

5D3N Experience In Sri Lanka

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Day 01 Singapore ✈ Colombo 🚗 Negombo

(Meal On Board)

Meet on arrival on CX711 at 2235hrs and transfer to **Negombo**. Due to night arrival, overnight stay in Negombo at Blue Oceanic or Paradise Beach Hotel or similar 3*.

Day 02 Negombo 🚗 Kandy

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast leave for Kandy. Arrive Kandy & commence a sightseeing tour around Kandy which includes **Temple of the Tooth**



Relic - When King Wimaladharmasuriya I (1592-1604 A.D.) became King in Kandy; he searched for the Tooth Relic and the bowl Relic of the Buddha and found that it was kept at the Delgomuwa Buddhist Temple at Kuruwita, for more than 44 years, hidden in a grinding stone. The King had gone there personally and brought the Sacred Tooth Relic to Kandy in a procession accompanied by the King. The first Temple of the Tooth Relic was constructed by Wimaladharmasooriya I to house it next to the Royal Palace. The Portuguese burned down the 2-floored building and King Wimaladharmasooriya II (1687-1707) erected a 3-storied building to house the Sacred Tooth Relic. It was burnt down once again and a new 2-storied building was constructed by King Narendrasinghe (1707-1739 A.D.) Lunch at a restaurant

in Kandy. Afternoon check in **Hunas Falls Hotel** & experience the trekking in Simpson. Dinner & overnight stay at Jetwing Hunas Falls.

Day 03 Kandy 🚗 Nuwara Eliya

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast experience the trekking of **Shaheen Trail 1 km from the hotel estimated 2 hr walk commence 8am to 4.30pm** ~

Mount Shaheen is a rocky escarpment (which is also the habitat of the Shaheen Falcon), located towards the north east of the hotel. The peak is visible to the hotel and is accessible via a footpath. The path traverses through the reforested area and the grassland. The grassland is a result of the abandonment of a former tea estate and frequent fires which have checked the colonization and establishment of other plant species.

The summit, which is about 1100m, gives a panoramic view of the undulating terrain of the mountains in the middle pen plain of Sri Lanka. The Hantana mountain range, Hunnasgiriya Mountain and Matala mountain range and also the valleys of Kandy, Wategama and Matala can be seen very clearly.

Thereafter depart for **Nuwara Eliya** - The 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, is set against beautiful backdrops of Mountains, Valleys, Waterfalls and Tea Plantations. It is supposed to be one of the coldest places on the island, but is really just like an England spring day although the temperature does drop at night. After lunch proceeds to visit **Tea Plantation & Tea Factory** - Tea was first planted in Sri Lanka in 1824 at the Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya, when a few plants were brought from China. More were introduced from Assam in 1839. Tea will grow well only on rolling terrain and is classified by elevation into low grown, medium grown, high grown, into 3 main groups. Evening enjoy the scenic beauty of Hill Country and after dinner, overnight stay at **Jetwing St Andrews** or similar.



Day 04 Nuwara Eliya 🚗 Kitulgala 🚗 Colombo 🚗 Airport

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast do a farm visit of **Jetwing St Andrews** before departing **Kitulgala**, enroute enjoy **(Optional) White Water Rafting** - This high adrenaline adventure on the white water section of the Kelani river, is suitable for first time 'go for it' rafters and



experts alike. During the run you will experience the thrill of shooting rapids and the euphoria of making it through. The rivers clear water is born in the heart of the peak wilderness reserve and tumbles through a rocky gorge just above Kitulgala (about 2 hrs drive from Colombo). As the river widens we pass the scenic location used for the film 'Bridge over the River Kwai' which is also a good place to jump in for a refreshing swim. Our journey ends close to Kitulgala town where food and snacks are available. For those who would like to enjoy the river and its wonderful scenery without the thrills and spills of large rapids, we raft through the flatter section of the lower gorge. Suitable for children over six and family groups! Lunch at Plantation

Restaurant. Evening proceed to **Colombo** - a business and commercial center where the new capital is Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte, only a few miles away. Colombo was only a small seaport, which came into prominence in the 16th Century with the arrival of the Portuguese in 1505 and the development of it as a major Harbour took place during the British period. Colombo became the capital of Sri Lanka in 1815 after Kandyan Kingdom was ceded to the British.

Upon arrival proceed for a **city tour of Colombo** which includes, a visit to the **Fort**, the former British administrative center and military garrison, **Sea Street** - the Goldsmith's quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area where there is also a **Hindu Temple** with elaborate stone carvings, the Kayman's Gate with the Belfry at the original gate to enter the Fort, the Dutch Church of Wolfendhaal dating back to 1749 are some of the sites to be visited. Also visit the BMICH (*Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall*), see the replica of Avukana Buddha in front and the Independence Memorial. A visit to **ODEL Unlimited** provides ample opportunity to indulge, not only in shopping for designer wear apparel for the whole family, but also takes taste buds on a voyage of discovery. After dinner transferred to the airport to connect with the departure flight **CX 710 at 0020 hrs**.

Day 05 Colombo ✈ Singapore

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The sequence of the tour may be re-arranged by the local tour operators as deemed necessary

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