



**Tour Summary**

- **Guest Name: MRS. Aparna Tripathi**
- **No of Guest & Nationality: 3 PAX**
- **Travel Date: 11 December 2024 – 20 December 2024**
- **Travel Consultant: Upeksha Weerakoon**
- **Vehicle: Private air-conditioned vehicle and local licensed driver**
- **Hotel & Room Type Preference: 4\* Hotels & DBL Rooms**
- **Per Person Cost – USD 667**

## Detailed Itinerary

**Tailor Made Tour for 9 Nights & 10 Days**

**Day 1 – 11 December 2024**

**Arrival - BIA - Chilaw**

**Transfer via:** Private Mini Coach, arranged by South Asia Leisure Travels

**Meals:** Bed and breakfast

**Overnight:** Club Palm Bay hotel Chilaw

Welcome to Sri Lanka, the "Pearl of the Indian Ocean"! Upon arrival at Bandaranaike

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International Airport, you will be greeted by your private chauffeur guide and escorted to drive to Chilaw . On arrival to Chillaw check in to the hotel and relax.

In evening you can visit **Munneshwaram Kovil**. It is believed that Munishwaram predates the Ramayana and a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva was located here. Munishwaram means the first temple for Shiva (Munnu + Easwaran). A Shiva Lingam was already here when Lord Rama visited this place. Lord Rama after his victorious battle left for Ayodhya with Sita in one of King Ravana's Vimanas. He felt he was being followed by a Bramhaasthi Dosham (a malevolent black shadow) as he had killed King Ravana who was a Brahmin.

Then you will visit **Manavari Temple**, When the Vimana was passing over Munishwaram, he felt the Vimana vibrating, and realized the Brahmaasti Dosham was not following him at this particular point. He stopped the Vimana at this juncture and asked god Lord Shiva for advice. Lord Shiva blessed Lord Rama and advised installing and praying at four lingams located at Manavari, Thiru Koneshwaram, Thiru Ketheshwaram and Rameshwaram in India as the only remedy to get rid of the dosham. The first lingam was installed at Manavari about 5km from here, near the banks of the Deduru Oya. At the Manavari Temple Chilaw Manavari is the first lingam installed and prayed by Rama and till date this lingam is called as Ramalinga Shivan. Rameshwaram is the only other lingam in world named after Lord Rama.

On completion return to the hotel and relax.



**Day 2 – 12 December 2024**

**Chilaw – Trincomalee**

**Transfer via:** Private Mini Coach, arranged by South Asia Leisure Travels

**Meals:** Bed and breakfast

**Overnight:** Pigeon Island Resort

Today after breakfast from the hotel head for Trincomalee (Approximate time 4.30 h).

On arrival to the Trincomalee check in to the hotel and relax.

In evening can visit **Koneswaram Kovil**, it is an ancient Hindu temple revered for its historical and spiritual significance. Perched atop Swami Rock, the temple offers breathtaking views of the Indian Ocean. It is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is one of the Pancha Ishwarams, five coastal temples in Sri Lanka. The temple complex showcases Dravidian architecture with intricate carvings and statues. A site of pilgrimage, Koneswaram Kovil attracts devotees and tourists alike, blending religious reverence with the natural beauty of its surroundings. Then you can visit **Shankari Devi Kovil** at Trincomalee. Its located next to Koneshvaram Kovil.

Then return to the hotel and relax.



### Day 3 - 13 December 2024

#### Trincomalee

**Transfer via:** Private Mini Coach, arranged by South Asia Leisure Travels

**Meals:** Bed and breakfast

**Overnight: Pigeon Island Resort**

Today after breakfast from the hotel you can experience the **Kinniya Hot Water Springs** are a remarkable natural wonder that beckons both locals and tourists alike. These springs are not only a marvel of nature but also a significant cultural and historical site, offering a unique and refreshing experience to visitors. The springs are a collection of seven wells, each with varying temperatures, ranging from lukewarm to almost boiling. This variation in temperature within such close proximity is a geological anomaly, making it a fascinating study for scientists and an intriguing destination for travelers.

The Kinniya Hot Water Springs are believed to have been discovered centuries ago, with their origins shrouded in local legends and myths. According to folklore, the springs were created by the Hindu god, Vishnu, who struck the ground with his arrow to produce the hot water as a blessing for the people. This mythological connection has made the springs a site of religious significance, attracting Hindu pilgrims who come to perform rituals and bathe in the healing waters. The water from these springs is said to have therapeutic properties, believed to cure ailments such as arthritis and skin conditions. This belief is rooted in the high mineral content of the water, which includes sulfur, known for its medicinal benefits.

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After the Kinniya hot water experience return to the hotel and relax.



**Day 4 – 14 December 2024**

**Trincomalee – Sigiriya**

**Transfer via:** Private Mini Coach, arranged by South Asia Leisure Travels

**Meals:** Bed and breakfast

**Overnight:** Teprass Hotel Sigiriya

Today after breakfast from the hotel head for Sigiriya (Approximate time 2.30 h). On arrival to Sigiriya Check in to the hotel and relax.

In evening you can visit the Landmark of Sri Lanka, the "**Lion Rock**". It's the 5th-century legendary sky citadel and is said to be the most impressive site in this country. Rising 200 meters above the surrounding plains, it features the remains of an extensive palace complex built by King Kashyapa. The site is renowned for its frescoes, water gardens, and the massive lion's paws carved into the rock. Sigiriya is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a testament to Sri Lanka's rich historical and architectural legacy. The story behind the monument and the panoramic view of Dambulla seen on the top is definitely worth the steep climb requested.

On completion return to the hotel and relax.





**Day 5 – 15 December 2024**

**Sigiriya - Dambulla – Kandy**

**Transfer via:** Private Mini Coach, arranged by South Asia Leisure Travels

**Meals:** Bed and breakfast

**Overnight: Topaz Hotel Kandy**

Today after breakfast from the hotel head for lovely city Kandy (Approximate time 2.30 h).

En route you can visit famous **Dambulla Cave Temple**. home to many magnificent Buddha images and rock painting dating back to 2nd century BC. Dambulla Cave Temple also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla, is a significant Buddhist temple complex located in the central part of Sri Lanka, near the town of Dambulla. It is renowned for its ancient cave temples, which are carved into the rock and adorned with intricate Buddhist murals and statues. The temple complex is one of the most well-preserved and expansive cave temple complexes in Sri Lanka, earning it recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then continue your journey to Sigiriya.

On arrival to Kandy check in to the hotel and relax .

In the afternoon you can experience the **Gem Museum** in Kandy. This showcases the island's rich history of gem mining and craftsmanship. Visitors can explore a stunning collection of precious stones, including sapphires, rubies, and emeralds. The museum also provides insights into the traditional methods of gem extraction and cutting. Its educational exhibits and dazzling displays make it a must-visit for gem enthusiasts.

In evening you can visit the” **Temple of the Tooth Relic**”, or Sri Dalada Maligawa, which is a sacred Buddhist temple located in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Housing the revered relic of Buddha's tooth, it is a site of immense spiritual significance and a focal point for Buddhist worship. The temple complex, adorned with intricate carvings and paintings, hosts daily rituals and annual celebrations, attracting pilgrims and tourists worldwide. Its cultural and historical importance makes it a symbol of Sri Lankan heritage and devotion.

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1. To enter in the temple premises Women are required to wear long sleeves and skirt or pants to the ankles; men are required to wear long pants.



### Day 6 – 16 December 2024

#### Kandy - Ramboda - Nuwara Eliya

**Transfer via:** Private Mini Coach, arranged by South Asia Leisure Travels

**Meals:** Bed and breakfast

**Overnight:** Yara Hotel Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast, set off for Nuwara Eliya ,a picturesque 4-hour journey packed with beautiful mountains, waterfalls, and tea plantations.

En route you can experience much attractive **Ramboda Waterfall**, It's located in heart of Sri Lanka's central highlands, is a stunning three-tiered cascade that mesmerizes visitors with its breathtaking beauty. Surrounded by lush greenery and misty hills, the waterfall plunges down from a height of approximately 109 meters, creating a serene and picturesque setting perfect for nature lovers and photographers alike.

Then you can visit **Hanuman Temple**, located in the scenic Ramboda area of Sri Lanka, is dedicated to Lord Hanuman, a revered deity in Hinduism. The temple is situated near picturesque waterfalls and lush green hills, making it a popular spiritual and tourist destination. According to legend, this site is linked to the Ramayana, where Hanuman rested

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during his journey to rescue Sita. Devotees and visitors alike are drawn to the temple's peaceful ambiance and cultural significance.

On arrival to the Nuwara Eliya Check in to the hotel and relax . The rest of the day is at your leisure after check-in.

Evening you can visit **Sita Amman Temple** Nuwara Eliya. It is a revered Hindu temple dedicated to Sita, the wife of Lord Rama. According to the Ramayana, this site marks where Sita was held captive by Ravana. Nestled amid scenic landscapes, the temple features vibrant architecture and intricate carvings. It stands out for its historical and mythological significance, attracting numerous pilgrims and tourists. On completion return to the hotel and relax.



**Day 7 - 17 December 2024**

**Nuwara Eliya - Ella (Train Ride) -**

**Yala**

**Transfer via:** Private Mini Coach, arranged by South Asia Leisure Travels

**Meals:** Bed and breakfast

**Overnight:** Elephant Reach Hotel Yala

After breakfast, set off for Ella by **Train** (subjected to availability), a picturesque (Approximate Time 4 h) journey packed with beautiful mountains, waterfalls, and tea plantations. This Train ride is said to be among the most Picturesque in the World. Upon your arrival at Ella Railway Station, your chauffeur guide picks up you from railway station.

Then you can enjoy **Ella**, It is a picturesque town in Sri Lanka's central highlands, is renowned for its stunning landscapes, lush tea plantations, and scenic hiking trails. Popular attractions include the **Nine Arches Bridge** and **Ravana Falls**. With its cool climate and breathtaking views, these locations linked to the Ramayana where local legend claims Ravana was hiding Sita. First there is the Ravana Ella Cave, located at the massive Ella Falls; a breathtaking 1080 feet high waterfall that cascades into several falls. The rocky undergoes of the waterfall is Khondalite, a kind of limestone which undergoes faster decay as hard gneiss or granite. This has resulted in many caves being formed near the falls. King Ravana is said to have lived in one of the caves above the waterfall. A nearby pool bored out of the rock by the gushing waters is where Sita is said to have bathed Ravana.

After the Ella exploration head for down south Yala (Approximate Time 2 h).



**Day 8 – 18 December 2024**

**Yala – Mirissa**

**Transfer via:** Private Mini Coach, arranged by South Asia Leisure Travels

**Meals:** Bed and breakfast

**Overnight:** Ballena Regency Mirissa

Today with a packed breakfast from the hotel get ready to enjoy **Yala National Park Morning Safari**. Yala National Park is home to a diverse range of wildlife including elephants, leopards, wild buffalo, sambar deer, musk deer, black bears, macaques, jackals and a numerous variety of birds. The park is renowned as the best park in the world to observe and shoot pictures of leopards. The early morning safari is better seen for leopards and bears.

On completion head for Mirissa (Approximate Time 2 h). On arrival to Mirissa check in to the hotel and relax.



**Day 9 – 19 December 2024**

**Mirissa – Galle – Beruwela**

**Transfer via:** Private Mini Coach, arranged by South Asia Leisure Travels

**Meals:** Bed and breakfast

**Overnight: The Palms Beruwala**

Today early in the morning you can enjoy **Whale watching (OPTIONAL)** at Mirissa. It is a breathtaking experience that offers the chance to observe some of the ocean's most majestic creatures. Located on the southern coast, Mirissa is renowned for its prime **whale-watching** season, which runs from November to April. During this time, you can spot blue whales, the largest animals on the planet, as well as sperm whales, orcas, and dolphins. Guided boat tours provide an up-close view of these gentle giants in their natural habitat, often accompanied by knowledgeable guides who share insights about the marine environment. The experience combines thrilling wildlife encounters with the scenic beauty of Sri Lanka's coastline, making it a must-do for nature enthusiasts and marine life admirers.

**Per person rate - \$ 75**

**Tour Start Time: 6.30 AM**

Then head for Beruwala , En route you will explore the City of Galle and the **Galle Dutch Fort**. Galle is a city on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka. It's Famous for the Galle Fort, a UNESCO Heritage sit., The fortified old city founded by Portuguese colonists in the 16th century. Stone sea walls, expanded by the Dutch, encircle car-free streets with architecture reflecting Portuguese, Dutch and British rule. Notable buildings include the 18th-century **Dutch Reformed Church**. **Galle Lighthouse** stands on the fort's southeast tip. Spend your time at Galle Dutch Fort.

After in evening you can experience **Madu Ganga Mangrove Safari Boat Ride (Approx. 2 Hours)**. Experience the tranquil beauty of Sri Lanka with a boat ride along the scenic Madu River. Navigate through lush mangroves, spotting diverse wildlife and vibrant bird species along the way. Immerse yourself in the rich biodiversity of the region as you glide through serene waters, offering a glimpse into the natural wonders of this enchanting island paradise.

Then if time permits you can also experience the Sea **Turtle Conservation hatchery (OPTIONAL)**. It's located along the southwestern coast of Sri Lanka. This Turtle Hatchery is a sanctuary dedicated to the conservation and protection of sea turtles. Established with the aim of combating the decline of sea turtle populations due to human activities and natural threats, the hatchery plays a crucial role in raising awareness and promoting the conservation of these magnificent creatures.

On completion check in to the Beruwala Hotel and relax.



**Day 10 – 20 December 2024**

**Beruwela – BIA – Exit**

**Transfer via:** Private Mini Coach, arranged by South Asia Leisure Travels

Today after leisure breakfast check out from the hotel and you will be driving to airport for your departure flight.

If time permit you can visit famous places in Colombo including **Galle Face Green, Old Parliament Building, Independence Hall at Independence Square** and **Gangarama Temple**.

