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### **9 Nights / 10 Days Nature Tour In Sri Lanka**

#### **DAY 01**

##### **AIR PORT/SINHARAJAYA**

Warmly welcome at the air port and transfer to Sinharaja

Over night Stay at Sinharajaya

#### **DAY 02**

##### **SINHARAJAYA**

In the morning leave for the Sinharaja Rain Forest by jeep and commence tracking.

##### **Sinharaja Rain Forest**

**SINHARAJA RAIN FOREST** – You will discover the giant rain forest canopy trees that reach over 125 feet, and the rare or endangered trees of the sub-canopy forest and undergrowth. You will see some of the most rare, beautiful and endangered orchids, epiphytes and bromeliads growing among the tree branches. Among the animal life here are mammals such as the leopard, sambar, barking deer and wild boar, 45 species of reptiles, 21 of which are only found in Sri Lanka. Of the beautiful birds nearly ninety percent of the endemic birds of Sri Lanka are found at Sinharaja. In 1989 it was declared a **UNESCO "World Heritage Site"**.

Over night Stay at Sinharajaya

#### **DAY 03**

##### **SINHARAJAYA/UDAWALAWE/YALA**

##### **Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home**

Visit the **Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home** which is a refuge for baby elephants, the majority of which have been affected by the tragic elephant – human conflict (when mothers are often separated from their young or even killed). This incredible project provides food, medical care, and anything else a baby elephant needs. When the elephants are big and strong enough, they are released back into the wilderness to start living a 'normal' elephant life. Easily accessible from Udawalawe National Park it self, visitors can go to the Elephant Transit Center at specific times in the day to enjoy the feeding hour, when the small elephants rush to drink milk and play with their mates. Like any other babies, elephants like showing off, especially when spectators are around so the event can become a great source of entertainment.

If you could reach the transit home by **09:00 hrs or 12:00hrs** you will be in time to see the baby elephant being bottle-fed.

Evening., Leave on a Safari of **THE YALA NATIONAL PARK**

This park is 378 sq. miles in extent and is a most famous and well-developed National Park in the Island. You could

observe Elephants in herds of varying sizes, **Leopards**, Wild Boar, Wild Buffalo, Crocodiles, Peacocks Jackals, Sloth Bear and other animals. The Bird life comprises **130 species** including the resident and migrant **birds**. Painted Stalks, Serpent Eagle, Sea Eagle and Pelicans add color to the bird life in the park.

Over night Stay at Yala

#### **DAY 04**

##### **YALA/BUNDALA/YALA**

Early morning leaving to the visit Bundala National Park

#### **Bundala National Park**

The thorny scrub jungle is located in the Hambantota District and harbours a plethora of wildlife. It is home to a total of 383 plant species and 32 different species of mammals. A drive through the park will reveal spotted deer, the rare pangolin, grey langur monkeys, sloth bears, jackals, crocodiles and to the extra vigilant-leopards, Bird-watchers will be delighted to find that the Bundala wetland system lays claim to a rich bird life with approximately 197 species, including several species of migratory waterfowl. This has led to the declaration of the park as Sri Lanka's first "Ramsar" wetland. It is also declared as a Man and Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO

Over night Stay at Yala

#### **DAY 05**

##### **YALA/NUWARA ELIYA**

Early morning., Leave on a Safari of **THE YALA NATIONAL PARK**

After the Safari leave to Nuwara Eliya via Ella

#### **Nuwara Eliya**

**Nuwara Eliya** Which means the "**City of Lights**" is also known as the city of eternal spring, where the air is pure, cool and distilled up through 1884 meters. The city established by the British in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and known as "**LITTLE ENGLAND**" and is a popular holiday resort for Sri Lankans & tourists due to its cool climate and quaint colonial feel with its little bungalows surrounded by hedgerows.

Over night Stay at Nuwara Eliya

#### **DAY 06**

##### **NUWARA ELIYA/HORTON PLAINS/ KANDY**

Around 06:00 hrs after bed tea and geared with picnic breakfast leave for Horton Plains National Park

#### **Horton Plains**

This park covers an extent of 3162 hectares and 7200 ft above sea level. An hour's drive from Nuwara Eliya will bring you to these Plains which is the only one that could be toured by foot. Endemic Sander Loris and purple monkey are among the important animal species in addition to Sambhur and the occasional Leopard. Wild elephants have been found in the very early days. This park is a habitat for a large number of endemic birds and butterflies.

**Trek to World's End** a vertical drop of 1312 meters and the **Baker's Falls** is an experience. From here you could

see the surrounding hills and the mountain ranges.

After the Horton Plains trekking proceed to Kandy Via Tea Plantation

Nuwara Eliya is also the heart of the tea country and you can visit a plantation and a factory en route here and witness how the famous "**Ceylon Tea**" is brewed. A journey through narrow passes, beside deep ravines and over gushing streams to the hill country of Sri Lanka is a very enjoyable one.

### **Kandy**

Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The name "Kandy" conjures visions of splendour and magnificence. Many of the legends, traditions and folklore are still lovingly kept alive.

Over night Stay at Kandy

### **DAY 07**

#### **KANDY SIGHTSEEIN**

After the Breakfast leave to the Kandy Sight seen

#### **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.

Next you will 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.

Drive around the Kandy Lake built by the last Sinhala king Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1798. Visit the **Bazaar area, Arts & Crafts center, a gem museum and a lapidary etc.**, and Thereafter witness a **Cultural show**. Also if you are interested in Gems & Jewellery you could visit the **Gem Meseum** shops in the area which is famous for so many years. Ceylon Gems brings you the highest quality natural gems for provide a wide range of gemstones that include blue, white, sapphires, chrysobery cats eye, tourmaline, garnet, topaz.

#### **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 it's large variety of plants and creepers. The best attraction is the orchid house, which houses more than than 300 orchid and the nutmeg grove.

#### **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.

Over night Stay at Kandy

**DAY 08****KANDY/KNUCKLES**

After the breakfast at the hotel and morning leaving to Knuckles

**Knuckles Range**

The Knuckles Range, with more than 30 peaks over 900m (3000ft) in height (the highest, Gombariya, rises to 1906m/6248ft), is a unique ecosystem bounded in the east by the Mahaveli River system and to the west by Matale plains. The area has been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Knuckles Range Nature Center at Pitawala, near Ilukkumbura, offers an overview of the region, its wildlife, and the way of life of the people who live in its mountain villages.

Over night Stay at Knuckles

**DAY 09****KNUCKLES/WASGAMUWA/KNUCKLES**

Evening leaving to Wasgamuwa Jeep Safari

**Wasgamuwa National Park**

Wasgamuwa is the only National Park in the Central Province, declared as a protected area where Sri Lankan elephants can be seen in large herds. It is also an important Bird Area in Sri Lanka. The name Wasgamuwa has been derived from the words "Walas Gamuwa". "Walas" means Sloth Bear in Sri Lanka and "Gamuwa" means a wood.

After the Safari return to Knuckles

Over night Stay at Knuckles

**DAY 10****KNUCKLES/NEGAMBO OR AIR PORT**

Have a breakfast at the hotel and morning leaving to Negambo or Air Port.

**Drop at Negambo or Air Port**

END OF TOUR IN SRI LANKA