

## 5 Days

### **Day 1**

According to your request pick up at the airport or hotel

Overnight Sigiriya

### **Day 2 Village Tour Sigiriya**

This rural village tour gives you an idea of the Sri Lankan lifestyle. We will provide bullock cart ride, sightseeing of paddy fields, catamaran ride on a lake and cooking demonstration.

#### **Sigiriya-Rock**

One of the most fascinating sights of Sri Lanka is the 200m high Lion's rock (Singha Giri). On the top you will see the foundation walls of the palace as Sigiriya was a former kingdom. About half way up you can admire frescoes also known as „cloud maiden“ under a rock overhang. Since 1982 Sigiriya has been UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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### **Day 3 Polonnaruwa**

Polonnaruwa was the capital of the second oldest kingdom of Sri Lanka. Its heyday reached the kingdom under Parakrama Bahu (1153-1186 AD), during this time the tooth relic of Buddha was also kept here. Now its kept in the Tooth Temple of Kandy. The park of Polonnaruwa is one of tourist attractions with numerous Buddha statues, huge dagobas and temple complexes. Particularly impressive are four Buddha statues carved into the rock, called the Buddha statues of Gal Vihara.

#### **Minneriya Nationalpark**

The Minneriya Nationalpark has one of the largest elephant populations in Asia. This nature reserve has around 90 km<sup>2</sup>. During the dry season between June and September, you have the chance to see up to 300 animals at the water reservoir. Due to the huge water reservoir, the park is also one of the most important areas for birds. In addition, you can see various species of monkeys, deer and bears.

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### **Day 5 Dambulla/Kandy**

The cave temples of Dambulla cover an area of 2.100m<sup>2</sup> and is herewith the largest temple complex of Sri Lanka. King Valagamba of Anuradhapura once used it as an exile when the city was occupied by the Indians. In many cave temples paintings and statues can be admired. Since 1991 Dambulla is UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Transfer nach Kandy ca. 2,5 Stunden**

### **On the way: Spice Garden**

Sri Lanka is popular für ist large variety of spices. In the spice garden you can see how they are growing. Cloves, pepper, cardamom, cinnamon, chili, turmeric, vanilla, nutmeg, cumin – this and much more is growing in Sri Lanka. During the guided tour you learn a lot about the spices and how they can be used at its best.

### **Tooth Temple (Sri Dalada Maligawa)**

Where does the name tooth temple comes from? The upper left canine tooth of Buddha Siddharta Gautama is kept here as a relic. The tooth keeps the spiritual power of Buddha. It symbolises good harvest and protects the land from drought. The tooth temple is considered to one of the most pilgrimage sites for Buddhists. In the early morning, late morning and in the evening the shrine with the tooth is opened in a ceremony and the pilgrims are allowed to take a brief look at it.

### **Overnight Kandy**

### **Day 5 Kandy**

#### **Royal Botanical Garden Peradeniya**

With an area of 80 hectares it's the largest botanical garden of Sri Lanka. You can observe around 4000 plant species with a variety from orchids, spice plants, medical plants to plants from temperate zones. Certainly you also find different palm species, bamboo plants, ficus trees and much more.

### **End of the tour**

**At the end of the tour we will drop you to your desired destination**