

DUBAI & SRI LANKA SERENDIPITY 9 days

Itinerary:



Day 1 : Arrive Dubai Airport

Upon your arrival at the Dubai airport transfer to your hotel and time to relax from the flight.

Lodging: Armani 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 diving the city into a stunning skyline and old wooden dhows. Start with a visit to Al Bastakiy the oldest residential part of the Dubai. Learn about the history from the pearl divers to the discovery of oil to the modern Dubai today in the Dubai Museum. Afterwards cross the creek with an "Abra" a traditional wooden boat. Next stroll through the delicious smelling spice and glittering gold "souk" traditional markets. 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 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.

Lodging: Armani Hotel

Day 3 : Dubai – Colombo - Kandy (B)

After breakfast transfer to the Dubai airport for your flight to Colombo. Upon arrival in Sri Lanka 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.

Lodging: Earls Regency Hotel

Day 4 : Kandy - Peradeniya (B)

Today after breakfast visit the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens. First built as a pleasure garden by a Sinhala King and later expanded by the British, it provides an amazing variety of trees, plants and flowers. Afterwards enjoy a tour around Kandy Lake, a tranquil oasis in midst of the bustling city. In Kandy town you can 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 wonderful day.

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

Lodging: Heritance Tea Factory Hotel

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

This morning 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 for the ancient story of Kataragama centering on the repeated descent and exploits on earth of the hero Kataragama and his battles with the forces of darkness.

Lodging: Amanwella Hotel

Day 7 : Kataragama - Galle - Tangalle (B)

Today explore 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.

Lodging: Amanwella Hotel

Day 8 : Tangalle - 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.

Lodging: Shangri-La Hotel

Day 9 : Colombo - departure (B)

After breakfast leave for Colombo airport for your departure flight.

