

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

CLASSIC FAMILY TOUR OF SRI LANKA

Day	Date	Location	First Class Hotels	Standard Hotels	Daily Schedule
01		Depart UK			
02		Arrive Negombo	Club Palm Bay Interconnecting Rooms	Paradise Holiday Village Interconnecting Rooms	>Pick Up From Colombo Airport >Relax On Arrival At Negombo Or Marawila
03		Dambulla	Kandalama Hotel Interconnecting Rooms	Kassapa Lions Rock Interconnecting Rooms	>Golden Cave Temples At Dambulla
04		Dambulla	Kandalama Hotel Interconnecting Rooms	Kassapa Lions Rock Interconnecting Rooms	>Travel By Exclusive Private Jeep To See 'The Gathering' Of Elephants At Minneriya Or Kaudulla Lakes (Recommended July-Sept)
05		Kandy	Chaaya Citadel Deluxe Room Interconnecting Rooms	Thilanka Hotel Interconnecting Rooms	>The Sigiriya Rock Fortress, One Of The Wonders Of The Ancient World >Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth
06		Kandy	Chaaya Citadel Deluxe Room Interconnecting Rooms	Thilanka Hotel Interconnecting Rooms	>Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage >Bathing And (Long) Elephant Ride With Elephants At The Millennium Elephant Foundation >The Kandy Perahera Procession – Grandstand Seats (July-Aug Only)
07		Nuwara Eliya	The Grand Hotel Golf Wing Interconnecting Rooms	St Andrews Hotel Family Suite	>By Train Through The Hill Country (Observation Car) >British Hill Station Of Nuwara Eliya
08		Beach			>Devon And St Clair's Falls >Stop For Tea At The Mlesna Tea Castle With Tea Museum >Drop Off At Beach Hotel BEACH STAY FOR NUMBER OF NIGHTS AS REQUIRED
		Depart Colombo Arrive UK			>Transfer To Colombo Airport

Yellow=Beach



Reclining Buddha At Kandy

Day 02 – Waikkal Or Marawila



Sunset At Waikkal

Waikkal And Marawila

Waikkal and **Marawila** are idyllic fishing villages surrounded by a sea with crystal blue water, golden beaches with catamarans and billowing sails bringing home the catch of skipjack, herring, mullet, lobster, prawn and crabs caught in the lagoons.



Flowers In Water At Waikkal



Negombo Lagoon

Day 03 – Dambulla



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.



Monkeys And Basket Shop At Dambulla

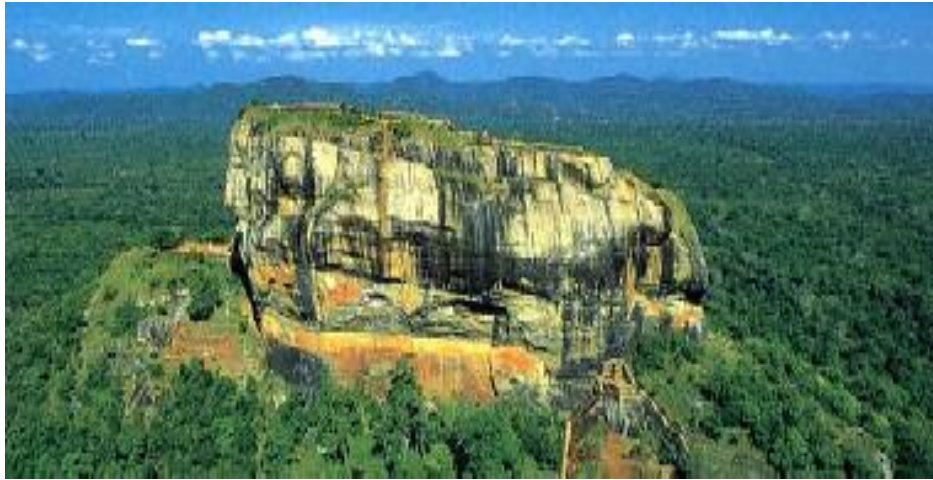


Day 04 – Dambulla**Elephants At Minneriya Lake****Elephant Watching At Kaudulla Or Minneriya Lake By Jeep**

Take a jeep tour of **Kaudulla** or **Minneriya Lake** where wild elephants gather by the water's edge in the afternoon. During **August** and **September** at **Minneriya** you may encounter the biggest herds of **Asian Elephants** to be found anywhere in the world (up to 300!). Both National Parks are located around very beautiful lakes in exquisite natural surroundings.

**Beautiful Minneriya Lake****The 'Gathering' Of Elephants At Minneriya National Park**

Day 05 – Kandy



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!**



Kandy Temple Dancers And Paintings At 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**.

Lake Drive View

A road high above **Kandy Lake** leads to a viewpoint giving a spectacular panorama of the town and the distant **Dumbara Hills** covered in mist.



Day 06 – Kandy



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 in **Sri Lanka**. Unlike the **Pinnawela Orphanage**, here you can wash and feed the elephants, or even take an elephant shower if you wish!



Day 07 – Nuwara Eliya



Hill Country Express

By Train Through Sri Lanka's Hill Country

Without doubt **One Of The Most Beautiful Train Journeys In The World**. The **Observation Car** gives magnificent views of the **Hill Country** while passing cascading waterfalls.

Nuwara Eliya-Little England In The Hills

The original **Hill Station** of the **British** tea planters who came to **Ceylon**, as it was then known. There is a **Hill Club**, **Grand Hotel**, the oldest **Golf Course** in **Asia** and even a **Race Course** - all are bygone reminders of an **English** social life that once thrived here.



Hill Country Near Nuwara Eliya



Tea Estates Near Nuwara Eliya



Day 08 – To Sri Lanka's Beaches



St Clair's Falls And Dramatic Hill Country Views

Journey Down To The Coast

Follow scenic roads through tea estates to the lowlands via **Ginigathena Pass** stopping at the lovely **St Clair's** and **Devon** falls, two of the most beautiful waterfalls in **Sri Lanka**.



Kithulgala

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An area of lush tropical vegetation which is famous as the site for the filming of **Sir David Lean's** classic **'The Bridge Over The River Kwai'**.



Depart Sri Lanka