnawela**, this is a highly reputed charitable trust that is heavily involved in elephant conservation of domesticated elephants in **Sri Lanka**. Unlike the **Pinnawela Orphanage**, here you can wash and feed the elephants, or even take an elephant shower if you wish!

There are 7 domesticated elephants at the **Millennium Elephant Foundation**.

See their website: <http://www.eureka.lk/elefound/>



From Day 08 – At Sri Lanka's Beaches



An Idyllic Beach In Sri Lanka

The South West Coast

Sri Lanka's popular **South West** beach resorts span the entire length of the coast to the south of **Colombo**, absorbing **Wadduwa**, **Kalutara**, **Bentota** and **Kosgoda**. This is the country's tropical belt with a lush hinterland composed of villages and market towns interspersed with coconut groves and rubber estates. The coastal areas have a series of lagoons and estuaries that can be easily explored by riverboat.



Beach On The South West Coast

Depart Sri Lanka

Elephant Island - Holidays In Sri Lanka - (ATOL 9128)