

Programme : 10 Days in Sri Lanka!
Duration : 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

DAY 1 : Meet and assist on arrival at Airport by Representative and proceed to Colombo. Check in at your hotel.

Later, in the evening enjoy a walking tour with Mark Forbes or one of his trusted friends

A personalized city walk through the city of Colombo, where you can experience firsthand the borrowed words from the Portuguese to the amazing architecture the Dutch/English left behind, see the vision and love the Englishman had for this land - all while learning and experiencing what being "Sri Lankan" is all about. Our walks are generally 3 - 4 hours and are conducted in the evening-time allowing the body to battle the humidity levels and experience the wind-down time of island culture. And most of all, to give that photographer in your midst the opportunity to create a masterpiece of Colombo City. With this personalized walk, we guarantee to engage your senses and set it all a-buzz as you will experience (safe) local food and beverages.



Overnight Stay at Cinnamon Lake Side
(One night in a Superior Room on Bed & Breakfast basis)

DAY 2 : Early breakfast at hotel and proceed to Bandaragama and visit the Agro Village.

Tour Program

- Visit uyanwatta lake (manmade lake builds during the king vidiya bandara - 1521 AD)
- Visit 1700-year-old temple (Giant sleeping Buddha statue made out of the solid rock and Kandy era paintings can be seen)
- Arrive to Millaniya village (Tuk tuk ride will start at the millaniya and it will pass through paddy fields, village houses and rubber plantation)
- Visit local cigar (bidi) making house (can be seen local cigar making process by village ladies)
- Arrive to agropark millaniya (It's an award winning one of the best consolidated farm in Sri Lanka, best farmer in Sri Lanka - 2016)

At the agropark, visitors can experience followings

- Traditional welcome by playing rabbana
- Visit tea, cinnamon, coconut, pineapple plantation
- Farm fresh welcome drink – fresh pineapple or papaya juice
- Cinnamon peeling process
- Use of coconut, coconut scraping, milk making, coconut Cadjans making demonstration
- Traditional and modern agricultural practices
- Sri Lanka's largest banana gene bank, which conserve 70 different type of bananas.
- Traditional coconut oil making process by sekku stone.
- Coconut toddy tapping
- Homemade Sri Lankan style lunch and desert will serve to client. Including the free bottle of water
- At the end gift will serve to each guest.

Normally tour start at uyanwatta lake between 8.30 am to 9.00 am, Finished around 2.00 pm at the agropark millaniya.



On completion drive to Sigiriya

Overnight Stay at Sigiriya Jungles

(Two nights' in a Deluxe Room on Bed & Breakfast basis)

DAY 3 : Early breakfast at hotel and proceed to climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress.

The 5th century rock citadel of King Kasyapa and World Heritage Site - Sigiriya - doesn't only boasts of ancient Sri Lankan engineering & urban planning supremacy but also acclaims to be one of the finest monuments of art & culture. Step through the gigantic 'Lion Paws' - overlooking the symmetrical royal gardens below - to comprehend the absolute splendor that once dominated this rock fortress. Surrounded by ramparts & moats the Lion Rock - resembling the mythological 'City of Gods' - is coated by frescoes that relate to Gupta style paintings found in Ajanta caves of India. Walk in the shade of an eminent 'mirror wall' embracing the Western face of Sigiriya representing an artistic hundred meters laminated with graffiti. Wander into the well-fabricated museum downstairs for an epic journey of yesteryears to realize how the citadel floated above citizens with the castle, ponds and irrigation systems that pumped water right onto its summit with an ingenious hydraulic system describing a colossal masterpiece of the great king which remained a wonder in Asia for centuries.



On completion proceed to Polonnaruwa to see the ruins

Rising with the decline of Anuradhapura, the city of Polonnaruwa - medieval capital & crown jewel of King Parakramabahu I - remains superior proof of ancient culture & heritage blended with religious beliefs. Walk across its scattered walls of the World Heritage Site - blessed by stupas, resting Buddha statues, irrigation canals and fantastically carved Hindu sculptures - while observing the relic house - Watadage - which boasts of beautiful stone carvings. Take a close glance and you will realize a subtle Hindu influence on architecture and statues found in Polonnaruwa. Or sit by the side of Galviharaya and observe the absolute beauty gushing out of every bend of its huge Buddhist statues. Nissankamalla Council Chamber is however, a head-spinning beauty to just sit back and observe with its swaying pillars reminding the aesthetics of a powerful kingdom which rests beside Parakrama Samudraya - sea of Parakramabahu & masterpiece of irrigation!



Overnight Stay at Sigiriya Jungles

DAY 4 : After breakfast proceed to Kandy. En-route visit Dambulla Rock Cave Temple

In the city of Dambulla lies a hub which has been treasured by many kings since the 1st century B.C. Today, an icon in the face of Sri Lanka, Dambulla Rock Temple houses some of the most unique drawings in magnificently constructed 5 cave temples flanking the golden temple of Dambulla. Observe how exquisitely cave paintings are done along walls that shelter 150 statues of Lord Buddha. As you enter the retreat, look straight up to the gigantic Buddha statue glittering in gold over a land, which today houses an important junction in the country's economic and cultural uplifting.



On completion continue to Kandy. Visit a natural spice garden in Matale

An agricultural zone in the Central Province, Matale seldom drops off the maps due to its remarkable contribution through flagship crops of the island extending from tea, rubber & vegetables to spices. Spearheading the Rebellion back in 1848, Matale today takes immense pride in its story woven around spices. Stop by the side of a spice garden - into which you will be most welcome - and observe the therapeutic values of spices & processes over a refreshing cup of herbal tea! Or spend some time idling on the hardened streets if you mean a real town adventure filled with voices and colors.



Overnight Stay at Cinnamon Citadel (Two nights' in a Superior Room on Bed & Breakfast basis)

DAY 5 : Early breakfast at hotel and proceed to Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage to witness 0915 Hrs Elephant feeding
As you enter the 25-acre coconut property, do not be surprised to witness baby elephants being bottle fed or moving around freely causing absolutely no harm to anyone. It is rightly a sincere sight to observe how these gentle giants - orphaned and sometimes three-legged - are taken care of since 1975 at Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage. Up to date, over 20 calves have been born here, and it is surprising to hear that some of its inmates have even seen their grandchildren during the past few decades! Watch as they feed at 9:15 am, 1:15 pm & 5:00 pm and take a river bath twice a day at 10:00 am & 2:00 pm respectively for an experience that could never be felt anywhere else on earth!



On completion visit Peradeniya Botanical Gardens

First developed as a pleasure garden under royalty and later harmonized by the British, the Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya - today bundled with the most welcoming facilities located just 4 miles off Kandy - is a flourishing national asset in the Wonder of Asia. Walk into this 147-acre bliss of an experience, passing well-tended lawns, pavilions & an octagon conservatory to be greeted by the vast expanse of a magnificently landscaped lush green turf which will encourage you for an exhilarating break. Towards the north of the entrance rests a cafeteria that one might come across before stepping into some of the highlights - the orchid house & giant Javan fig tree - of this place which overflow in grace.



Later, in the evening embark a city tour of Kandy.

Last ruled by King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe - before it was brought under the British rule in 1815, Kandy - the World Heritage Site & last royal capital of Sri Lankan kings - crafts an array of culture, history and heritage in the minds of visitors across the globe. Experience an ancient Kandyan legacy engraved around its crown jewel, the temple of the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha. A stroll across this small lakeside town - cradled among the misty hills - will feature the Kandy City Centre - bundled with latest and world class brands, bazaar, an arts & crafts centre, as well as a gem museum & lapidary. Walk in color as you glide through fresh fruits and vegetables in the Kandy market. Fine tune your evening by stepping to the beat of traditional music & drumming amplified by a cultural show enhancing the rich and vibrant culture of the Wonder of Asia, Sri Lanka.



Overnight Stay at Cinnamon Citadel

DAY 6 : After breakfast proceed to Nuwara Eliya via tea plantations

Sri Lanka, Tea and Tourism are words which cannot be separated. Take a tour to the cold & misty hills that take pride of an ultimate tea tour, covering lush green blankets of tea plantations. Or just step into a tea factory processing the prestigious brand of Ceylon Tea, to observe a rich tradition kept alive up to date. As you observe the hissing and swishing of

machines, inhaling the heavenly scent arising from these facilities, make sure to end your day in style over a perfectly blended cup of pure Ceylon Tea.



Evening at leisure

Overnight Stay at Araliya Green Hills Hotel

(One night in a Standard Room on Bed & Breakfast basis)

DAY 7 : After breakfast proceed to Yala. Enjoy an evening safari at Yala National Park.

Spreading into a vast 1259 Km² Yala - with its glory spinning around vast grasslands, shrubs, tanks and dunes - rightfully is the heartland of wildlife in Sri Lanka. As your jeep rumble through the giant gates of Yala, you are not only stepping into the most visited national park in the country, but also the lands of a civilization which thrived during the reign of Sri Lankan kings. You name it, and Yala has it! Its usual inmates cover herds of elephant, sloth bear, spotted deer, jackal, extensively populated birdlife as well as the highest density of leopards in the world that garnish the park to be one of the finest destinations in the country. Feel the rough track as your jeep thunders over rocks and swish passing narrow bends for an exhilarating experience blended with the cries of wilderness under the tropical sun.



Overnight Stay at Cinnamon Wild

(Two nights in a Jungle Chalet on Bed & Breakfast basis)

DAY 8 : Early AM proceed to Udawalawe with packed breakfast and enjoy a morning safari at Udawalawe National Park

Be ready to witness trumpets across the border as you approach elephant country around the corner! Udawalawe truly is a sanctuary for the big footed & tusked. Marked by relatively large herds of elephants, the national park proves to be one of the best places one could observe them in their natural habitat. Hop into a safari jeep and head into the park, you are most likely to drive into your first herd of giants within the maiden hundred meters. Turn on your radar into

other species - such as potted deer, sambur, barking deer, water buffalo and jackal - found within the park.



On completion visit the Elephant Transit Home

Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home bears a different story. Established in 1995, it caters to all injured elephants found in the area before releasing them into their natural habitat. So, make sure to just watch - rather than touch - these gentle giants as they feed, play and mingle with each other, before heading into the wild with one another.

Return to Yala

Overnight Stay at Cinnamon Wild

DAY 9 : After breakfast proceed to Galle. Later, in the evening enjoy a walking tour with Shanjei or one of his trusted friends

The tour encapsulates an experience where history, colonial culture, life, comedy, and thought provoking stories are blended in well. You can find out how a tree brought down from the Amazon has taken its rightful place on the Sri Lankan food menu. Hanuman the monkey God and his connection to the fort. Shanjei also gives the perfect recommendations for your taste buds or for your style sense. Just remember to ask him. The more you interact with him the more you will get to know, not only about the fort but about Sri Lanka as a country.

Shanjei's walking tour offers the following highlights:

- > Free thambili (coconut water) and bottled water
- > Special treasure hunt for kids
- > High tea experience for foodies
- > R&R with beer at the end of extended tour

Shanjei is a former advertising executive from Colombo. A year ago, he decided to leave the concrete jungle of Colombo and delved straight into the stories that make Galle Fort less a fort - and more a home for thousands. Today, he is leading curious tourists into one of Sri Lanka's most beloved UNESCO World Heritage Sites, helping them decode the fort's magic and mystery. Being an inquisitive person, he chased this mystique obsessively - so much so that he decided to become a Tour Guide to the fort for people like you. Yes, you. Want to learn more about the little nooks and crannies that make Galle Fort less a fort and more a home for its many residents? What about the many cultures that mingles seamlessly within the fort's confines? Its people? If you like your tours to be interactive, fun and decidedly less history and more story then Shanjei is the person you are looking for.

“Sometimes on a poyaday or a public holidays these vendors will not be selling in the Fort”



Overnight Stay at Amari Galle

(One night in a Deluxe Ocean Room on Bed & Breakfast basis)

DAY 10 : After breakfast proceed to the Airport to connect with your departure flight.
