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## Kandy Esala Perahera Tour

8 Days / 7 Nights

### Negombo – Pinnawala – Sigiriya – Kandy – Bentota – Colombo

This unique tour is designed to take you to heart of Sri Lankan culture with the world famous Kandy Parade. The parade of the Temple of the Tooth is one of the most important cultural events in the Buddhist world, designed to pay homage to Buddha. The magnificent parade is a combination of hundreds of traditional dancing groups from the Hill country and the Low country of Sri Lanka with hundreds of magnificently decorated tuskers. Traditional aristocratic administration officials can also be seen parading with golden costumes surrounded by elephants and their ceremonial guard. The organization and the structure of the festival is the same as it used to be thousands of years ago since 3 BC. You will visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Sigiriya before the festival and will be retreating to the golden beaches of Bentota to recover from the hustle and Bustle of Kandy after the parade.

#### *Full itinerary of the tour*

##### Day 1: Katunayake airport/ Negombo city

- ) Welcome at the airport by our concierge and transfer to hotel in Negombo
- ) Walk along the golden beaches and relax in Negombo
- ) Enjoy delicious seafood and taste the first Sri Lankan spices

Accommodation: Paradise Beach Hotel in Negombo or similar/ Meals included: Breakfast  
Transport: 15 km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

##### Day 2: Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage – Sigiriya Rock fortresses

- ) Watch elephants taking their bath at Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage
- ) Be amazed by Sigiriya, the incredible “Fortress in the sky”, and enjoy the views from this ancient rock palace

Accommodation: Kassapa Lions Rock Hotel or similar/ Meals included: Breakfast  
Transport: 190km by special tourist coach, Mini bus, van, car

##### Day 3: Polonnaruwa Cultural Site – Minneriya National Park, wildlife safari tour

- ) Visit Polonnaruwa, another ancient metropolis and UNESCO World Heritage site,
- ) Wander along the shores of the giant man-made lake bordering the ancient capital Polonnaruwa
- ) Enjoy a fun evening safari through the Minneriya National Park, spotting its famous elephants and incredible wildlife

Accommodation: Kassapa Lions Rock Hotel or similar/ Meals included: Breakfast  
Transport: 104 km by special tourist coach, Mini bus, van, car

#### Day 4: Dambulla Cave Temple – Kandy Esala Perahera

- J Climb up to the Golden Rock Temple in Dambulla, the first UNESCO World Heritage site of our tour
- J Visit a spice garden, learn how the famous Sri Lankan spices are grown and then used in a spicy cooking demonstration
- J Be greeted by the city of Kandy with the great Esala Perahera festival, unequalled in Sri Lanka for its pageantry and splendor (29/07-07/08 2017). Processions of elephants, musicians and dancers from the Temple of the Tooth and the four Devals, houses of the Gods, move through the streets in front of thousands of joyful spectators.

Accommodation: Earl Regent Hotel or similar/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: 114 km by special tourist coach, Mini bus, van, car

#### Day 5: Kandy Temple of the Tooth Relic – Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya

- J Take a walk in colourful Kandy, go shopping at the authentic bazaar, visit the impressive Temple of the Tooth, one of the most important Buddhist centres in the world, or take a look at the gem museum
- J Wander through the Peradeniya Botanical Garden and admire the orchids and trees in one of the most beautiful and oldest botanical gardens in South Asia

Accommodation: Earl Regent Hotel or similar/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: 20 km by special tourist coach, Mini bus, van, car

#### Day 6 and Day 7: Kandy - Bentota Beach

- J Visit a turtle hatchery, that protects the five types of Sri Lankan sea turtles in a global campaign to conserve the important turtle population
- J Explore the stunning city of Galle – watch the cliff jumpers, have a stroll on top of the city's fortress walls and visit the beautiful boutiques
- J Indulge in the pleasures of beach life on the golden sand of Bentota. Laze on a sun deck reading a book and sip a cool fresh tropical fruit drink of pineapple, mango or banana. Truly tune out from the stresses of modern life and recharge your batteries at the seaside.

Accommodation: Avani Bentota Hotel or similar in Bentota/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transport: 188 km by tourist coach, mini bus, van, car.

#### Day 08: Colombo City

- J Go shopping for batik and stunning handloom in the beautiful Barefoot Gallery in Colombo
- J Enjoy the best food of Sri Lanka in one of the many excellent restaurants in the capital
- J Say good-bye to Sri Lanka on your way to the airport, or leave Colombo for a relaxing beach stay

Transport: 140 km by tourist coach, mini bus, van, car. Meals included: Breakfast from the hotel.

Complimentary offers (Depending on your location and tour package):

No hidden prices.

1. Optional tour in Kandy to famous royal temples of Gadaladeniya, Lankathilake and Ambekke Temple saving you 60 Euro per person.
2. Hiriwadunna village tour and lake safari including bullock cart tour across the village and jungle road and a tuk tuk adventure, saving you 30 Euro per person.
3. Exotic elephant safari ride tour in Pinnawala, saving you 18 Euro per person.
4. Traditional 80 minute Ayurvedic massage saving you 40 Euro per person.

Price includes:

- J We cover all costs included in your itinerary description inside Sri Lanka (no air fare)
- J Best reviewed and ranked boutique luxury hotels
- J Accommodation in shared double rooms on bed and breakfast basis in specified luxury hotels (can be upgraded on customer request)
- J Private luxury van, mini bus or car with an experienced driver and/ or guide with special tourist insurance
- J All government charges and taxes
- J Meals on bed and breakfast basis (Can be upgraded on customer request)
- J Safaris with specialist jeeps and wildlife expert drivers; meals included during safaris
- J Free complementary excursions and herbal treatments, massages and lunches
- J Extras on the way such as traditional delicacies and traditional handcraft souvenirs
- J Water and snacks on the way

Price excludes:

- J Medical/ travel insurance
- J Optional tours and activities that are not part of the complimentary offers that come with your package
- J Special permits including camera and video permits to designated sights
- J Tips and other expenses of personal nature
- J Entrance fees to national monuments, wildlife parks and other attractions that are not covered in your offer (can be upgraded on customer request)

## Special notes to all travelers

1. All rates are subject to change in case of sudden government charges on fuel and transport, hotel rates, entrance fees and taxes.
2. Above rates are calculated at the latest available conversion rate. You will be informed about any major differences and the final tour price may be reduced or increased.
3. Our cancellation policy will be applicable for any reduction of rooms after the release period.
4. We keep our costs to absolute minimum by picking nonrefundable reservations. Therefore, all tour reservations are subject to a 100% non-cancellation policy. However we may help you to change the dates or change the tour program depending on costs and availability.
5. All reservations are subject to availability at time of booking.
6. Reservation confirmation shall be subject to availability after your consent to confirm the room /round tour package.
7. The official check-in time at all hotels is 14:00. The official check-out time at all hotels is 11:00.
8. Alcohol will not be served by any hotel on Poya Days (full moon) and other days prohibited by the government. Guests are advised to abide by the law at all times.
9. Optional excursions and additional services outside our large number of complimentary options can be provided at additional charge.
10. Visits to wildlife parks will be at client's own risk.
11. Safari vehicles have very basic insurance cover (not as comprehensive as in the case of vehicles used for tours).
12. By booking a tour or request a booking you agree to the following terms:
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  - b. Please visit our Important travel information and disclaimers. [Click here](#)