

06 Nights / 07 Days Buddhist tour in Sri Lanka

Day 01 : Arrival / Anuradhapura - 210Km - 4 Hours

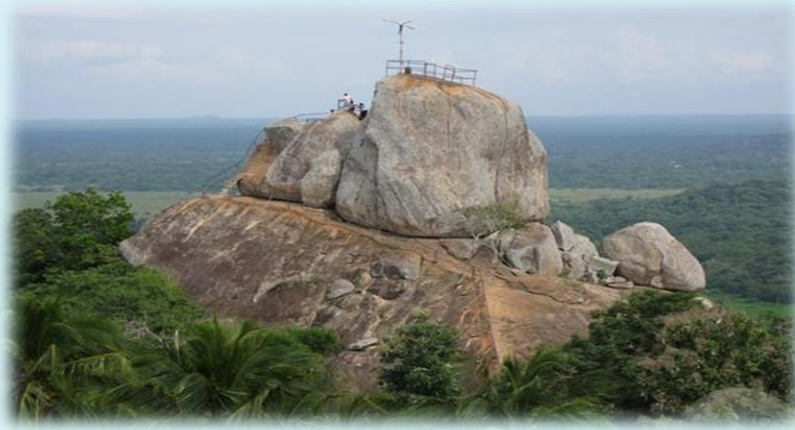
Upon arriving in Sri Lanka meet and assist at the airport by our representative and transfer to *Anuradhapura* from the Bandaranayke International Airport for your first night. *Anuradhapura* is the most celebrated of Sri Lanka's ancient ruined cities. The city's greatest treasures are its

dagabas constructed of small sun-dried bricks and hemispherical in shape. The most notable of these *dagabas* are the *Ruvanveli* which dates back to the 2nd Century BC and is 300ft in diameter, the *Jetawanarama* is 370ft and the *Thuparama* which enshrines the collarbone of the Buddha. The city's most renowned relic is the sacred Bo-Tree which is said to have grown from a branch of the tree under which the Buddha gained enlightenment. It was planted 2250 years ago and is the oldest historic tree in the world.



Day 02: Anuradhapura / Mihintale / Anuradhapura – 26Km – 1 Hour

After Breakfast do a city tour in *Anuradhapura* & proceed to *Mihintale*. *Mihintale* is a mountain peak near *Anuradhapura* in Sri Lanka. It is believed by Sri Lankans to be the site of a meeting between the Buddhist monk *Mahinda* and King *Devanampiyatissa* which inaugurated the presence of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. It is now a pilgrimage site, and the site of several religious monuments and abandoned structures.

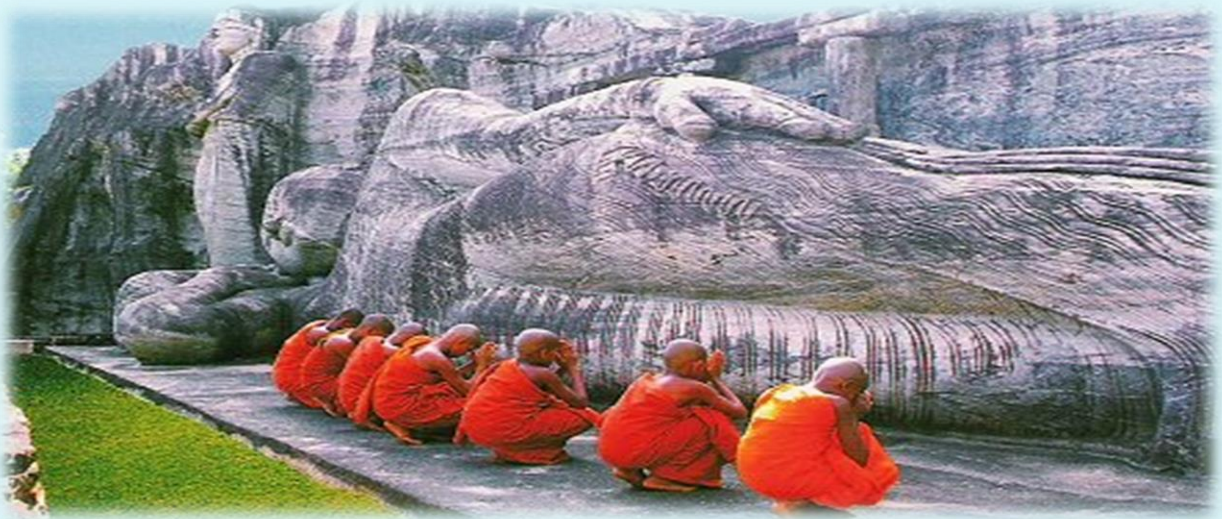


Overnight stay at hotel in Anuradhapura.

Day 03: Anuradhapura / Polonnaruwa / Sigiriya - 110Km – 2H 30Min

After Breakfast do a city tour in *Polonnaruwa*

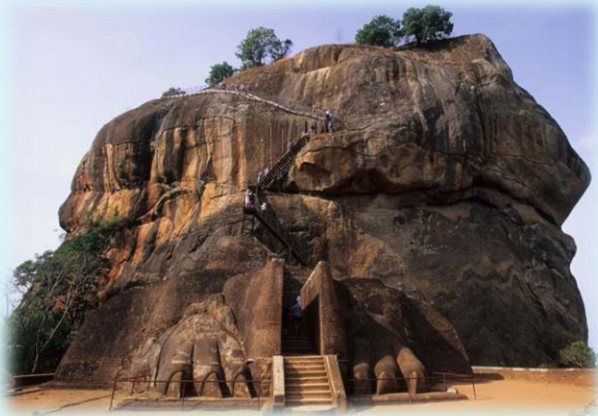
You will be heading to one of the Historical UNICCO World Heritage Site and this city gained more reputation during the late period royal family and nobility of Sri Lanka strongly supported Buddhism. *Polonnaruwa* - the capital from 11th -13th century A.D. Here the monuments are better preserved. The circular relic house (Vata-da-ge) Lankathilaka, Thuparama, Royal Palace, *Rankoth vihara* and *Galvihara* with the beautiful rock cut Buddha statues are the most interesting.



In the evening proceed to Sigiriya.

Climb the Sigiriya rock fortress.

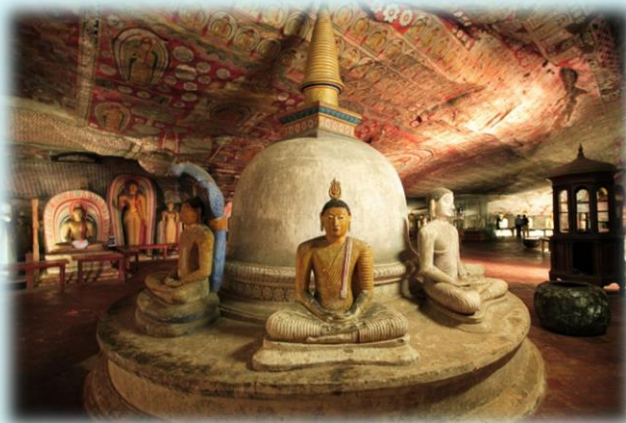
The 5th century Sigiriya rock fortress which is a world heritage site, built by King *Kashyapa* (477-495 AD). The 'Lion Rock' is a citadel of unusual beauty rising 200 metres from the scrub jungle. The rock was the innermost stronghold of the 70 hectare fortified town. A moat, rampart, and extensive gardens including the renowned water gardens ring the base of the rock. Visit the world-renowned frescoes of the 'Heavenly Maidens' of Sigiriya, which are in a sheltered pocket of the rock approached by a spiral stairway. These frescoes are painted in earth pigments on plaster.



Overnight stay at hotel in Polonnaruwa.

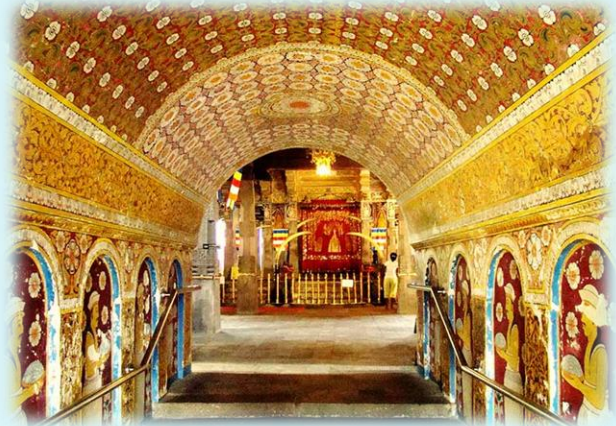
Day 04: Polonnaruwa /Dambulla / Kandy – 140Km – 4Hours

After Breakfast proceed to *Dambulla* and visit *Dambulla* cave Temple in *Dambulla*. *Dambulla* is a vast isolated rock mass 500ft high and a mile around the base. Here is found the famous Rock Temple dating to the First Century BC. The caves of *Dambulla* sheltered the King *Walagamba* during his 14 years of exile from *Anuradhapura*. When he regained the throne he built the most magnificent of Rock Temples to be found on the Island. In the evening proceed to Kandy.



In the evening visit Temple of tooth relic in Kandy.

Kandy - Sri Lanka's hill capital, stronghold of the Sinhala Kings, is our most beautiful town. It is 488 meters above sea level and next to Colombo is Sri Lanka's most visited place. The focal point of the town is, without doubt, the golden roofed *Dalada Maligawa* where the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha is enshrined. There are many shrines and temples in and around Kandy, where you will see rare paintings, frescoes, wood and stone carvings. Kandy is an exciting place for shopping with souvenirs in wood, copper, silver, brass, ebony and bronze. Ceramics, lacquer work, hand looms, batiks, jewelery and rush and reed.



Overnight stay at hotel in Kandy.

Day 05: Kandy

In the morning you can wake up with chilling little bit of cold breeze. Now you are in the cultural capital sacred city *Senkadagalapura*, and then called *Kandy*. You can visit Temple of the *Gadaladeniya*, *Maha Vishnu devalaya*, *Bambaragala Viharaya*, *Embekke Devalaya* & *Bahiravakanda vihara* Buddha statue.

Overnight stay at hotel in Colombo.



Gadaladeniya Temple



Embekke Wood Carvings

Day 06: Kandy / Colombo - 115Km – 4 Hours

After Breakfast proceed to Colombo

In the evening you can go for a Pooja ceremony at *Kelaniya Raja Maha Viharaya*. *Kelaniya Raja Maha Viharaya* - Buddhists believe the temple to have been hallowed during the third and final visit of the Buddha to Sri Lanka, eight years after gaining enlightenment. Its history would thus go back to before 500 BCE.



Overnight stay at hotel in Colombo.

Day 07: *Happy Departure*

After breakfast transfer to the Airport in time to connect with the departure flight.

END OF TOUR IN SRI LANKA

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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(01/01/2015 to 30/04/2015)

Number of pax	Currency	Rates per Person		
		Standard Hotels 3*	Deluxe Hotels 4*	Premium Hotels 5*
04 - 07 pax	USD	385	435	555
08 - 15 pax	USD	375	425	545
16 - 24 pax	USD	355	405	535
25 and above	USD	345	395	525
Single supplement	USD	225	275	375
Triple reduction	USD	15	15	15
Child with extra Bed	USD	50%	50%	50%
Child with no extra bed	USD	30%	30%	30%
01/05/2015 to 31/10/2015				
04 - 07 pax	USD	375	425	545
08 - 15 pax	USD	365	415	535
16 - 24 pax	USD	345	395	525
25 and above	USD	335	385	515
Single supplement	USD	225	275	375
Triple reduction	USD	15	15	15
Child with extra Bed	USD	50%	50%	50%
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SERVICES INCLUDE

- Hotel Accommodation on sharing Double on Full Board Basis
- Transport in AC vehicle with English speaking driver / guide for 04 to 07 pax
- Service an English or any other foreign language speaking local national guide for 08 pax and above
- Assistance at Airport for Arrival & Departure.
- Government Taxes.
 - 01 pax in double sharing is free for every 16 paying pax.

SERVICES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Meals other than specified above.
- Entrance fees at places of interest
- Extras of a personal nature: All kinds of beverages, laundry, telephone calls etc.
- Guide / Driver tips & portorage
- Any peak supplements

<i>Location</i>	<i>Standard Hotels</i> <i>3*</i>	<i>Deluxe Hotels</i> <i>4*</i>	<i>Premium Hotels</i> <i>5*</i>
Colombo	Grand Oriental Hotel Global Towers Hotel Sapphire	Pearl Grand Hotel Mirage Hotel	Galadari / Kingsbury
Anuradhapura	Hotel Randiya / Nuwara wewa	Hotel Rajarata / Palm Garden Village	Hotel Heritage
Sigiriya / Polonnaruwa	Hotel; Kassapa Lion Rock	Sigiriya Village / Amaya Lake	Cinnamon Lodge / Chayya Village
Kandy	Serene Garden Hotel Hotel Hill Top Hotel Devon Hotel Senani	Hotel Thilanka Tree of Life	Cinnamon Citadel Mahaweli Reach Earle's Regency Amaya Hills