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**Colombo-Dambulla-Habarana -Sigiriya-Minneriya- Matale-Kandy-Peradeniya-Nuwara
eliya- Ella-Yala-Galle-Colombo)**

(10 days /8 nights)

DEPARTURE FROM CYPRUS 27/08

Flights with Emirates airlines

27 Aug 24 Larnaca 20:10 Dubai 01:05 +1 day

28 Aug 24 Dubai 02:40 Colombo 08:35

TRAVEL TIME 9.55

05 Sep 24 Colombo 03:15 Dubai 06:00

05 Sep 24 Dubai 08:00 to Larnaca 11:10

TRAVEL TIME 10.25

Small group 10-15 pax, Group leader from our office

Day 1: Departure Cyprus - Larnaca 20:10

Day 2: Arrival Colombo Airport → Colombo

Hotel: 5* - The Kingsbury Hotel Colombo

Meals: X/L/X

Travelling Time: Approx. 3 Hours

Arrive at the Colombo International Airport on EK, here, you will be met by our guide. After the formalities at the airport, you will be escorted to your air-conditioned vehicle and then transfer to Colombo.

Check-in Hotel & Free time to rest.

COLOMBO CITY TOUR, 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, Lotus Tower, 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 Wolfe dhal dating back to 1749. Colombo Shopping Tour: Take a fascinating journey in the capital of the isle paradise. This commercial and administrative hub of the country proves to be a blend of cultural texture, religions, and socioeconomic classes. Visit bargain markets, Independence Square, Odel Shopping Mall, Colombo City Center, One Galle Face, Shopping at Laksala state owned Handicraft's emporium.

Transfer back to Hotel.

Overnight stay at THE KINGSBURY HOTEL COLOMBO

Day 3: Colombo → Dambulla → Habarana

Hotel: 4* Habarana Village By Cinnamon
Meals: Breakfast/X/Dinner
Travelling Time: Approx. 3.30 Hours
Breakfast at Hotel

Proceed to Dambulla. Visit *Dambulla Cave Temple – which is located in the North Central Province. This UNESCO World Heritage Site which dates to the 01st century BC, is an amazing complex of 05 caves, first used as a refuge by an ancient king who on regaining his throne, commissioned magnificent carved images within the living rock. Later kings made further improvements and the caves contain over 150 images of the Buddha of which the largest is a colossal figure spanning 15 meters.

Continue to Hotel

Dinner & Overnight stay at HABARANA VILLAGE BY CINNAMON

Day 4: Habarana → Sigiriya → Minneriya → Habarana

Hotel: 4* Habarana Village By Cinnamon
Meals: Breakfast/X/Dinner
Travelling Time: Approx. 30 Min
Breakfast at Hotel

Climb *Sigiriya is a “UNESCO 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 still shining in their original colors. The Water Gardens, Fountain Garden, Summerhouses, Boulder Gardens, and the Caves within the enclosed area should not be missed.

In the evening Safari in Minneriya National Park, is a national park in North Central Province of Sri Lanka. The area was designated as a national park on 12 August 1997, having been originally declared as a wildlife sanctuary in 1938.[1] The reason for declaring the area as protected is to protect the catchment of Minneriya tank and the wildlife of the surrounding area. The tank is of historical importance, having been built by King Mahasen in third century AD. The park is a dry season feeding ground for the elephant population dwelling in forests of Matale.

Transfer back to hotel

Dinner & Overnight stay at HABARANA VILLAGE BY CINNAMON



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Day 5: Dambulla → Matale → Kandy

Hotel: 4* Amaya Hills
Meals: Breakfast/Snack/Dinner
Travelling Time: Approx. 2.30 Hours
Breakfast at Hotel

Proceed to Kandy. En-route, *Spice Garden in Matale to see the different spices, which Sri Lanka is famous for. You will be introduced to different spices and shown how some of these spices are grown and processed.

Cooking Lesson followed with SriLankan Tropical Fruit Tasting

Continue to Kandy, 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 *Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya – This majestic botanical garden is 147 acres in extent and was started in 1374 as a pleasure garden of the Kings of Gampola and Kandy. There are more than 5,000 species of trees, plants and creepers. Some which are rare and endemic, as well as flora from the tropical world are found in the gardens. The Spice Garden and Orchid House are popular with tourists. There are 5 Palm Avenues beautifying the gardens, the earliest and tallest, Royal Palm Avenue, was planted in 1905 and the Double Coconuts from the Seashells Island, with the largest seed of all plants in the world, is one such avenue.

Visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic which was once a resplendent royal palace. The palace now houses one of the most sacred tooth relics of the Buddha and is considered one of the most symbolic icons of the Buddhist heritage of Sri Lanka.

Late Cultural Show (Traditional Dances)

Transfer to Hotel
Dinner & Overnight stay at AMAYA HILLS KANDY

Day 6: Kandy → Nuwara Eliya → Ella

Hotel: 4* - Hide Ella
Meals: Breakfast/X/X
Travelling Time: Approx. 4 Hours
Breakfast at Hotel

Proceed to Nuwara Eliya, En-route stop and *Walk Through a Tea Plantation. The plucking field where it all begins with the picking of “two leaves and a bud”. Originally introduced to the island around 1850 by the British, Ceylon Tea is world famous for its high quality and has remained a major contributor to the island’s economy for generations. *Nuwara Eliya, which is called “Little England of Sri Lanka” and is located in the dense, foggy hills of this paradise island. The colonial atmosphere remains preserved and resembles the British countryside filled with rose bushes.

Continue to Nanu-Oya Station and catch the *Scenic Train to Ella.

Continue to Ella. F&E

Overnight stay at HIDE ELLA



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Day 7: Ella

Hotel: 4* - Hide Ella
Meals: Breakfast/X/X
Travelling Time: Approx. N/A
Breakfast at Hotel

Leave the hotel to reach *Nine Arches Bridge by 9 AM to witness the train pass.
Thereafter visit *Mini Adam's Peak.

Optional: Ravana Zip Line
Relax at *Ravana Pool Club
Transfer back to Hotel

Overnight stay at HIDE ELLA

Day 8: Ella → Yala

Hotel: 4* - Double Tree by Hilton
Meals: Breakfast/X/Dinner
Travelling Time: Approx. 1.30 Hours
Breakfast at Hotel

Proceed to the wilderness, visiting the *Ravana Waterfalls & *Tissamaharama Lake.

Later 4X4 Jeep Safari at *Yala National Park Jeep Safari - This is Sri Lanka's most known National Park is popular for Elephant, Leopard, Bear, Crocodile and Wild Boar. 97,800 hectares in extent, this is the second largest of Sri Lanka's National Parks. Its open undulating terrain made it famous for elephants for many years, but recently the park has also received much fame through publicity by National Geographic and the Discovery TV channels, which focused on a leopard research/conservation and identification project. Claims have subsequently been made that Yala National Park has the world's highest concentration of leopard per square kilometer. Vegetation is primarily grassland and shrub jungle with patches of dense growth while several salt and freshwater lagoons are a haven for a large variety of resident and migrant birds. Areas popular with leopard are rock strewn hillocks with dense shrub in which the animals hide.

Transfer to Hotel
Dinner & Overnight stay at DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON

Day 9: Yala → Galle → Beruwela

Hotel: 5* - Occidental Eden Resort & Spa
Meals: Breakfast/X/Dinner
Travelling Time: Approx. 1.30 Hours
Breakfast at Hotel

Proceed to Galle. En-route stop at *Stilt Fisherman. Sightseeing at *Galle World Heritage Site. Galle is a historic coastal city located in the southwestern part of Sri Lanka. The city is famous for its well-preserved Dutch colonial architecture, which is evident in its fortifications, buildings, and narrow streets. The old town of Galle is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is home to various cultural attractions, such as the Galle Fort, Dutch Reformed Church, and the Maritime Museum. Galle is also known for its stunning beaches, such as Unawatuna and Mirissa, where visitors can indulge in various water activities like swimming, snorkeling, and surfing. The city is a must-visit destination for those interested in Sri Lanka's rich history, culture, and natural beauty. Free time to walk around & shopping.

*Balapitiya Madu River Boat Safari is a scenic boat tour that takes visitors through the tranquil waters of the Madu River, located in the southern part of Sri Lanka. The boat safari offers a unique opportunity to explore the lush mangrove forests, and observe the diverse wildlife, such as crocodiles, monkeys, and various bird species that call this region home. Visitors can also visit the small islands located within the Madu River, where they can explore the temples, cinnamon plantations, and traditional handicraft workshops. The Balapitiya Madu River Boat Safari is a must-visit destination for nature lovers and those looking to experience the natural beauty of Sri Lanka.

Transfer to Hotel.
Dinner & Overnight stay at OCCIDENTAL EDEN RESORT & SPA

Day 10: Beruwela → Airport

Hotel: Hotel: 5* - Occidental Eden Resort & Spa – late check out
Meals: Breakfast/X/X
Travelling Time: Approx. 2 Hours
Breakfast at Hotel
Free & Easy.
Late check-out.
Later transfer to Airport for the EK flight Colombo 03:15

Day 11: Arrival Larnaca 11:10

PRICE PER ADULT	4-5 STARS
10 - 15 adults	2320 EUR
Single room surcharge	480 EUR

Services Inclusion	Services Exclusion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Air tickets with Emirates airlines Larnaca-Colombo- Larnaca ✓ Bagage 25 kg and 7 kg hand bag ✓ Airport Taxes ✓ Hotel accommodation based on double or twin rooms sharing with daily breakfast at hotel ✓ Late check out from the hotel last day ✓ Private transportation with A/C vehicle on tour ✓ Entrance fees on tour ✓ Fruit tasting and cooking class ✓ Minneriya National Park including Jeep ✓ Yala National Park including Jeep ✓ Ticket for Cultural Show ✓ Train Jorney ✓ Meals included as indicated in the itinerary (5 Dinners & 1 Lunch) ✓ Madu River Boat Ride ✓ Welcome Drinks at Every Hotel ✓ English speaking tour guides ✓ Bottle/Filtered water during tour & hotel ✓ Coffee/Tea Making Facilities at every hotel Free from Opera travel group travel insurance Free internet during tours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Visa entry Sri Lanka & visa services 60 USD (For Cyprus or EU passport holders) ✓ Drinks & other meals not mention in the program ✓ Personal expenses ✓ Early check-in and late check-out ✓ Tipping for tour guides and drivers ✓ Other services not mentioned in the itinerary