



Classic Tour 04 Nights / 05 Days

#### Day 1

COLOMBO / SIGIRIYA / MINNERIYA / SIGIRIYA (Approximate travel time 05-06 hours)

# Helanka Vacations Chauffeur guide will meet you in Colombo and transfer to Sigiriya.

Sigiriya holds remains of King Kasyapa's palace, forever set atop the rock yet still showcasing their age-old beauty. Numerous eye-catching highlights persist in this fortress.

# Check into the hotel.

#### Afternoon enjoy a private jeep safari in Minneriya or Kaudulla National Park.

The Minneriya National Park rests within the North Central Plains of the Island. Engulfed by an abundance of nature's best, this park proves abode for verdant flora and stunning fauna alike. However, as each of Sri Lanka's parks are renowned for varying reasons that relate to the animals that reside within, Minneriya does too in a gorgeous manner. The Park is known for being the central gathering point of the magnificent Asian elephant with numbers of up to 500 at once during the gathering season. Elephants of different herds, areas, communities, and families come



together to bathe, feed, and interact with each other over the course of this phenomenal gathering. The Minneriya National Park's faunal species also include 24 species of mammals, 160 species of birds, 9 species of amphibians, 25 species of reptiles, 26 species of fish, and 75 species of butterflies.

#### Return to the hotel for overnight accommodation.

Day 2

#### SIGIRIYA / POLONNARUWA / SIGIRIYA (Approximate travel time 02-03 hours)



#### After breakfast proceed to Polonnaruwa for a sightseeing excursion.

**Polonnaruwa** is the main town of Polonnaruwa District in North Central Province, Sri Lanka. Kaduruwela area is the Polonnaruwa New Town and the other part of Polonnaruwa remains as the royal ancient city of the Kingdom of Polonnaruwa.

The second most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms, Polonnaruwa was first established by the Chola dynasty as their capital in the 10th century. The Ancient City of Polonnaruwa has been declared a World Heritage Site.



# Return to the hotel and evening at leisure.

# Overnight accommodation at the hotel.

Day 3

SIGIRIYA / KANDY (Approximate travel time 02 -03 hours)

# After breakfast climb the Lions Rock.

Climb the Sigiriya rock (Lions rock). When entering the site walk along the Royal gardens which consists of pools, fountains and an unending number of aromatic gardens. As you enter the second level of the rock, witness the colorful paintings that date back to 5<sup>th</sup> century AD. Another interesting architectural masterpiece here is the Mirror wall which was covered with graffiti between the 7th and 10th century AD. The Audience hall is a part of the royal complex constructed on a rock boulder. The Cobra head cave is named due to the natural shape of the rock itself. Sigiriya is one of the many UNESCO heritage sites in the country.



# Arrive to Kandy and check in to the hotel.

Kandy was the capital of Sri Lanka during the ancient times of Kings and Queens. Nestling midst low hills and looped by the Mahaweli River, this religious city is one of the most sacred places of worship to Buddhists in the world and was also named a world heritage site by UNESCO.



# Evening visit Temple tooth & witness a Kandyan Cultural Dance Performance.

The Temple of the Tooth relic; the crown jewel of the Kandy city is also known as Dalada Maligawa. 'Maligawa' translates to palace and the temple is a part of it. It has seen centuries of peaceful reigns and is one of the many historical places in the island.

Witness the Kandyan cultural show – A unique show of Sri Lankan

traditional dance (fire and harvest dance), which include an entertaining fire-walking act. The artists dance to the beat of the drums, rising and falling to the lively tempo.

Return to the hotel for overnight accommodation.



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# Day 4

#### KANDY / NUWARA ELIYA (Approximate travel time 02 - 03 hours)

After breakfast, proceed to Nuwara Eliya.

#### En route visit a tea plantation and tea factory.

Nuwara Eliya is also known as 'Little England' for its picturesque landscapes of beautiful mountains, valleys, waterfalls and tea plantations.

# Arrive to Nuwara Eliya, free time enjoy area and visit Gregory Lake.

Start sightseeing Nuwara Eliya by visiting the old brick post office, country house like hill club and its interesting interior, the 18-hole golf course, race course, Gregory Lake, Strawberry farm and Victoria Park.





#### Visit of Hakgala Botanical Garden.

The Botanical gardens in Hakgala was established in 1861. Highlights include the central pond, lower flower garden, rose garden, glass house, bulb garden, upper flower garden and their folklores. There is a collection of flowers such as Lilium, Watsonia, Gladiolus, Agapanthus and Zephyranthes. The Badulla tree which can be found here is said to have valuable medicinal properties. This garden is inhabited by many species of birds such as; Wood Pigeons, Southern Crow Pheasants,

Layard's Wood Peckers, Fan Tail Warblers, Yellow Fronted Barbertons and Tickell's Flower Peckers.

#### Check into the hotel and overnight accommodation.

# NUWARA ELIYA / KITULGALA / COLOMBO (Approximate travel time 05 - 06 hours)

# After breakfast, proceed to Kitulgala.

Day 5

#### Set on a 02 hours white water rafting session in Kitulgala.

Venture towards Kitulgala and enjoy a 5 km water rafting adventure that lasts for 2 hours.

In Kitulgala there are plenty of adventure activities that include white water rafting, bird watching, jungle walks, cannoning, confidence jumping, waterfall abseiling, rain forest trekking, mountain cycling,





zip lining and river bathing. Kitulgala is most famous for their white-water rafting and other water activities that double as great team building experiences. Kitulgala is also home to about 54 rare species of birds, some endemic species are the Spur fowl and Green-billed Council. Varieties of fruits and vegetable are also grown in the village of Kitulgala.

# Thereafter you will be transferred to Colombo.

# END OF TOUR \*\*\*\*\*\*

Rate Validity – 01 <sup>st</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2019	03 Star Hotels	04 Star Hotels	05 Star Hotels
Tour Based on 02 Pax sharing double room	USD 400 P/P	USD 430 P/P	USD 495 P/P
Kandy Perahera Supplement	USD 25 PRPN	USD 25 PRPN	USD 50 PRPN

	03 Star Hotels	04 Star Hotels	05 Star Hotels
Sigiriya (02 nights)	Kassapa Lions Rock	Eight Wonder Resort	Amaya Signature
Kandy	Oak Ray City Hotel	Hotel Topaz	Golden Crown
Nuwara Eliya	Oak Ray Tea Bush	Qantara Hotel	Golden Ridge

Price Includes	Price Exclude
<ul> <li>4 nights' accommodation Bed &amp; Breakfast basis in Double room sharing basis.</li> <li>Transport in an Air-Conditioned Vehicle with an English-Speaking Guide.</li> <li>Entrance Fees – Minneriya Jeep Safari, Polonnaruwa Excursion, Lions Rock, Temple Tooth, Cultural Dance performance, Tea Factory visit, Gregory Lake, Kitulgala White Water Rafting.</li> <li>Government TAX</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Early Check-In and Lake Check-Out</li> <li>Tips and other expenses of a personal nature</li> <li>Dinner / Lunch throughout the tour.</li> <li>Camera / Video permits (for tourist sites)</li> <li>All extra expenses to Hotels.</li> <li>Activities not mentioned in the program.</li> <li>Visa fee charges. For details log on to www.eta.gov.lk</li> </ul>



# **Dress Code at religious locations**

Buddhist Temples - Visitors are advised to dress modestly in somber and modest colors and most importantly to remove foot wear, hats, scarves etc. prior to entering the premises.

Churches – Visitors are advised to dress modestly, remove hats, scarves etc. prior to entering the premises.

Kovils - Visitors are advised to dress modestly, no sleeveless, remove foot wear hats prior to entering the premises.

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