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11 D Beautiful Rock and Rocking Beaches - 10 Nights / 11 Days

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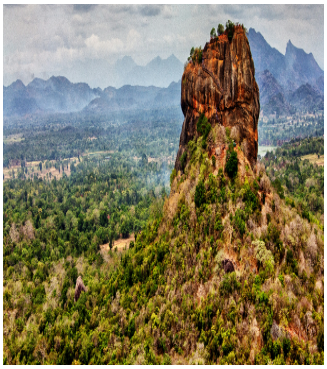

'Aye bowan' or welcome to Sri Lanka. Where ever you go smiles will greet you, colour sand lush scape will spoil your eyes and the fragrance, flavor and bustling life spoil all of your senses. Flow from the happening capital of Colombo to the cultural triangle. Climb your way to the top of the Sigiriya Rock Fortress before the remote beaches of Trincomalee a waits you. From the beach life by winding roads deeper into the lush green hill country. With tea plantations scattered in the mountains and dots of colours from the pickers popping up in the landscape. From the misty highlands you go by train back to the plains–to urban life with a backpack full of experiences and heart-warming friendliness. This is 11 days that gives you a fine combination of ancient culture, remote beach life and lush hill country. A big treat on a small platter that takes you beyond the ordinary.

Day 1: Colombo:

Arrive in Colombo (40 Km /1hour)

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.

Day 2: Sigiriya:

Sigiriya (Approx. 160 km / 4-5 hours)

Having acclimatized to a new country and new customs, you are ready to venture islands to the ancient scape of Sri Lanka. Start with a slow breakfast and enjoy a cup of hot Sri Lankan tea.

Then transfer to Sigiriya where you will check in to your next hotel which is a little hidden gem, where you can relax in touch with nature, but with all of the modern conveniences you need.

Day 3: Sigiriya:

Sigiriya (Approx. 1 hour per way)

From a rock fortress to a rock temple–another day of cultural explorations in striking landscape awaits you. Have your breakfast and transfer to Dambulla, which is about an hour's drive from Sigiriya. Here you will find the World Heritage Site of Dambulla Rock Temple–the most impressive of Sri Lanka's cave temples. Built by King Walagambahuin the 1st century B.C. the complex of five caves holds over 2000 sq. metres of painted walls and ceilings. This makes it the largest area of paintings found in the world. It contains over 150 images of Buddha of which the largest is spanning 14 metres and is a colossal figure of Buddha carved out of rock. Stop for lunch in town and late in the late afternoon, you will visit Minneriya National Park. Covering 8890 hectares, the park consists of mixed evergreen forest and scrub areas and is home to Sri Lanka's favourites such as sambar deer, leopards, and elephants. However, the central feature of the park is the ancient MinneriyaTank (built in the 3rd century AD by King Mahasena). During the dry season (June to September), this tank is an incredible place to observe the elephants.

Day 4: Trincomalee:

Trincomalee (Approx. 125 km / 3-4 hours)

After breakfast at your hotel, you will proceed from Sigiriya to Northeast coast town Trincomalee. The city is well known for its natural harbour and with its location in the beautiful and magnificent bay of Trincomalee, it is one of the finest natural harbors in the world. In the Northern outskirts of the city, the small fishing villages of Uppuveli and Nilaveli are considered to be some of the finest beaches in Sri Lanka–broad and almost deserted as they are. Also in the area you will find the hot springs at Kanniyai, said to possess therapeutic qualities. You will find the Koneswaram temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, and the Swamy Rock also known locally as Lover's leap.

Before driving towards your resort you may stop at the town market to have a look in the local fisherman life. You may get close to the small alleys in between the shops, which are homes of the fishermen. These alleys open up to the sea and you will find fishermen's families working to sort the fishes in the nets or drying them in the sun during the day. Then off you go to your resort, check in to a nice beach hotel, and enjoy a laid-back evening.

Day 5: Trincomalee:

Trincomalee

A quiet breakfast is served, ensuring you a good day ahead. Your destination is the Pigeon Island National Park, which has its name from the Pigeon rock that got its name during the colonization of the island. The national park contains some of the best remaining coral reefs of Sri Lanka and is one of the only two marine national parks in Sri Lanka. The national park is situated 1 km off the coast of Nilaveli, a coastal town in Eastern Province, encompassing a total area of 471.429 hectares. Pigeon Island was designated as a sanctuary in 1963 and 2003 re-designated as a national park.

Day 6: Kandy:

Kandy (175 km/4-5 hours approx.)

Prepare to leave the beach life behind in exchange for the charmingly beautiful hill country with Kandy as your destination. Have your breakfast and steaming hot Sri Lankan coffee before you check out from your resort. Your onward transport will be an exploration in its own right with magnificent views beyond your windows, just as you may visit the Spice Garden in Matale on your journey to Kandy. Upon arrival check into the hotel, a bit away from the busy town of Kandy, relax at the hotel, so you are ready for your afternoon city tour. Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The name "Kandy" conjures visions of splendor and magnificence. Many of the legends, traditions, and folklore are still lovingly kept alive. Drive around the Kandy Lake built by the last Sinhala king, Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1798–a tranquil place in the heart of the city. In the evening visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic–a golden-roofed Buddhist temple that houses Sri Lanka's most sacred Buddhist relic–a tooth of the Buddha. And though it is not possible to see the actual tooth as it is kept in a gold casket shaped like a stupa, you will feel the sacred ambiance and take in the colours, the gilded gifts, and the shrines that comprise the temple complex. Late in the evening, you will experience a Cultural Show. Some find this funny, while others find it spectacular. You will see the traditional Sri Lankan drummers stirring up a rhythm and decoratively dressed dancers showing their amazing moves. You will see fireworks and fire stunts in a show that truly has something for all.

Day 7: Nuwara Eliya:

Nuwara Eliya (80 km / 2-3hours)

After breakfast your driver takes you by true mountain roads deeper into the hill country. Lush green tea plantations tug the neatly curving hillsides, dots of colour from the workers picking leaves. Go all the way to the flushing Ramboda waterfall to put your feet in the chilly water and have lunch on the way. Visit the Tea estate at Labookelle, famous for a fine variety of mountain tea, to get the story of tea making. You will arrive in Nuwara Eliya around 15:00. Check in at your hotel, and relax. If you still have energy left, you can instead visit Victoria Park or do some short treks.

Day 8: Ella:

Ella - 60 km / 1-1,5hours

It will be an early start before the sun has a grip. At this time it will be cold and crisp. And you should bring a sweater and breakfast pack. First, you drive out to the Horton plains, 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 for your feet. It is breathtaking on a clear day, making the trek here more than worth it. Back down, drive back to your hotel. Later you proceed with your driver through the stunning mountain landscape to Ella, the slow mountain village most people come to love. Check in at a place overlooking the mountains and if you are still curious and your legs are 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 a panoramic view.

Day 9: Ella:

Ella. (130 KM -3 Hours)

Start your day slow with a small Sri Lankan breakfast and 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 colourful food stalls, large rainforest trees, slow market towns, and a flow of tuk-tuks. There are also old temples and a cave nearby for a perfect evening.

Day 10: Colombo:

Colombo

Have your breakfast before checkout and you will be taken to the local railway station to take a train ride from Ella to Colombo. This beautiful train ride from the mountains to the plains gives you a scenic treat of nature, the surroundings so close you can almost reach your arm out and touch it.

Day 11: Colombo:

Colombo (40 Km /1hour)

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 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 off at the airport.

Round Tour Package Includes:
Meals: 10 x Breakfast.
Accommodation: Comfort class hotels (small boutique hotels) on bed and breakfast basis.
Transport: Private car according to itinerary.
Train ticket from Ella to Colombo.
Assistance: Driver, who speaks basic English
Others/Activities: Trip to Horton's plain/World's end.
Cooking class in Ella with lunch.
Minneriya National Park.
Pigeon Island National Park.
Acupressure massage by visually disabled professionals.

There is no overall guide on the tour, but a driver who speaks basic English. There may be English Speaking tour guides on the pre-organized day tours (only) according to itinerary.

Round Tour Packages Excludes:
- Meals not stated as included in the above.
- Entrance fee to the monuments.
- Tips and Donations.
- Any items of personal nature e.g. cold or soft drink / mineral water.

- Any additional cost incurred due to matters beyond our control.
- Personal comprehensive travel insurance (compulsory).
- All other expenses not stated as included in the above.

Sri Lanka has now become a round the year destination, however the climate varies from city to city. Expect rain in Colombo and the Hill country (Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, and Ella) from April to December. Best season to visit the beaches in North-Eastern Sri Lanka (around Trincomalee) is from April to October.

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