



Cultural Tour 02 Nights / 03 Days

# Day 1 COLOMBO / DAMBULLA / 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.



## En route visit Dambulla Cave Temple.

Dambulla Cave Temple, was declared a World Heritage site in 1991. The Cave Temple had first been constructed during the reign of King Vattagamini Abhaya. There are 5 caves in the temple and 157 statues of the Lord Buddha, with paintings on the ceilings and walls of the cave. The paintings of the cave highlight the past of Lord Buddha.

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 / COLOMBO (Approximate travel time 04 -05 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.



### 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 285 P/P	USD 295 P/P	USD 315 P/P

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Sigiriya (02 nights)	Kassapa Lions Rock	Eight Wonder Resort	Amaya Signature

Price Includes	Price Exclude
• 2 nights' accommodation Bed & Breakfast	Early Check-In and Lake Check-Out
basis in Double room sharing basis.	• Tips and other expenses of a personal nature
• Transport in an Air-Conditioned private	• Dinner / Lunch throughout the tour.
vehicle with an English-Speaking Guide.	Camera / Video permits (for tourist sites)
• Entrance Fees – Dambulla Temple, Minneriya	All extra expenses to Hotels.
Jeep Safari, Polonnaruwa Excursion, Lions	• Activities not mentioned in the program.
Rock.	• Visa fee charges. For details log on to
Government TAX	<u>www.eta.gov.lk</u>

### **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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