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## Sri Lanka Cultural and Heritage Tour

Discover the rich and vast cultural and heritage of Sri Lanka within this tour, which is a 5 days tour through the most popular attractions that reflect the unique Sri Lankan culture and the pride of its incomparable heritage. Visit the ancient capitals of Sri Lanka, and the precious sites which are being named as world heritage sites by [UNESCO](#) due to their remarkable historical, traditional and cultural value. In addition, get an insight into the inheritance of the religious background of Sri Lanka by visiting the ancient monasteries, temples, and shrines.

### Destinations Covered :

**Pinnawala - Dambulla - Anuradhapura - Polonnaruwa - Sigiriya - Kandy - Negombo - Colombo**

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### Day 01: Airport - Pinnawala - Dambulla

Arrival at the Bandaranaike International Airport, You will be met by our Sanki Leisure's English speaking chauffeur Guide and transfer to Dambulla. En-route visits the [Pinnawala elephant orphanage](#). This elephant Orphanage is set up especially for Abandoned or injured baby elephants. They are reared here and are trained to become working animals. Feeding and bathing in the river provide the best opportunities to see the animal's close-up.

In the evening, you will visit Dambulla cave temple. This temple dates back to the 1st Century BC. Its rock ceiling is one large sweep of colorful frescoes that depict Buddhist mythology and the tales of the Buddha's previous births. The caves house the largest collection of Buddha statues in one place. Dinner and overnight stay at Dambulla.



## Day 02: Anuradapura - Giritale

After breakfast, you will leave for Anuradhapura. Sightseeing of the ancient city of Anuradhapura considered the birthplace of Sinhala civilization and one of the world's largest archaeological sites. It is considered as the greatest monastic city of the ancient world and was founded in the 5th century BC. You will see Sri Maha Bodhi a Bo Tree, which is over 2000 years old and grew from the branch of the very tree beneath which the Buddha attained enlightenment. Next you will visit to Ruwanweliseya Dagaba and the 2nd Century BC shrine containing the Buddha's collar bone relic the Abhayagiriya temple, and the Jetawanaramaya dagoba. Next is a visit to the Kuttam Pokuna and the Samadhi Buddha, a statue of the Buddha in a meditative pose which is being acknowledged worldwide as a masterpiece. Proceed to Giritale for dinner and overnight.



## Day 03: Polonnaruwa - Sigiriya

After breakfast proceeds to Polonnaruwa, the capital of Sri Lanka from the 11th to the 13th century AD. This ancient city is today one of the most beautiful centers of this island's cultural and heritage. You will visit the ruins of the Royal Palace, the Gal Vihare, three splendid statues of the Buddha in upright, sedan and recumbent postures carved out of a large rock.

Afternoon you will visit Sigiriya rock fortress which is tipped to be the 8th wonder of the world. Climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Sigiriya is home to the 5th Century "[Fortress in the Sky](#)" which is perhaps the most fantastic single wonder of the Island. It is also known as Lion Rock because of the huge lion that used to stand at the entrance to the fortress. Within its triple-moated defense, the huge rock rises almost to a sheer height of 500ft. On its summit are the foundations of what was once a great and sumptuous palace and gardens complete with swimming pool. On one of the stairways, the only known ancient work of Sinhala secular painting survived in the form of Frescoes of life-sized damsels in all the freshness and delicacy of their original color. Then proceed to the hill capital of Kandy for dinner and overnight stay.



## Day 04: Kandy - Negombo

After breakfast a city tour of Kandy - the hill capital. The last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings was finally ceded to the British in 1815. Kandy is an example of Buddhism's influence in Sri Lanka today. Temple's shrines and monasteries keeping alive Buddhist traditions are everywhere. Commence city tour of Kandy, including Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts, and crafts Center, Royal botanical garden, a Gem museum and a lapidary and the [Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic](#). Then visit Gem Museum & Lapidary Sri Lanka produces the finest quality of gem in the world. We mine semiprecious gems, the sapphires of Sri Lanka, which are very exclusive and comes in shades of blue, red, green, white...act. then proceed to Negombo.



## Day 05: Negombo - Colombo - Airport

Leisure in Negombo beach or after breakfast city tour and shopping in Colombo, like many capital cities in developing countries Colombo is fast changing its face. Almost overnight, skyscrapers arise from where old buildings once stood, yet in some parts; the old world charm is retained. A 100-year-old clock tower and several British built, colonial buildings are still to be seen in the city.

The Pettah bazaar – where one can shop for bargains, a Hindu and a Buddhist temple, residential areas where you find the stately homes of the affluent, the Colombo museum, the Bandaranaike memorial international conference hall an outright gift to Sri Lanka from the people's republic of china, the new parliament in Sri Jayawardenapura and the folk art center are some of the places of interest that one can visit to Visit shopping complexes such as [ODEL](#), [HOUSE OF FASHION](#), [MAJESTIC CITY](#).

Then according to the flight schedule transfer to the airport for the departure.



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