

DUBAI & SRI LANKA 9 days



Itinerary:

Day 1 : Arrive Dubai Airport

Upon your arrival at the Dubai airport transfer to hotel.

Lodging: Asiana Hotel

Day 2 : Dubai – City Tour & Desert Safari (B / D)

After breakfast start your discovery of Dubai. The tour begins with a photo stop on the Creek, the natural water arm which divides Dubai into two parts, one with a stunning skyline and the other with old wooden dhows. First get to know the old part and visit Al Bastakiy the oldest residential part of the city. Learn about the history of Dubai from the pearl divers to the discovery of oil to the modern Dubai today in the Dubai Museum. Afterwards cross the creek with a so called “Abra“ a traditional wooden boat. Than stroll through the delicious smelling spice and glittering gold “souk”, the traditional markets. On the beautiful Jumeirah Road reach the majestic Jumeirah where the tour ends. In the evening a special adventure, a desert safari with barbecue dinner and a show awaits you. Depart in the late afternoon in a four wheeler for a thrilling desert drive through huge golden sand dunes deep into the heart of the desert. At the desert camp a traditional arabian welcome awaits you. Here you can ride a camel, have henna painting, try arabic costumes or simply enjoy the aromatic shisha (water pipe) before a splendid buffet dinner with a wide variety of barbecue and a oriental show.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner **Lodging:** Asiana Hotel

Day 3 : Dubai – Colombo - Kandy (B)

After breakfast transfer to the Dubai airport for your flight to Colombo. Upon arrival in Sri Lanka at Colombo airport transfer to Kandy. On the way visit Pinnawela the famous Elephant Orphanage, here over 95 elephants, orphaned from natural disasters in the dry zone jungles of Sri Lanka are housed, cared and rehabilitated by a cool flowing river in a breathtaking setting.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Earls Regency Hotel

Day 4 : Kandy - Peradeniya (B)

Today after breakfast depart to Peradeniya Botanical Gardens. First built as a pleasure garden by a Sinhala King and later expanded by the British, it provides with it's 147 acres an amazing variety of trees, plants and flowers. After the garden enjoy a tour around Kandy Lake built by the last Sinhala King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1798 it is a tranquil oasis in midst of the bustling city. In Kandy town explore the bazaar, arts and craft centers, a gem museum and a lapidary before visiting the famous Temple of the holy buddha tooth relic. In the evening a colorful cultural show awaits you to end this fabulous day.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Earls Regency Hotel

Day 5 : Kandy - Nuwara Eliya (B)

After breakfast start your journey to the famous tea plantations. The 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, is set against beautiful backdrops of Mountains, Valleys, Waterfalls and Tea Plantations. Here the world's best tea is produced. Learn about the process of tea manufacturing, how tea is graded and of course taste a cup of pure delicious Ceylon tea. All around Nuwara Eliya is evidence of the British influence, houses like country cottages or Queen Ann style mansions, for that reason it is Sri Lanka's most popular hill resort

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Tea Factory Hotel

Day 6 : Nuwara Eliya - Yala - Kataragama (B)

This morning after breakfast drive to Yala via Tissamaharama. Once in Yala enjoy a jeep safari at the National park, the largest in the country and home to wild elephants, boars, buffaloes, leopards, bears, deers and crocodiles. Large flocks of migratory and indigenous birds are also found here. Later continue to nearby Kataragama. Known through the ancient story of Kataragama which centers on the repeated descent and exploits on earth of a hero (Kataragama) and his battles with the forces of darkness.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Hertiance Ahungalle Hotel

Day 7 : Kataragama - Galle - Ahungalla (B)

This day takes you further down south to Sri Lanka's beautiful coast line with it's endless white sand beaches. After breakfast start your drive towards Galle. Visit the charming old port city with the famous Galle fort, a world heritage site and the largest remaining fortress in Asia built by European occupiers. After visiting the city continue to Ahungalla for overnight.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Heritance Ahungalle Hotel

Day 8 : Ahungalla - Colombo (B)

After breakfast drive to Colombo. Once in the city visit the classic old parliament, the 17th century Dutch Wolfendhal church, the museum, the town hall and the Victoria Park built by the British. See a beautiful temple of Buddha in a lake setting and a colorful Hindu shrine. The latest attraction is the tastefully salvaged 400 year old Dutch Hospital in Colombo Fort which is now renovated to its former beauty. You find lively pubs, restaurants, coffee and tea houses, spas and shopping in this unique setting.

Meals: Breakfast **Lodging:** Cinnamon Grand Hotel

Day 9 : Colombo - departure (B)

After breakfast leave for Colombo airport for your departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

