

## SRILANKA - 9 Days / 8 Nights

Negombo – Chilaw – Jaffna – Trincomalee – Kandy – Nuwara Eliya – Galle - Colombo  
RM 2,390.00 per person ( min 4 persons)

### DAY 01: AIRPORT – NEGOMBO (NO MEAL)

Arrive in Colombo, Sri Lanka. You will be met on arrival at the airport. Proceed to Hotel to check-in. Overnight in Negombo.

### DAY 02: NEGOMBO – JAFFNA (BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER)

Breakfast at Hotel. Morning departure to Jaffna ( by road). En-route visit **\*Mannawari Temple** Rama is believed to have installed a shiva lingam, an icon of Lord Shiva, at Manawari Kovil in Chillaw, It was a remedy to get rid of Brahmahathi Dosham & for having killed Ravana who was a Brahmin. **\*Munneswaram Kovil** is one of the three celebrated ancient Isvarams of Lord Siva the other two being [Thirukethiswaram](#) near Mannar and [Konneswaram](#) in Trincomalee. We first hear of this kovil in the Ramayana or the story of Rama and Sita, when Sri Rama Bhagavan is said to have found solace there of his heavily weighted conscience in respect of the many deaths that had been caused in the Ramayana episode. Lunch at a Restaurant

**\*Jaffna** District, the northernmost region of the Island of Sri Lanka, is one of the oldest habitation sites in Lower South Asia, populated by Tamil speaking people. **Jaffna Fort** Situated on the south side of the Jaffna peninsula at the water's edge of the lagoon, the ancient fort in Jaffna is the second largest existing fort in the Island. Originally built by the Portuguese in 1619 and re-built and expanded by the Dutch during the second half of the 17th and the 18th centuries to facilitate trading activities of Sri Lanka's northern region indicate not only of Jaffna's strategic importance to Europeans but its significance throughout Sri Lanka's history. The five sided inner defense works consist of thick and high ramparts and bastions with a wide and deep moat around it. Check into Hotel.

Dinner & Overnight in Jaffna.

### DAY 03: JAFFNA (BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER)

Breakfast at Hotel. Early morning visit **\*Nagapoosani Temple (Nainatheevu), Jaffna:**The Nagapoosani Temple (Nainatheevu) is a must visit while Sightseeing in Jaffna. This ancient temple is resided by a 5 headed cobra. This shrine was constructed by the Nagas. The Nagapoosani Temple (Nainatheevu) in Jaffna was built to worship the Serpent God. Lunch at a Restaurant.

**\*Nallur Temple,** In 948 A.D. Bhuvanekabhahu, the chief minister to Chola Kulangai Arya, built the Nallur Temple in Kurukkal Valavu in the town of Nallur for the first time to worship Lord Kumaran. However, in 1450, the General of Parakramabahu, Senbaha Perumal conquered Jaffna and demolished the temple. To make amends for his action he rebuilt the temple in 1457 in Muthirai Chanthai. When Jaffna was invaded by the Portuguese the temple underwent demolition. Later it was built for the third time in Muthirai Chanthai. When Jaffna was under the rule of the Dutch, the **Nallur Temple, and Jaffna** was built in the original site that is in Kurukkal Valavu by Krishna Subbiah and Ragunatha Mapana Muthaliyar.

Visit **\*Keerimalai Naguleswaram Temple** is dedicated to main deity in Shaivism namely Lord Siva. This temple is one of the five ancient Sivan temples in Sri Lanka is situated close to the well-known mineral water spring called [Keerimalai springs](#) which believed to have healing power. This temple has a bitter history of Portuguese occupation in Sri Lanka. Dinner & Overnight in Jaffna.

### DAY 04: JAFFNA - TRINCOMALEE (BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER)

Breakfast at Hotel. Proceed to Trincomalee, visit **\*The Koneswaram Kovil** is found on Swami Rock, just above Fort Frederick. Forgive my lack of knowledge of Hinduism, but apparently this rebuilt temple is dedicated to Siva. The unbelievably intricate designs of Hindu temples, with their ornately carved figurines, are an incredible sight and this one is no exception. It's very colorful and you can walk around the grounds. The temple is built on top of the cliff, tottering right on the edge of the Indian Ocean, and there are fantastic views of the narrow strip of land that is Trinco town. Lunch at a Restaurant.

Among the sights of the place are the **seven hot springs** of Kanniya, on the road to Trincomalee. The water is mildly hot; the temperature varies but slightly in each. Check into Hotel. Dinner & Overnight in Trincomalee.

**DAY 05: TRINCOMALEE – MATALE - KANDY (BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER)**

Breakfast at Hotel. Morning departure to Kandy. Lunch enroute in Kandy. Visit a **\*Spice Garden in Mawanella** to see the different spices, You will be introduced to different spices and shown how some of these spices are grown and processed. Sightseeing in **\*Kandy**, including Upper Lake Drive, Market Crafts Centre, Gem Museum. Kandy the hill capital, venue of the annual Perahera The last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings was finally ceded to the British in 1815.

Visit **\*Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic** - ever since 4th Century A.D, when the Buddha's Tooth was brought to Sri Lanka hidden from sacrilegious hands in an Orissan princess' hair, By the night experience a **colorful show** where you will be taken to mind blowing Sri Lankan culture extravaganza... Get ready for Heavy drumbeat and acrobatic act. Check into Hotel. Dinner & Overnight Stay in Kandy.

**DAY 06: KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA (BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER)**

Breakfast at Hotel. Proceed to Nuwara Eliya, visit **\*Sri Baktha Hanuman temple at Ramboda**. On these hills of Ramboda where Hanuman was searching for Sitadevi, Chinmaya mission of Sri Lanka built a temple with Hanuman as the presiding deity. On every full moon day special pooja's are conducted and witnessed by thousands of devotees. The image of Lord Hanuman here is 16 feet.

Visit **\*Seetha Amman temple** the stream that runs from the hill, catered to the needs of Sitadevi during her stay at Ashok Vatika. Now there is temple for Lord Rama, Sitadevi, Luxshmana, and Hanuman by the side of this stream.

Stop at a **\*Tea experience**, which involves a visit a plantation to observe firsthand the process, starting from the plucking field where it all begins with the picking of "two leaves and a bud" to the factory where the processing begins. Currently, Sri Lanka is one of largest exporter of tea worldwide.

Sightseeing in **\*Nuwara Eliya** The 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, is set against beautiful backdrops of Mountains, Valleys, Waterfalls and Tea Plantations. It is supposed to be one of the coolest places in the Island, but it is really just like an English spring day, although the temperature does drop at night. All around Nuwara Eliya you will see evidence of the British influence, houses like country cottages or Queen Ann style mansions. The Victoria Park, in the middle of the town, is a lovely place for a stroll or a picnic and is also good for Birding.

Visit **\*Lake Gregory** is one of the significant tourist attractions in Nuwara Eliya. You can buy a ticket and visit the Lake Park and enjoy your evening by the lake. Need a boat ride.... They are there for you to offer a ride to get an unforgettable experience. Swan Boats are there to hire if you need a ride on your own. Check into Hotel. Dinner & Overnight Stay in Nuwara Eliya.

**DAY 07: NUWARA ELIYA – KATARAGAMA (BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER)**

Breakfast at Hotel. Morning proceed to Kataragama, visit **\*Rawana Ella Cave** is in the huge Ella Rock. In addition, Hanuman is said to have climbed up Ella Rock, in order to find Seetha in the cave. Seetha lived in this Cave for some time. Lunch at a Restaurant enroute.

Visit **\*Kataragama** a popular pilgrimage destination frequented by adherents of all religions in Sri Lanka. The main shrine devoted to Skanda popularly described in eulogies as God having six faces and twelve arms whose assistance is sought for worldly gain. The history of the shrine dates back to 2 century BC. The annual procession held in July or August is the main event of the shrine with fire walkers and Kawadi dancers. Offering to the got are made at 4.30am 10.30am and 6.30pm daily. Check into Hotel.

Dinner & Overnight Stay in Kataragama.

**DAY 08: KATARAGAMA – GALLE (BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER)**

Breakfast at Hotel. You can opt for an Optional Jeep Safari Early morning at the Yala National Park (Optional – cost RM 126.00 per person).

Yala National Park with a total protected area of 126,768 hectares, Yala consists of scrub plains, lagoons and rocky sections and offers the broadest cross-section of the country's flora and fauna. In terms of game- viewing this is probably the best place to see all of the 'big three': elephant, leopard and water buffalo. It is estimated that Yala is home to about 35 Leopard making it one of the world's densest leopard populations. Countless other animals including sloth bear, deer, wild boar, crocodiles, monkeys and numerous species of birds can also be seen. Proceed to Galle, Lunch at a Restaurant

En-route visit one of the most iconic scenes you're bound to see in **Sri Lanka** is **stilt fishing**. An **old tradition around Sri Lanka, stilt fishing** had disappeared after the devastating tsunami that hit the country and other parts of the Indian Ocean, but soon the people returned to their customs,

Visit **\*Galle Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site**, originally built by the Portuguese and then further developed by the Dutch and the British, covers nearly four sq kms, and is protected by 12 bastions and connecting ramparts. Buildings of interest include the Dutch Reformed Church, All Saints Church, Amangalla Hotel (formerly the New Oriental Hotel), and the lighthouse and bell tower. The Dutch also developed what was then an innovative tide-based sewage-system within the Fort. A maze of narrow roads lined with small houses and shops with Dutch names still remain. Check into Hotel. Dinner & Overnight Stay in Galle.

**DAY 09: GALLE - COLOMBO – AIRPORT (BREAKFAST LUNCH)**

Breakfast at Hotel. Morning departure to Colombo. On arrival, proceed on a city tour. A drive through the city taking you to the busy commercial areas as well as the tree lined residential, Cinnamon Gardens, Visit Fort, the former British administrative centre and military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmiths quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area, where is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. Also visit the BMICH, see the replica of Avukana Buddha & the Independence Square. Visit to **Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple** in Dehiwala **the only Temple in the world to have a chariot for Anjaneyar**. Hanuman's mother is Anjan. Hanuman is known as Anjan + Aiyar = Anjaneyar in South India (Hanuman in North India).

Lunch at Restaurant. After lunch, time for shopping. Evening you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight back.

**PRICE INCLUSIONS: (minus airfare)**

- Accommodation in hotels on twin share basis
- Meals on Full Board Basis, commencing with **Breakfast on Day 02 or Lunch on Day 01** & ending with **Lunch or Breakfast on Last Day**.
- Transportation in a **PRIVATE AirCon Vehicle**
- Service of an English Speaking Chauffeur or National Guide.
- Entrance fees to the all the above-mentioned place.
- Daily Mineral Water
- All the government taxes.
- Shopping Vouchers

NOT included: Any airfares, airport taxes, Visa Fee, Insurance Coverage, Meals not specified, tips and all personal expenses and those not specified.