8 Day trip to



Shri LankaKOLOMBO

DAY

DESTINATION ARRANGEMENTS





- KOLOMBO Arrival at the Colombo airport Bandaranayke around 8.15 a.m. Transfer to the hotel and rest.
 - In the afternoon we recommend a leisurely stroll down Galle Face that stretches along the Indian Ocean and visit to one of the many tea houses
 - It would be interesting for you to see a nearby Buddhist temple Gangaramaya
 - Dinner at the hotel



HATTON

- NUWARA ELIYA After early breakfast visit to a tea plantation on the central plateau The highest quality tea is grown and harvested in the region of NUWARA ELIYA, but due to distance from the hotel and slow driving on local roads, we propose visit to some other nearby location (HATTON) instead visit to the factory + tasting several kinds of tea and walk on the plantation
 - Lunch. Return to the hotel later in the afternoon



HANTANA

- KANDY After early breakfast, ride down the picturesque road to KANDY
- Pinnawala Visit to an elephant orphanage in Pinnawala (distance 87 km). Currently the orphanage has about 65 elephants



- We continue to KANDY (UNESCO), 50 km away, the last capital of Sinhalese kings who, at the time of Portuguese colonization, moved their capital from COLOMBO to the current location. Due to time limit, we propose to first visit the Museum of Ceylon tea
- · After that we suggest the old city of KANDY tour and visit to the Temple of Tooth, which, preserves Buddha's left canine brought there in 1595.
- Stroll along the lake.
- If there is time, pay visit to the Royal Botanical Garden Peradeniya with over 300 species of orchids, herbs, medicinal plants and palm trees
- Return to COLOMBO in the evening (approx 3 hours)



- SIGIRIYA After an early breakfast transfer to SIGIRIYA (3.5 hour drive)
- DAMBULLA Before visiting Sigiriya we stop in Dambulla, which is also on the list of UNESCO, complex of temples inside the cave, numerous statues and 15 m tall statue of Buddha



- After that we continue to nearby SIGIRIYA (UNESCO). The Royal Fortress (Citadel) that was built on a 200 m high cliff in the 5th century, and later served as a Buddhist monastery.
- After the tour, and late lunch, return to COLOMBO



- KOLOMBO After breakfast, we propose you spend the day sightseeing in COLOMBO
 - After the tea-break, we suggest visiting the city center known as the Fort This is a historic part of the town that originates from the 16th century and is characterized by old colonial buildings incorporated into a modern, financial and commercial part of COLOMBO
 - In the afternoon, after lunch at the center, visit the National Museum and walk through Viharamahadevi, a nearby park with City Hall built in English style
 - For city ride, we recommend the use of Tuk Tuk's (taxis) at affordable prices

- **NEGOMBO** After breakfast departure to the famous open fish market -NEGOMBO. In the past, NEGOMBO was a major shipping port for spices It is 50 km away from Colombo and it is called "little Rome" because of many Catholic churches from the colonial era.
 - There is a beautiful, long beach stretching along the Indian ocean where most residents spend their weekend
 - We suggest lunch at the restaurant of Serendib near the beach

GALLE • After breakfast, we suggest driving to the south of the island, the part with the famous beaches. Unawatuna is near the town GALLEA and is one of the most beautiful on the island.

> Above the beach there is a Buddhist temple overlooking the bay. You can have lunch at a restaurant on the beach



• Upon the return, we recommend to see GALLEA where the first Portugese explorers arrived. The fortified old town under UNESCO protection significantly damaged by tsunami in 2004, but was later reconstructed



SRI JAYAWAR-**DENEPURA** KOTTE

- A day to relax and sorting out the impressions
- Eventually, visit to the Parliament of Sri Lanka in SRI JAYAWARDENEPURA KOTTA, 12 km away from the center of KOLOMBO and stroll through Cinnamon or altrnatively shopping















