



Dalmanuta

Hotel Spa & Restaurant at Bentota River, Sri Lanka

Group journey/2 to max. 6 persons

Experience round trip: 7 days/6 nights round trip

Round trip with German/English speaking guide/driver.

On arrival at the Bandaranayke International Airport, you will get your first taste of warm Sri Lankan hospitality; Representative from Dalmanuta (Pvt) Ltd. will welcome you at the airport and we travel to PINNAWELA to the elephant orphanage, which is maintained from the state. It exists since 1975 and ranks among the most popular elephant attraction country-wide. (The state maintains the orphans and nowadays there are more than 60 elephants.)

The elephants can move on a big surface freely. Custodians ensure for the fact that the elephants are habitually fed and anybody cannot be hurt.

Drive on to Sigiriya, where you can relax in the exotic garden at the pool in your hotel, where you stay overnight.

You climb the rock massif of the famous Sigiriya rock ruin. This 'sky fortress' is UNESCO world inheritance. The world-famous Sigiriya Frescoes of that antique city are of unusual beauty and painted in earth pigments on plaster.

Drive on to ANURADHAPURA in order to visit a selection of the most remarkable sights. As per written records Anuradhapura has been made royal capital by the king Panduk-Anhaya in 380 BC. It remained residence and royal capital for 119 successive Singhalese kings till the year 1000 AC when it was abandoned and the capital moved to Polonnaruwa. You will see some of the most famous as well as the tallest dagoba of Sri Lanka, remains from palaces, temples, monasteries, ceremonial baths and the temple of the holy Bo-tree. This tree was grown from a sapling of the very tree under which more than 2500 years ago the Buddha found enlightenment.

Overnight in Anuradhapura.

After your breakfast we visit Dambulla.

The Dambulla rock temple has been built by king Walagambahu in the 1st century B.C. and it is a world heritage site. Also, it is the most impressive of Sri Lanka's cave temples. The complex of five caves with over 2000 sq. meters of painted walls and ceilings is the largest area of paintings found in the world. It contains over 150 images of the Buddha of which the largest is the colossal figure of the Buddha carved out of rock and spanning 14 meters.

After the visit continue your journey to Kandy, where you stay overnight.

Visit Kandy, the religious and cultural center at the Mahaweli River. Here is the famous Temple of the Tooth Relic of the Buddha. Visit the Kandy town and Bazaar, the arts & crafts centre and a gem museum.

In the afternoon you visit the Royal botanical garden in Peradeniya, which attracts annually 1.2 million visitors. It was put on already 1371 and is the largest of the country with a surface of 60 hectares. Overnight in Kandy.

After breakfast this morning you will be driven to Nuwara Eliya. On the way you visit a tea plantation and a tea factory, where the best tea in the world is produced. Here you could observe all about the process of manufacturing tea. You can also see how tea is graded. Taste a cup of pure Ceylon tea in the factory.

Nuwara Eliya "the city of the light" is translated directly and lies approximately 2000 meters over the sea level. (the climate is much cooler here compared with the coast.) By the much cooler climate the British closed and built this place into their heart their own "small Britannia". Thus you find the oldest golf course of Asia here, as well as a Cricket field and a Polo field.

Overnight in Nuwara Eliya.

Drive on to Kataragama.

Kataragama is perhaps the most visited holy places in the country. Hindus, Buddhists and Muslims flock to the shrines located there. The deity most often associated with Kataragama is Skanda. Buddhists travel to Kataragama ostensibly to visit the Kirivehera, a dagoba where the Buddha is said to have meditated in his 3rd and final visit to Sri Lanka.

Drive on to Yala, where you stay overnight.

Yala is Sri Lanka's second largest wildlife park and has the largest population of leopard in Sri Lanka. We proceed to the park after a very early breakfast to enter early. Morning inside the park is the ideal time to see a variety of animals including the elusive leopard.

In the afternoon we leave for your relaxing week stay at the Luxury Boutique Hotel Dalmanuta located on the east Shore of Bentota River. There you have the choice to just relax and visit the Beach with one of our Boats or you doing a Ayurveda / Wellness Week.

Please find more details about the Ayurveda / Wellness Packages.

During the round trip you change five times the hotel. The first night you stay in Sigiriya. Subsequently, you spend one night in Anuradhapura, two nights in Kandy, one night in Nuwara Eliya and the last night of the round trip in Yala.

In all accommodations double rooms with Shower/Toilet and air conditioning system are to your disposal. Our select hotels are best chosen houses. Half-board (breakfast and dinner) consists in the hotels and is contained in the travel price. On the way there will be always enough time taking a midday lunch. In the

extension week you live in the luxury boutique hotel Dalmanuta at the Bentota River. Your Driver is a native, German and English speaking.

The price includes:

- 6 nights in double rooms with Shower/Toilet during the round trip
 - half-board on the tour with accommodation in economy class hotels
 - transport in the air-conditioned minibus
 - entrance fees for the excursions and visits mentioned in the program
- English/German-language driver/guide

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