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## Fast in the Glory/04 Days & 03 Nights Tour In Sri Lanka

### Day 01 - AIRPORT/PINNAWELA/KANDY.

Warmly welcome at the airport and proceed to Kandy via Pinnawala

- **Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage**

The Orphanage was established to feed, nurse and house young elephants abandoned by their mothers and displaced from their natural environment due to development projects. Most orphans cannot be introduced back to the wild as other elephant family groups will not accept them. They enjoy a good life with their human parents and many find good foster homes in zoos around the world. If you could reach the Orphanage by **09:15 hrs or 13:15 hrs** you will be in time to see the baby elephants being bottle-fed. **At 10:00 hrs** the entire herd is taken to the river for a bath.

En-route visit Royal Botanical Garden

- **Royal Botanical Garden**

Visit the **Royal Botanical Garden** which is located less than four miles from Kandy on the Colombo road. Being 1540 feet above sea level, it covers approximately 150 acres and well known for its large variety of plants and creepers. The best attraction is the orchid house, which houses more than 300 varieties of orchids and many kind of nutmeg grove.

- **Kandy & Kandy Sightseeing**

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of **Kandy** which is a **UNESCO world heritage site**. The historic city about surrounded by mountains was known Sri Lanka as Kanda Udarata, which means the hill country. Kandy was home to Sri Lanka's last independent Kingdom, which survived two centuries of colonial incursions before finally falling to the British at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Take a drive to the **Upper Lake** and enjoy the panoramic view of the city of **Kandy**. Evening witness of the traditional kandyan Dancing Show.

- **Kandyan Dance**

Witness the **Kandyan Dance** a pageant of traditional Sri Lankan dance that flourished in the hill country during ancient times. The dancers are attired in frilled costumes with glistening head-dresses and breastplates. They skip and whirl to the beat of the drums executing astonishing acrobatics in mid-air. The highlight of the performance is the fire-walking at the end of the pageant.

After the Kandyan Dancing show visit the Temple of the Tooth.

- **Temple of the Tooth (Dalada Maligawa)**

Visit the "**DALADA MALIGAWA**" – where the **sacred Tooth Relic** is placed and preserved is undoubtedly the greatest attraction of the city. It is one of the most sacred places for Buddhists all over the world. Watch the traditional rituals performed daily by the religious dignitaries of the temple in keeping with the cultural heritage of county.

Visit the "**RAJA WASALA**" – the Royal Palace complex where the Council Chamber known as the "**Magul Maduwa**" is seen. This is a unique wooden pillared hall dating back to 1784 and the Devale complexes are housed inside.

Overnight stay in Kandy hotel.

### Day 02 – KANDY/MATALE/SIGIRIYA

After the breakfast leaving for Sigiriya via Matale. En-route visit Spice Garden & Batik Factory in Matale

- **Herbal & Spice Garden**

Visit a spice garden in Matale to see different spices for which Sri Lanka is famous for. Here, clients could see different spices and how some of these spices are grown and processed. Most of Sri Lankan endemic herbals and spices use to make indigenous medicine or Ayurveda medicines which very old medicine system in the world over 2000 years.

- **Batik Factory**

After visits a batik factory in Matale and witness the manufacturing of fabulous handmade fabrics "Batik".

Continuous the trip to Sigiriya.

- **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**

Climb the 5<sup>th</sup> century Sigiriya **Rock Fortress** – which is a **UNESCO "World Heritage Site"**, built by 'King Kashaya (477-495 AD)'. The "**Lion Rock**" is a citadel of unusual beauty rising 200 meters from the green scrub jungle; it's perhaps the most memorable place for visitors to Sri Lanka. The site was known from ancient times as a hermitage for Buddhist monks. A well planned monastic complex includes caved temples, bathing pools, lovely ponds and Asia's oldest surviving landscaped gardens. Today Sigiriya is famous for its "**Frescos Painted**" in the pocket of the rock. The "**Lion Stairway**", the "**Mirror Wall**" and the "**Water Gardens**" are the other highlights of Sigiriya.

Overnight stay at Sigiriya.

### **Day 03 – POLONNARUWA/DAMBULLA/COLOMBO**

After the breakfast early depart to Polonnaruwa

- **Polonnaruwa**

**Polonnaruwa** was mediaeval capital of Sri Lanka, and today it is one of the most beautiful centers of our cultural heritage. Polonnaruwa succeeded Anuradhapura as capital of the island now called Sri Lanka at the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> century. The Indian Chola Dynasty ruled the island at that moment but after they were driven out Polonnaruwa remained the capital. The city had its cultural heyday under the leadership of King Parakramabahu 1 in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, the buildings, parks and the large tank date from this period.

Visit the ancient ruins and the **Gal Vihara Complex**, where three very large Buddha statues are carved out of a single rock. And you will see the **New Museum** where you will find all above places dis-played with modules.

After the Polonnaruwa sight seen proceed to Colombo via Dambulla

- **Dambulla Golden Rock Temple**

Visit **Dambulla Golden Rock Cave Temple** also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla. Dambulla rock temple was built by 'King Walagambahu' in the 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C and it is **UNESCO "World Heritage Site"**. Comprised of 5 caves and a picturesque facade carved into the side of a steep rock face, the Dambulla Cave Temple houses ancient statues and paintings depicting Lord Buddha and his life. This is the largest and best preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka.

Overnight stay at Colombo.

### **Day 04 – COLOMBO/AIRPORT**

After Breakfast leave city tour Colombo city tour and shopping.

- **Colombo**

The largest city and commercial capital of Sri Lanka is Colombo which is located in the western province adjacent to Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte (the capital city of Sri Lanka) Colombo is a vibrant city with a mixture of modern life, colonial buildings and ruins. Due to its very large harbor and its position along the East-West sea trade routes Colombo was very popular among ancient traders 2000 years ago. Colombo houses a majority of the Sri Lanka's corporate offices, restaurants and entertainment venues.

Famous land marks in Colombo are including the National Museum, World Trade Center, Vihara Maha Devi Park and the Galle Face Green. The name "Colombo", first introduced by the Portuguese in 1505, is believed to be derived from the classical Sinhalese name *Kolon thota*, meaning "port on the river Kelani". It has also been suggested that the name may be derived from the Sinhalese name *Kola-amba-thota* which means "Harbor with leafy mango trees". However, it is also possible that the Portuguese named the city after Christopher Columbus.

Transfer to the airport to connect flight for departure.

**END OF TOUR IN SRI LANKA**