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Day 01 Singapore ✈ Colombo ⇄ Negombo (MOB)

Depart Singapore for Colombo. Upon arrival, transfer to Negombo **Paradise Beach Hotel 3*** for overnight stay. Relax at the beach during free time.

Day 02 Negombo ⇄ Pinnawela ⇄ Polonnaruwa (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast, depart for Polonnaruwa. En route visit **Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage** - where an orphanage was started in 1975 to house the abandoned and the wounded Elephants. The best time to visit is the feeding time from 0930hrs - 1000hrs & 1330 - 1400hrs and the bathing time from 1000 - 1030 hrs & 1400 - 1430 hrs when all the elephants are taken to the river nearby. After lunch, proceed to Polonnaruwa.

Polonnaruwa - the Capital of Sri Lanka from 11th - 13th Century, contains some splendid and spectacular statues. Lankatilleke, Tivanka and Thuparama are the most beautiful and largest shrine ruins and Tivanka has the best example of frescoes of the Polonnaruwa period. Overnight stay at Royal Lotus hotel or similar 4*.

Day 03 Polonnaruwa ⇄ Sigiriya ⇄ Dambulla (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast proceed to **Dambulla**. En route climb **Sigiriya Rock Fortress** - 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. After lunch, proceed to visit **Dambulla Cave Temple**, a vast isolated rock mass 500ft high and a mile around the Base. Here is found the famous Rock Temple dating to the First Century BC. In the first Cave is a recumbent image of the Buddha 47ft long cut out of the Rock. There are images of deities associated with Buddhism all around. The frescoes on the ceiling date back to the 15th - 18th Centuries. In the Second Cave, the finest and the largest of all, there are 150 life-size statues of Gods from the Buddhist religion along with numerous images of the Buddha himself. Overnight stay at Sigiriya Village hotel or similar 3*.

Day 04 Dambulla ⇄ Kandy (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast proceed to Kandy. En route visit **Spice Garden** at Matale and see the luscious Cinnamon, Cardamoms, Pepper plants etc. Thereafter visit **Batik Factory** where you can see the manufacture of beautiful Batik prints. The shop contains a wide variety of Batik items. Afternoon a city tour of **Kandy** - the hill capital, venue of the annual Perahera. The last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings was finally ceded to the British in 1815. Kandy is an example of the Buddhism's influence in Sri Lanka today. Visit including Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts & Crafts Centre, Gem Lapidary and **Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic** - ever since 4th Century A.D, when the Buddha's Tooth was brought to Sri Lanka hidden from sacrilegious hands in an Orissan princess' hair, the Relic has grown in repute and holiness in Sri Lanka and throughout the Buddhist world. It is considered Sri Lanka's most prized possession. Evening witness a cultural show, featuring various type of Sri Lanka dance. Overnight stay at Hotel Topaz or similar 3*.

Day 05 Kandy ⇄ Nuwara Eliya (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast leave for Nuwara, enroute visit **Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya** - 147 acres in extent: started in 1374 as a pleasure garden of the King's of Kandy. There are more than 5000 species of tree and plants. The spice garden and Orchid House are popular with Tourists. Thereafter proceed to **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. visit a **Tea Plantation** - Tea was first planted in Sri Lanka in 1824 at the Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya, when a few plants were brought from China. Tea will grow well only on rolling terrain and is classified by elevation into low grown, medium grown, high grown, into 3 main groups. Rest of the day, free to explore the scenic surroundings the hill station. Overnight stay at Jetwing St. Andrew's or similar 4*.

Day 06 Nuwara Eliya ⇄ Unawatuna (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast, leave for **Unawatuna**. Enroute visit St.Clair and **Dæon water falls**. Unawatuna is good for sea bathing, snorkeling and diving because of the wonderful coral reef extending in the shallow water. A few miles away at Koggala, you can see the world's famous Stilt Fisherman and the fisherman during their nets in Magalle. Overnight stay at Unawatuna Beach Resort or similar 3*.

Day 07 Unawatuna ⇄ Beruwela (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast leave for **Wadduwa**. Upon arrival, check in hotel and free and easy at the beach. Overnight stay at Riverina Hotel or similar 4*.

Day 08 Beruwela ⇄ Colombo ✈ Singapore (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast proceed to Colombo and commence city tour. A drive through the city will take you to the **Fort and Pettah** - the commercial area of the city and tree-lined Colombo - 07 Cinnamon Gardens. Colombo 3, 4, 5, 8 is the prime residential area of the City. Visit **Fort**, and **Pettah** for Shopping. The Hindu Temple at Sea Street, lined with goldsmith's shops, the Dutch Church at Wolfendaal, dating back to 1749. After lunch shopping in Colombo - visit the Mlesna exquisite tea boutique, cashew nut shop and all sorts of ready-made garments at Majestic City & Liberty Plaza. Visit the Lanka Ceramics Center, a place where you can buy **"NORITAKE SET"** or other ceramic items. Visit **"ARENA"** at Darley road & "ODEL" at Lipton Circus. Also visit **"BEVERLY STREET"** - 24 hours shopping arcade (garments only) at Kollupitiya. After dinner, you will transfer to airport for departure flight back to Singapore.

Day 09 Arrival Singapore with wonderful souvenirs and sweet memories of your memorable holiday with Asia~Euro Holidays.

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

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