

## Reisbeschrijving route rondreis Sri Lanka 10 dagen

### **Day 1.**

- \*airport pickup
- \*transport to the hotel in Negombo, driving 25 min.
- \*relax and refresh
- \*overnight stay in Negombo.

### **Day 02.** Negombo to Pinnawela en Dambulla

- \*After an appetizing breakfast at the hotel checkout and proceed to Sigiriya.
- \*En-route visit to Pinnawela Elephant orphanage and Dambulla Cave temple aprox; 2 ½ u. drive

#### ***Pinnawala elephant orphanage***

approx 55 miles from Colombo off the Colombo – Kandy road is Pinnawela. Here an orphanage was started in 1975 to house abandoned and wounded elephants.

The number of elephants has increased to more than 65 now ; including baby elephants brought from various parts, as well more than 25 babies born as a result of the captive breeding programme.

The best time to visit is the feedingtime from 0915-0945 hrs and 1415- 1445 hrs and the bathing time for 1000 – 1100 hrs and 1500 – 1600 hrs, when all the elephants are taken to the river close by.

#### ***Dambulla cave temple***

A complex that lies ontop a massive hill on the edge of the town is one of the eight UNESCO world heritage sites in the country and is renowned for its unique sculptures and the largest mural paintings .

There after proceed to SIGIRIYA.

#### ***Overnight stay in Sigiriya.***

### **Day 03**

After an appetizing breakfast at the hotel proceed to the ancient city of

#### ***Polonnaruwa***

Polonnaruwa is another UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE . It was the capital of Sri Lanka from 11th-13<sup>th</sup> centuries, contains some splendid and spectacular statues.

Lankatilake, Tivanka and Thuparama are the most beautiful and largest Image Houses and Tivanka has the best examples of frescoes of the Polonnaruwa period.

Rankoth, Vehera and Kirivehera are well preserved large stupas, and Gal Vihare - a rock shrine- , has four Buddha statues , two seated, one standing and one reclining. Parakrama Bahu statue are examples of Sinhalese stone carvers.

The Vata-da-ge is unique creation of the Sri Lankan artist.

The medieval capital, Polonnaruwa was fortified with inner & outer moats and inner&outer walls.

The Parakrama Samudra is on western side of the city. The royal Palace, Audience Hall and Other buildings in the inner city were enclosed by another tall wall.

Thereafter proceed to Minneriya national park.

### ***Minneriya national park***

Located between Habarana and Polonnaruwa, the 8890 hectares of Minneriya national park is an ideal eco-tourism location in Sri Lanka. The park consist of mixed evergreen forest and scrub areas and is home to Sri Lankas favorites such as sambar deer, leopards and elephants. However the central feature of the park is the Minneriya Tank (built in 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD by King Mahasena.)

During the dry season (June to Sept) this tank is an incredible place to observe the elephants who come to bathe and graze on the grasses as well as huge flocks of birds (cormorans and painted storks to name but a few) that come to fish in the shallow waters. ***Overnight stay at hotel.***

### ***Day 04***

After breakfast visit Sigirya Rock Fortress which is 5<sup>th</sup> century A.D. and proceed to Kandy.

### ***Spice gardens***

In Matale- you will see many spice gardens at Matale and Mawanella on the Colombo-Kandy road where Cinnamon, cardamom, pepper creepers and all other spice trees, plants and creepers are planted for visitors to see them. Spice products are also available for those who would like to buy them. At all Spice gardens visitors are taken round explaining each tree and plant and at the end explaining the use of them in food preparations.

### ***Kandy***

The hill capital is another "world heritage site" it was the last stronghold of the Sinhalese Kings during the Portuguese, Dutch and British rule and finally ceded to the British in 1815 after an agreement.

To the Buddhists of Sri Lanka and the world, Kandy is the most sacred site as it is the home of the "Dalada Malligawa" temple of the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha. Close by are the remains of the Royal palace "Maha Wasala" "Palle Wasala" where the Queens stayed now used for the national Museum, "Meda Wasala" where other close relatives lived, audience hall, Natha Devala and Vishnu Devala are situated close by. The Bathing pavilion "Ulupege" is by the lake and in the center of the lake is the island called "Kiri Samudraya" (milk with the ocean) used by the kings as the summerhouse. Today it is the center of Buddhism, Arts, Crafts, Music and Culture. Visitors can see these Dances & Music at the daily cultural performances held at several places in the city.

Please go and enjoy cultural Dance in Kandy 5 pm to 6 pm.

***Overnight stay in Kandy.***

### **Day 05**

After an appetizing breakfast at the hotel proceed to Kandy city.

#### ***Royal botanical gardens, peradeniya.***

This majestic botanical garden is 147 acres in extentant and was started in 1374 as a pleasure garden of the kings of Gampola and Kandy.

There are more than 5000 species of trees, plants and creepers, Some which are rare and endemic , as wel as flora from the tropical world are found in the gardens. The spice garden and Orchid house are popular with tourist. There are 5 Palm Avenues beautifying the gardens , the earliest and tallest, Royas palm avenue, was planted 1905 and the Double coconuts from the Seashells Island , with the largestseed of all plants in the world, is one such avenue.

#### ***Temple of the tooth relic,***

When king Wimalladharmasuriya 1 (1592-1604 AD) became king in Kandy , he searched for the tooth relic and the bowl relic of the Buddha and found that it was kept at the Delgomuwa Buddhist temple at Kuruwita, for more than 44 years, hidden in a grinding stone,

The king had gone there personally and brought the Sacred tooth relic to Kandy in a procession accompanied by the king . The first Temple of the Tooth trelic was constructed by Wimaladharmasooriya 1 to house it next to the royal Palace. After do the Kandy citytour including upper lake drive , Gem and jewelery museum , wooden factory, Batic factory, etc.

#### ***Overnight stay in Kandy***

### **Day 06**

After breakfast Proceed to Nuwara-Eliya . On the way you can visit Tea Plantation, water falls, and the tea factory, there you can enjoy real fresh cup of tea , if you want to buy tea , this is the best place.

#### ***Overnight stay in Nuwara- Eliya.***

### **Day 07**

After Breackfast proceed to Yala, on de way you can enjoy waterfalls and nice landscape check in to the Hotel have a rest for about 02 hours then visit your jeep Safari until 6,30 Hr

#### ***Overnight stay in Yala***

### **Day 08**

After Breackfast proceet to Kalutara on the way you can enjoy the Stilt Fisherman and Dutch fort in Galle .

#### ***Overnight stay in Bentota.***

### *Day 09*

after Breackfast you can do halfday tour to Bentota on Madu river (optional).  
Afternoon come back and enjoy the Hotel, if not, full day relax at the hotel.

### *Day 10*

After Breackfast proceed to airport on the way visit Colombo City, and drive to airport

## *End of the tour*

### *Included*

- *The whole trip will be in an airconditioned and comfortabel bus.*
- *English speaking driver*
- *All Fuel*
- *All Hotels are 4 stars*
- *Dinners and breakfast*

### *Not Included*

- *all Enterance fees*
- *Tips*

*Price : € 850.00 per person*

*If it is a group of 6 or 8 pers. A Lower price is possible.*

*Please contact us for details and precise Offer*