

17 Days

Day 1 According to your request pick up at the airport or hotel

Overnight Anuradhapura

Day 2 Anuradhapura

Anuradhapura was the centre of various royal dynasties for more than 1000 years. The Sri Mahabodhi Tree (poplar fig) is said to come from a branch of the tree under which Buddha Siddharta Gautama had attained enlightenment. Imposant are also the large Dagobas like Ruvanvelisaya and Jethawana. Since 1982 Anuradhapura is UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight Anuradhapura

Day 3 Wilpattu Nationalpark

The uniqueness of this nationalpark are the „Willus“ (natural lakes). Wilpattu is famous for its leopard population and also for a large variety of birds and reptiles.

Overnight Anuradhapura

Day 4 Transfer Jaffna

Transfer approx. 4,0 hours

On the way:

Elephant Pass

The Elephant Pass is since 1760 a strategic military base when the Portuguese built a fortification which was maintained also through the Dutch and the British. During the Civil War also fights between the Srilankan army and the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) took place there.

Overnight Jaffna

Day 5 Jaffna

Holy water springs of Keerimalai

These natural thermal springs are located on the coast of Jaffna. The water is said to have a healing effect as it flows through the calcareous fissures in the rocks.

Hindu Temple Nallur Kandasamy Kovil

The presiding deity of this temple is Lord Murugan (Kartiyeka) or Katharagama Deviyo. The temple was founded in in 948 AD. A famous Hindu festival is held every year which begins on the full moon day in August and lasts for 25 years.

Jaffna Fort

The fort was built during the Portugese colonial times in 1618. Due to numerous miracles attributed to the statue of the Virgin Mary in the nearby church, the fortress was named „Fortress of our Lady of Miracles of Jafanapatão“.

Overnight Jaffna

Day 6 Insel Nainativu – Boat Tour

Buddhistischer Tempel Nagadeepa Raja Maha Vihara

This temple is one of the 16 holiest Buddhist sites in Sri Lanka. Buddha Siddharta Gautama is said to have visited this place after 5 years of his enlightenment. He came to settle the dispute between the two Naga kings Chulodara and Mahodara.

Hinduistischer Tempel Nainativu-Nagapooshani-Amman-Tempel

This Hindu temple is dedicated to the female deity Sri Nagapooshani Ambal. The Goddess is worshipped daily in six pujas (worship services).

Overnight Jaffna

Day 7 Transfer Sigiriya

Transfer approx. 5,0 hours

Overnight Sigiriya

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 maidens“ under a rock overhang. Since 1982 Sigiriya has been UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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.

Overnight Sigiriya

Day 8 Transfer Nilaveli Beach

Transfer approx. 2,5 hours

Day 8 – Day 11 Nilaveli Beach

Thirukoneswaram Kovil Tempel Trincomalee

It belongs to the seven most important Shiva-Temples of Sri Lanka and was built on the Swami Rock. The temple flourished since its inception under all kingdoms like Anuradhapura Kingdom, Chola Empire or Jaffna Kingdom. After the destruction of the Portugese the Dutch and the British supported to rebuild this sacred temple.

Day 12 Dambulla**Transfer approx. 3,0 hours****Dambulla Cave Temple**

The cave temples of Dambulla cover an area of 2.100m² 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.

Overnight Dambulla**Day 13 Kandy****Transfer Kandy approx. 2,5 hours****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 14 Mahiyanganaya****Transfer approx. 2,0 hours****Village Tour**

Learn on this tour how the indigenous people of Sri Lanka (Veddhas) used to live. Discover the pure nature with a tour across the lake and immerse yourself in the past.

Overnight Mahiyanganaya**Day 15 Gal Oya Nationalpark****Transfer approx. 1,5 hours**

In Gal Oya National Park you can discover the animals on a jeep safari or on a boat tour. If you are lucky you might spot swimming elephants on the impressive Senanayake Samudra reservoir.

Overnight Mahiyanganaya

Day 16 Haputale**Transfer approx. 2,5 hours**

A delightful hike through tea plantations to Lipton's Seat. The viewpoint was named after Thomas Lipton, a Scottish Businessman who came to Sri Lanka in 1890 and introduced the tea plantation and production.

Hiking to Lipton's Seat**Overnight Haputale****Day 17 Ella****Transfer Ella approx. 1,0 hour****Nine Arch Bridge**

This imposing viaduct bridge stands for railroad construction in the British colonial era. The bridge is approx. 90m long and 24,5m high. It was built in 1921 using only stone and mortar, no iron and steel was used.

Visiting Ella

A short stroll through the cosy Ella which many restaurants, coffee shops and shops.

End of the Tour

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