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10 D Mountains Elephants - 9 Nights / 10 Days

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As the train pushes through the mist, suddenly crispy green tea plantations greet you well before the train reaches the cultural capital of Kandy. You proceed to Worlds End by foot, and off it goes through narrow mountain roads with your personal driver. To Ella, high above the valleys where we lean back and do some Sri Lankan cooking too. Then down through the gap to Udawalawe, with the highest concentration of wild elephant in Asia, and then to the sea. Hang out at the beach in hammocks; look for traces from turtles in the early mornings, and fragile purple seashells. Then you are off to a colonial place, to see the mighty blue whales before you head back to Colombo. On your journey, stay in places with personality. Explore with drivers that are proud, yet easy going. From mountains high to the bluest sea. You may well, be addicted to Sri Lanka.

Day 1: Colombo:

Arrive in Colombo

Arrive in bustling, shaky, colorful Colombo, with all its red and green tuk-tuks, trees with canopies shading the roads below, small cricket fields and food stalls. Transfer to a small boutique hotel in Colombo.

Day 2: Colombo:

Kandy

After breakfast, check out and depart to Fort Railway Station. Board the train for a fine ride to Kandy in a class that in Sri Lanka is called 1st class. The train pushes its way through small

villages with sleepy stations, station masters with green and red flags, and flowers all over. Up through the mountains. Closely past waterfalls, in to the clouds.

Upon arrival check into the hotel, where you feel a sense of peace, a bit away from the busy town of Kandy.

After freshening up go to Kandy view point. This will be followed by Kandian dance starting at 17:00. Later in the evening visit the temple of tooth.

Overnight at spacious, and colonial stay, overlooking greenery all around.

Day 3: Colombo:

Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast your driver takes you by true mountain roads through green mountains, with tea plantations clad in light green with dots of color from the workers picking leaves, to Ramboda waterfall. You can have lunch on the way. You will visit the Tea estate, famous for a fine variety of mountain tea, to get the story of tea making. Later arrive Nuwara Eliya at around 15:00. Check in at you hotel, and relax. Should you have some energy left, you can visit the Victoria park or do some short treks. Overnight at a cosy and comfortable place.

Day 4: Kandy:

Ella

It will be an early start before sun gets its grip. At this time it will be cold and crisp. And you should bring a sweater, and a breakfast box. First you drive out to the Horton plains, a wild moorland where you go for a trek. Suddenly you will be at the world's end and it seems like all Sri Lanka lies before your feet. Then drive back to your hotel. Later you proceed with your driver through stunning mountain scapes to Ella, the slow mountain village most people come to love. Check in, in a place overlooking the mountains and if you are still curious and your legs still fresh you can visit the waterfall and the ridge nearby for a fine sunset. If you stay back, the view is just as rewarding. Overnight at the exclusive hotel with the panoramic view.

Day 5: Nuwara Eliya:

Ella

After breakfast and a slow relaxing morning get ready for a simple though inspiring cooking class. Try your hands in preparing some delicious Sri Lankan delicacies, and the spicy, fresh treat will be served to you for lunch. Later in the day you may just relax for a lazy afternoon or go to the beautiful Ravana falls and enjoy the scenery along the road with colorful food stalls, large rain forest trees, slow market towns and a flow of tuk-tuks. There are also other old temples and a cave nearby for a perfect evening. Overnight at the exclusive hotel with the panoramic view.

Day 6: Ella:

Tangalle

Very early in the morning leave for Uda-walwe National park. Enjoy a jeep ride through the National Park's grassland, which is the home of hundreds of Elephants and the best place in Asia

to see elephants up close. Most likely you will also spot wild buffalos, crocodiles, deer and a variety of bird species. Peacocks are easily sighted inside the park. After lunch drive to Tangalle. On the way you may stop by an elephant orphanage. Before evening you will check in at a remote beach near Tangalle, for a relaxing evening. After dinner, go barefoot and stroll along the beach. Take a night dip, and if it's close to a full moon, you might be lucky enough to see a turtle coming ashore to lay eggs. Overnight at one of the prime holiday hotel/resort.

Day 7: Ella:

Tangalle

Free day on the beach. Hang out in the hammocks or swim. Explore the stunning remote beach.

Day 8: Tangalle:

Mirissa

Start easy and drive to Mirissa. You may take a stopover in Tangalle town where you may get your early lunch if you choose not to have lunch at the resort. Later drive to the Buddha temple Wewurukannala Vihara for a magnificent description of the consequences of the good or bad deeds. A corny, unique though also beautiful slow and laid back Buddhist temple. Here sits a 50 meters high Buddha figure—the largest in Sri Lanka. Later reach Mirissa at around 16:00. After check in relax in the garden or go to the beach to enjoy a magnificent sunset. Overnight at boutique hotel.

Day 9: Tangalle:

Colombo

Get up early morning to be picked up for a whale-watching safari, starting already at 05:30. The captain will take the boat to the deep blue sea to search for the grand blue whales. Very few places in the world can get you this close to the biggest creature living in the world today. A blue whale needs 8 tons of food every day to maintain its beauty and shape. Breakfast to whale watchers is served on board. When back on shore, check out and continue to Colombo. On the way there will be a few hours break in Galle a former Dutch town. There is a fine colonial ambience here, with old brick houses, crisp cafes, restored hotels, deep inner yards, and the wall around the center, with easy going Sri Lankan life. You have an option to get your evening cuppa tea or coffee at one of the high-end restaurants in Galle. Later drive to Colombo for a late arrival. Overnight at boutique hotel.

Day 10: Mirissa:

Colombo

Start your day easy and relax, as it is the last day of your tour. To make it more relaxing you will get a body massage with acupressure technique. Visually disabled people trained in the techniques will do the massage. They will not talk a lot. However, their hands perform the magic on one's body to give that perfect freshness after a long journey. Later, hopefully still light in mind and body after the treat, get dropped to the airport.

Round Tour Package Includes:

Meals: 9 x Breakfast

Accommodation: Comfort class hotels(small boutique hotels) on bed and breakfast basis.

Transport: Private transfer for the trip.

Train from Colombo to Kandy.

Driver: Chauffeur who speaks basic English.

Others/Activities: Trip to Horton's plain/World's end. Cooking class in Ella with lunch.

Ride to the national park in Udawalwe.

Whale watching trip.

One hour acupressure massage.

Round Tour Packages Excludes:

Entrance fees

Dinner, Lunch, Beverages, and snacks. (Unless mentioned otherwise)

Extras of personal nature.

Tips and gratuities.

Extra services were other than those specified.

Visa and Insurance

Personal expenses like water bottles, laundry, room service etc

Additional cost due to delays, road blocks, missed connections and situation beyond control

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