

Tour of Sri Lanka Southern Cultural Sites



Day 1

Arrival in Sri Lanka and transfer to the hotel Lanka Oberoi, Colombo.
Afternoon city tour.

Day 2

Morning leave for Kandy. On the way visit Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage. Leave for Kandy. Lunch at Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy.
Afternoon visit Naththaranpotha crafts village, Glamaduwa Buddhist Temple and Degaldoruwa Cave Temple. Evening visit to the Temple of the Tooth. Dinner and overnight stay at the Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy

Day 3

After breakfast visit Gadaladeniya, Lankathilake temples and Embekke Devala. At Peradeniya, visit the Royal Botanical Gardens. Lunch at the hotel. Afternoon shopping in Kandy. Visit Kandy market. Evening see a Kandyan dance performance. Dinner and overnight stay at Mahaweli Reach Hotel.

Day 4

After breakfast leave for Nuwara Eliya via Mailapitiya, Hanguranketha and Ragala. At Hanguranketha visit the Buddhist Temple to see the murals and a large collection of Ola-leaf books.
Lunch at St. Andrew's Hotel, Nuwara Eliya. Afternoon visit the market, Victoria Park, drive round the lake, the Hakgala Botanical Gardens and the quaint little Seethe Kovil. Dinner and overnight stay at the St. Andrews Hotel, Nuwara Eliya.

Day 5

After breakfast leave for Tissamaharama via Bandarawela, Ella, Wellawaya. At Bandarawela, visit Dowra temple to see the 8th AD Buddha statue and murals in the caves.
Stop at the Ella rest House for tea and to see the spectacular view through the Ella Gap. At Randeniwela see the monuments erected in memory of the bravery of the Sinhala Army. Visit the Buduruwagala to see the tallest Buddha statue and other figures sculptured on a rock. Lunch at "Saranga" Guest House, Wellawaya or a picnic lunch. After lunch leave for Tisa via Buttala and Kataragama. At Buttala, visit Yudaganawa Temple/Maligawila Buddha Statue, Dambegoda Bodhisatva Statue and Dematamal Vihare Temple. Leave for Yala. Dinner and overnight stay at Yala safari Beach Hotel, Palatupana.

Day 6

Early morning leave by jeep to Yala National Park to see wild animals. Visit Sithulpahuwa Buddhist Temple and Magul-maha-vihara in the park. Lunch at the hotel. Afternoon visit Kirinida Buddhist Temple, Kataragama, Kirihera at 6:00pm to see the Temple Elephant offering flowers to the Dagaba and the Devala at

6:45 pm to take part in the offerings and to witness the dancing ladies offering oil-lamps to the Buddha Statue and the God. Dinner and overnight stay at the Yala Safari Beach Hotel, Palatupana.

Day 7

After breakfast leave for Galle. At Hamantota see the bird life. At Ambalantota visit Ussangoda and at Ranna visit Kasagal Temple, Mulkirigala Cave Temple and Wevurukannala Temples. Late lunch at Dicwella Italian Village. After lunch leave for Galle. At Matara see the Dutch Fort and Star Fort, Old Dutch Market building at Nupe Kustarajagala, the remains of the Weligama Dondra Temple and the Stilt fishermen at Talpe. Dinner and overnight stay at the Lighthouse Hotel, Galle.

Day 8

Morning visit to the Calvary at Hiniduma and the Dutch Fort - a world heritage site. Return to the hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay at the Lighthouse Hotel, Galle.

Day 9

Transfer to the airport for departure.