

ITINERARY SPECIALLY PREPARED
FOR **BLUE BAY, UK**
05N / 06D



TOUR EAST – SRI LANKA



DAY 01: AIRPORT / NEGOMBO

Arrived in Sri Lanka with flight at Hrs. you will be Welcomed and garland by a Representative of Tour East and will proceed with to your first stay in Negombo (**Drive time to Negombo – Approx. 20 mins**)

Standard check-in time is 14:00 hrs., and early check-ins are subject to availability. Lunch will be served at the hotel

Dinner and Overnight stay in Negombo

DAY 02: NEGOMBO / DAMBULLA

Breakfast at the hotel. Thereafter leave for Dambulla. En route visit city tour of Negombo.

Negombo - a famous fishing village North of Colombo, with a Dutch built Canal. The canal itself is a hive of activity with fishermen traveling up and down in their gaily-painted boats. On the shores of the canal, you will find many homes and churches and many species of birds including spectacular Kingfishers. Catamaran trips in the sea and boat trips in canal can be organized. From November to April, diving facilities are available in this quaint village. The streets on either side of the Hotels are dotted with Souvenir Shops, Restaurants etc.

Thereafter leave for Dambulla (**Drive time to Dambulla - Approx. 3 ½ hrs**)

Thereafter check in to the hotel for overnight

Dinner and Overnight stay in Dambulla

DAY 03: DAMBULLA / SIGIRIYA /DAMBULLA

Early breakfast at the hotel and leave for Sigiriya (24 kms – Approx. 20 mins drive).

Sigiriya – is a “World Heritage Site” and the 5th Century “Fortress in the Sky” which is perhaps the most fantastic single wonder of the Island. It is also known as Lion Rock because of the huge lion that used to stand at the entrance to the Palace on the summit of the 600-foot-high rock. On its summit are the foundations of the Royal Palace, Water Tanks to supply water and all other buildings and at the edges the guardhouses. On one of the stairways the only known ancient work of Sinhala secular painting survived in the form of Frescoes of 21 life sized damsels in all the freshness and delicacy of their original colour. The Water Gardens, Fountain Garden, summerhouse, Boulder Gardens and the Caves with the enclosed are should not be missed.



Thereafter proceed to safari at National Park. [Drive time to Minneriya Approx.45 Min]

Minneriya / Kaudulla or Eco Park - is a wildlife reserve located in the North Central Province of Sri Lanka. It is known for its large population of elephants and is considered one of the best places in the world to see these majestic animals in their natural habitat. The Park also features a variety of other wildlife, including deer, leopards, and a range of bird species. Minneriya National Park is also famous for the annual gathering of elephants known as "The Gathering," where hundreds of elephants come together in the park during the dry season. The Park is a popular tourist destination for wildlife enthusiasts and nature lovers who want to experience the beauty of Sri Lanka's natural environment.



Note: Jeep safari either in the Minneriya National Park, Kaudulla or Eco Park depending on the better probability of Viewing wildlife.

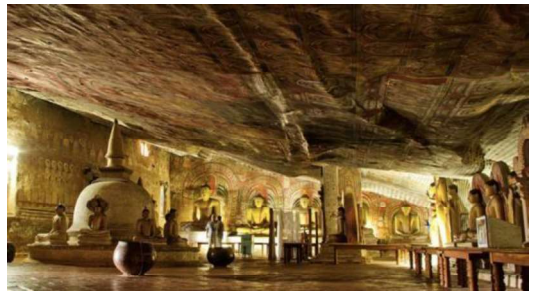
Thereafter leave for hotel.

Dinner and Overnight stay in Dambulla

DAY 04: DAMBULLA / MATALE / KANDY

After breakfast leave for Kandy (**Drive time to Kandy – Approx. 2 ½ hrs**) also make En route visit to Dambulla Cave Temples.

Dambulla - is a vast isolated rock mass 500 feet high and a mile around the base. Here is found the famous Rock Temple dating to the First Century B.C. The caves of Dambulla sheltered King Walagamba during his 14 years of exile from Anuradhapura. When he regained the throne he built the most magnificent of Rock Temples to be found in the Island.



Thereafter proceed to Kandy also make a stop at the Spice Gardens at Matale.

Matale This midsize regional city at the heart of the island lies in a broad, fertile valley at an elevation of 300m. Matale is a featureless urban sprawl with a congested one-way system, so you're unlikely to want to linger long. However, the road north of town is lined with dozens of visitor-friendly spice plantations where vanilla, rubber, cinchona, jackfruit, cocoa and cardamom thrive. The area is also famous for *kohila* (a type of watercress) and small, mild chillies. After visiting Matale Spice Garden.



Upon arrival to Kandy proceed a city tour of Kandy including the upper

lake drive and the market square. Do not miss the **cultural dance performance** featuring various dance performances.



Thereafter check in to the hotel.

Dinner and Overnight stay in Kandy

DAY 05: KANDY / COLOMBO

After breakfast leave for Colombo. Upon arrival to Colombo proceed on a city tour of Colombo (Drive time to Colombo – Approx. 4 hrs)

Colombo – is the business and commercial center and the new capital is Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte, which is only a few miles away. Colombo was only a small seaport, which came into prominence in the 16th Century with the arrival of the Portuguese in 1505 and the development of it as a major Harbour during the British period and became the capital in 1815 after Kandy was ceded to the British. The remains of the buildings during the period and the Portuguese, Dutch and British rule are found in every area of the city. None of the Portuguese & Dutch fortifications are found today but some of their buildings and churches could be seen in the Fort &



Pettah areas. Visit Fort, the former British administrative center and military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmith's quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area where there is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, the Kaymans Gate with the Belfry at the original gate to enter the Fort, the Dutch Church of Wolfendhaal dating back to 1749, are some of the sites to be visited. Also visit the BMICH (*Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall*), see the replica of Avukana Buddha and the Independence Square. Thereafter check in to the hotel.

Dinner and Overnight stay:

DAY 06: COLOMBO / AIRPORT

After breakfast leave for the Airport to connect the departure flight back home.

Should you decide to extend your holiday to a beach resort, you will be transported to your chosen hotel at the end of the round tour. Depending on the hotel, transfer rates will differ.

<< The End of the Itinerary >>

TOUR INCLUDES:

- 05 nights' accommodation at the hotels specified below.
- Meals as specified HB basis at all hotels.
- First night stay at hotel on FB Basis
- Service of an English-speaking chauffeur guide for round tour.
- Transportation in an air-conditioned Vehicle.
- All the government taxes.
- Meeting and Assistance at the airport.
- ONLY mentioned entrance & activity cost.
- Entrance fees to the sights.
 - Sigiriya Rock Fortress
 - Minneriya National Park
 - Dambulla Rock Cave Temple.
 - Cultural Dance Performance

TOUR EXCLUDES

- Tips and Port rage
- Camera Fees
- Entrance fees which are not specified above.
- Services which are not specified above.
- Meals which are not specified above.
- Entry Visa Fees, please visit www.eta.gov.lk for more details / submit your individual visa application.

VALUE ADDED SERVICES ON COMPLIMENTARY BASIS:

- 02 mineral water bottles per person per day during the tour
- Quench your thirst by stopping for a one complimentary king coconut along the road side.
- Limited WIFI during the transportation.

PLEASE NOTE

- Alcohol will not be served by any hotel on Poya days (full moon) and other days prohibited by the Government.
- The official check-in time at all hotels will be 14:00hrs at most of hotels.
- The official check-out time at all hotels will be 12: 00hrs at most of hotels cancellation policy will be applicable for any reduction of rooms after the release period.
- Deduction of rooms after the release period.