

# Different Discovery

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We welcome you to our beautiful Island, Sri Lanka.

The Island's proud history of over 2500 years and the breathtaking diversity of scenery will capture your heart and soul no like other destination. May the time you spend in our Island be filled with exciting experiences, memories of which you will carry long after you leave our shores!

**PLEASE NOTE:** We have included almost all the important & interesting sightseeing, excursions, and activities throughout your tour plan but, you are fully entitled to chose what you want and not. No one can compel you to visit any of below the sites, locations or to do any activity without having your prior consent.

You will be offered 01L bottle or two 500ml bottles of purified drinking water and fresh Sri Lankan fruits on daily basis throughout the tour until you drop-off at the beach or at your final destination.

**Day 01 - MEET AND GREET AT THE AIRPORT, TRANSFER TO SIGIRIYA (02 NIGHTS )**

**SIGIRIYA VILLAGE** - [HTTP://WWW.SIGIRIYAVILLAGE.COM/](http://www.sigiriyavillage.com/)

**HOTEL SIGIRIYA** - [HTTP://HOTELSIGIRIYA.COM/](http://hotelsigiriya.com/)

You can ask your driver to stop whenever you need a break since it's approximately 04 hour's drive (Depending on the road & traffic conditions)

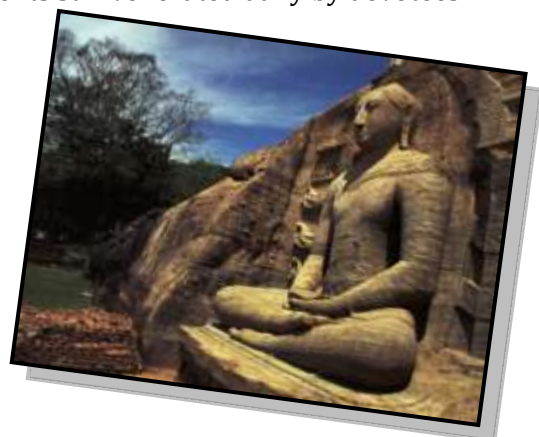
Checking into the hotel, relax and after lunch, if you like you can visit the Rock Fortress; Sigiriya.

**Sigiriya** - (**30\$ Per Person**) **The Rock Fortress** regarded as the eighth wonder of the ancient world, was built by king Kassapa in the 5<sup>th</sup> century A.D and was royal citadel for more than one year. It is a complex of buildings, part-royal palace, and part fortified town, and water gardens on par with the best in the ancient world, constitute a magnificent and unique architectural feat of the ancient Sinhalese.



**Day 02** - **AFTER BREAKFAST YOU CAN GO TO POLLONNARUWA (67KM) (25\$ PER PERSON) ANCIENT CITY.**

The Island medieval capital (11c & 12c) rose to fame after the decline of **Anuradhapura**. The city in its day was fortified with three concentric walls, beatified with parks gardens and sanctified by many shrines. Pollonnaruwa shows the interesting blend of the influence of the south Indian Hindu culture on the Buddhist art and architecture in the scattered shrines and monuments still venerated daily by devotees.



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You may enjoy an **Authentic Sri Lankan Lunch** with more than ten traditional Sri Lankan curries at “**The Village**” just few kilometers passing the Lake Giritale. **The Village** is one of the best commented Sri Lankan restaurants in Giritale area which cater visitors with mouth-watering traditional Sri Lankan cuisine.

After lunch, you can visit a **National Park**; wild-life safari by four-wheel jeep at **Minneriya, Kaudulla or Eco Park** – these parks by the tank built by king Parakramabahu is a habitat for wildlife and birds. Minneriya now a wild life and games park is an ideal destination to see wild life and elephants.

Your driver can assist you to arrange a good safari with one of the best service providers at a better price. (Entrance to the park, Jeep, and a Tracker can be hired at US\$ 45 per person)

You can try and enjoy a **Village Tour** (app. \$25 per person).

One of the most memorable Sri Lankan experiences is the Village Tour.

**HIRIWADUNNA** is just 02 Km (05 minutes - drive from Habarana). Trek through the archetypal Sri Lankan classic village. The trek begins with an awesome walk along a bunt of a Wewa or manmade reservoir. The reservoir itself, the surrounding scrub jungle, marshland and village are a hive of early morning or an evening activity. The amazing birdlife, butterflies and possible sightings of crocodile only add to the charm of seeing the villagers as they go about their early morning tasks of fishing, or washing clothes at the periphery of the lake. A good combination of Bullock-Cart ride, Catamaran Safari, ‘Chena Visit’ and an authentic Village-Kitchen experience with a Sri Lankan lunch is included in the package.



Feed an elephant and take a photo with **ALIYA** – the Sri Lankan Elephant. (app. \$10 per person)

A **fruit basket** for the elephant is included in the price; you can feed the elephant and in the meantime your diver/guide will take few nice snaps. The man who handling the elephant; Ali-Bas or Ath-Gouwa is always expecting a small tip from a foreign or local traveler; either you or your driver can give him some small kitty.



The Sri Lankan elephant (*Elephas maximus maximus*) is one of three recognized subspecies of the Asian elephant, and native to Sri Lanka.



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Since 1986, *Elephas maximus* has been listed as endangered by IUCN as the population has declined by at least 50% over the last three generations, estimated to be 60–75 years. The species is pre-eminently threatened by habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation.

Elephants were a common element in Sinhalese heraldry for over two thousand years and remained so through British colonial rule. The coat of arms and the flag of Ceylon Government from 1875 to 1948 included an elephant and even today many institutions use the Sri Lankan elephant in their coat of arms and insignia. An important cultural symbiosis has continued to exist between the elephant and humans for over two thousand years – no religious procession was complete without its retinue of elephants, and many large Buddhist temples in Sri Lanka had their own elephants.

**Day 03 - SIGIRIYA TO KANDY; (92KM) (02 NIGHTS)**

QUEENS HOTEL - [HTTP://WWW.QUEENSHOTEL.LK/](http://www.queenshotel.lk/)

HILL TOP HOTEL - [HTTP://WWW.AITKENSPENCEHOTELS.COM/HOTELHILLTOP/](http://www.aikenspencehotels.com/hotelhilltop/)

Today you can try and enjoy a early in the morning; special price for C&C clients: Please book in advance. (Flight Ticket & both way transfers **app. 195\$ per person**) Please ask your driver/guide to contact Different Discovery. 0094777911276- Rasith (The young brother)

On the way to Kandy, you can visit **Dambulla Cave Temple** (entrance fee **app. 15\$ Per Person**) – like Sigiriya Dambulla is a vast isolated rock mass and it was here king Walagambahu took refuge in the 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C. He later turns the caves into a rock temple. Its rock ceiling is one large sweep of colorful paintings which depict Buddhist mythology and tales of the Buddha's previous birth. Some of them are over 2000 years old. Within the cave temple is the collection of the large numbers of Buddha statues in one place.



It would be interesting to visit **Nalanda Gedige** – En route to Kandy it is the earliest all stone building 8c. Found in Sri Lanka, believed to be a Mahayanist shrines owing to rare tantric carvings of sensuous nature. However, it is an amalgamation of Hindu and Buddhist architecture. (Ask your driver)

Thereafter, you can visit a **Spice and Herbal Garden** on spice road – The spice which first drew Europeans to the Island – Cloves, Cardamom, Nutmeg, Cinnamon, and Pepper still grow in grate abundance in Sri Lanka. They lent richness and zest to many dishes, often in proportion that depend on availability and the chef's personal taste rather than on any fixed recipe.



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The Spice Gardens are approved by government tourist board and they will offer you quality spices, herbs and oil than which you can find in local market. However, the garden tour is only to learn about Sri Lankan herb and spices but no one can induce you to buy anything. The quality and standard of the herbs, spices and oils are higher than the products which you may find in public markets or shops in the city.

Now you can visit **Aluvihara Temple** – It is an ancient rock temple of great significance in the history of Buddhism. The Buddhist canon and its commentaries, which were till then handed down orally, were committed to writing for the first time at Aluvihara temple 2<sup>nd</sup> century B.C

**Kandy**; the Citadel of the hills. Set like a jewel among green mountains chains, Kandy Lake and girdled by the **Mahweli Ganga**, Sri Lanka's longest river, the capital of the Island's last independent Kingdom has retained a distinctive identity and character. Kandy is the repository of Sri Lanka's traditional art and crafts.

You can witness a **Cultural Show** featuring traditional Sri Lanka Dancing, Mask-show and Fire in the evening (Entrance fee **app. US\$ 10 per person**)

**Day 04 -FULL DAY IN KANDY OR CAN DO BELOW THE EXCURSIONS (TALK WITH YOUR DRIVER).**

**Today you can visit Pinnawala Elephant orphanage** at 09.00AM. (**app. US\$ 20 per person**)

The orphanage was established to feed, nurse and house young elephants found abandoned by their mothers. Often the young ones fall into fits and ravines in their quest for water during drought period. Other inmates at the orphanage are those displaced from their natural environs by development projects or those found diseased or wounded. The animals that were brought during the initial years are now capable of breeding and have in fact bred. The best time to visit is during the feeding times, when one will have the opportunity of seeing the baby elephants being bottle-fed. Also could accompany the elephants to a river close-by and see the elephants having their daily bath.



# **Gadaladeniya Temple**-is built almost exclusively out of stone in 1344 by the Gampola King Wickramabahu, situated on a hilltop, commanding views of the surrounding countryside. The architecture is Dravidian. The entrance porch features large stone pillars, which support a roof of huge stone slabs. Within the vihara, an ancient stone and plaster image of the Buddha looks down upon milk rice pots that have collected food offerings for centuries. The 638-year-Old jack wood doors still exhibit their original paintings.

# **Lankathilaka Shrine**- Built on a rocky outcrop; this 13th century temple is reached by a long series of steps cut directly into the rock. A cruciform brick building in three stores, the Lankathilaka Temple in Kandy has an exclusive architectural design. The temple is full of exquisite painted scenes of the lives of 24 former Buddhas and there is a colossal seated image of the Buddha. At the entrance of the building there are two huge pillars. Presently the pillars have broken down and reduced to a height of 58 ft. Initially, the height of these pillars was almost twice the existing one.



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# **Embekke Devalaya**- Kandy comprises carved wooden pillars with engravings of swans, lions, bulls, elephants and other such animals. On these pillars you will often find motifs like leaves, flowers, soldiers, dancing women and even mermaids. There are a total of 128 carvings on these pillars. Most of these carvings are presumably the work of the ancient artisan, Devendra Mulachari. 16 wooden pillars adorn the entrance of the Embekke Devalaya in Kandy. The 'digge' inside the Embekke Devalaya, Kandy is 52 feet, 10 inches long and 25 feet, 9 inches wide. UNESCO has accredited the site as the abode of rare specimens of fine wooden carvings in the world.

In the evening you can visit **Dalada Maligawa** – (Entrance fee **app. 10 \$ Per Person**) **Temple of the Tooth**. The importance of Kandy is mainly due to being the home of the Dalada Maligawa, which houses the **sacred tooth relic of the Buddha**.

The tooth relic itself is claimed to have come to Sri Lanka some 1600 years ago, when a certain princess from southern India brought it to Anuradhapura, which was then the most powerful kingdom in Sri Lanka. As king and kingdoms rose and fell, it finally ended up in around 1100AD



**Day 05 - KANDY TO NUWARA ELIYA (01 NIGHT)**

**WINDSOR HOTEL** - [HTTP://WWW.WINDSORHOTELLK.COM/](http://www.windsorhotellk.com/)

**ALPINE HOTEL**-

En route to Nuwara Eliya you can visit **Peradeniya Botanical Gardens** (entrance fee **app. 10 \$ Per Person**) – These gorgeous gardens were first planned and laid out for **King Keerthi Sri Rajasingha** (1747-1780) and cover some 150 acres of trees, lawns and flowering shrubs, including a 50 acres arboretum of more than 10000 trees.

Under British rule, the **royal park became a botanical garden** in 1821 and is the largest of Sri Lanka's three mail botanical gardens. The best known attraction of the garden is the **Orchid house**, which has more than 300 varieties of exquisite orchids

You can visit **Tea plantation & factory**; one of the best tea factories is **Mackwoods Labookellie Tea Centre**. Sri Lanka where the best tea in the world produced, you will be told about the process of manufacturing tea. You can also see how tea is graded and taste a cup of pure Ceylon tea in the factory for complementary. You also can buy some high quality Ceylon tea.

**Nuwara Eliya or Little England**; It is a land of peace, and silence. The nostalgia of the emperor builders is reflected in Nuwara Eliya. The town is decorated with buildings ranging in style from **Georgian to Queen Anne**. Parks, trout streams, 18 holes of golf course complete with gorse, the post office with the clock spire, the Anglican Church with a lych-gate, and the hill club, with its hunting prints, stuffed fish and polished Oak.



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Horton Plains Soft Adventure Trek (A must do attraction)

The landscapes of high, misty plateau, up to 2400m above sea level are unique in Sri Lanka, combining mountain grassland with areas of miniature “elfin” forest-dwarf forms of trees and shrubs adapted to the cool climate and skimpy soil of the plains. **World’s End** the 700m drop-off that forms an abrupt southern boundary to the plains. For the best views, arrive at sunrise, before the mist that often shrouds the slopes below has had time to form.

The walk to **World’s End** is 4km, but the trail loops back to **Baker’s Falls** (2km) and continues back to the entrance (another 3.5km). The 9.5km round trip takes a leisurely three hours. Unless you get there early the view from World’s End is often obscured by mist, particularly during the rainy season from April to September. The both way transfers from your hotel to Horton Plains are not included in the package.

(You can either use a separate vehicle or your own driver/guide can drive you to the entrance of the Plains at a cost of **app: 40 US\$ per person**; price includes the transfers and entrance to the Plains)

In Nuwara Eliya, you will find a line of shops sell **Winter Clothes**; you can get branded jumpers, fleeces or jackets at bargain prices. The shops are located right in front of Keells Super market and its walking distance of 300 meters from The Grand Hotel.

Your driver will take you to the **Lake Gregory**- for a picturesque leisurely walk; a must visit site in the city and he will award you a **Souvenir-Gift**. Memories will cherish – you never forget Sri Lankan hospitality and your holiday.

**Day 06 - NUWARA ELIYA TO TISSAMAHARAMA; (02 NIGHTS)**  
**HOTEL CHANDRIKA** - [HTTP://WWW.CHANDRIKAHOTEL.COM/](http://www.chandrikahotel.com/)  
**ELEPHANT REACH** - [HTTP://WWW.ELEPHANTREACH.COM/](http://www.elephantreach.com/)

If you wish, you can enjoy a Sri Lanka train journey to Ella. (On seat/train availability- **15 US\$ PP**) Ask your driver about the train schedules and he will arrange the tickets and transfers. The driver will then pick you up in Ella and continue to Tissamaharama (Tissa). On the way from Ella to Tissa, you can then visit **Buduruwagala Temple** – The impressive Mahayana rock sculpture just close to Wellawaya. Although it is off the beaten track and seldom included in tour itineraries it is perhaps the **finest sculpture of Mahayana Buddhism** found in Sri Lanka dating back to 9-10 c. Its jungle setting adds depth to this site.

**Day 07 - YALA NATIONAL PARK**

Yala is famous for its elephant population seen in small and large herds, spotted deer, Sambhur, Barking deer, monkey, wild buffalo, wild Boer, sloth bear and innumerable varieties of birds, endemic and migratory. Peacock is the most famous of the birds and crocodile is highlight at Yala. If you lucky enough you may come a close bear and the shy leopards.

(Your driver will assist you to arrange a good safari with one of the best commented safari-services at a better price)

An all inclusive package - Entrance Ticket, a Luxury (Toyota/Mitsubishi) fully insured Safari Jeep, Tracker, and drinking water with fresh fruits will be arranged at app. **US\$ 55 per person.(DBL Sharing)**



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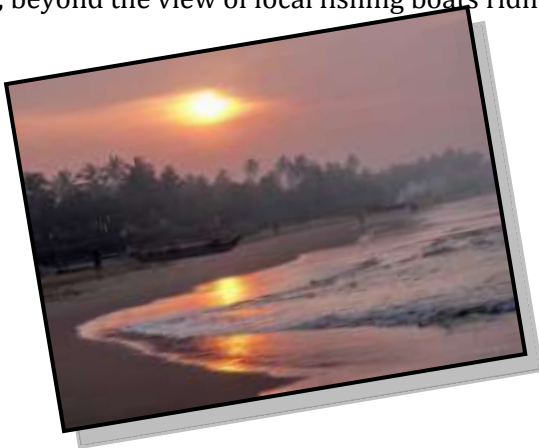
**Day 08 - TISSAMAHARAMA TO HIKKADUWA OR BERUWALA (02NIGHTS)**  
**CORAL SANDS HIKKADUWA** - [HTTP://WWW.CORALSANDSHOTEL.COM/](http://www.coralsandshotel.com/)  
**THE PALMS** - [HTTP://WWW.PALMSBERUWALA.COM/](http://www.palmsberuwala.com/)

**Please note** you can stay in the hotel until the **standard check-out time (12.00 noon)** and, there is plenty of time to visit the rest of the attractions on the way to your beach hotel. Please discuss with your driver/guide and plan it well in advance.

After breakfast, en route to **hikkaduwa/ Beruwala**, you can visit the **Salt Farm** at Hambantota – a natural salt farm producing salt for domestic and export purpose. You can watch the process; how the salt been made.

You can visit **Hummanaya** – The **Blow Hole** (Entrance Fees: **app. 3US\$ per person**) is a natural fountain, caused when sea water rushes through a submerged cavern and is pushed upwards. Hummanaya is located on the southern Sri Lankan coast. The ocean water flows underneath the shore, and then comes out of this hole due to pressure. Water shoots up every minute or so, and it gives very serene feeling. The spray is often as high as 25 meters, giving on lookers a sea bath on land.

You can visit **Lighthouse** (Entrance Fee: **app. 5 US\$ per person**) at Devi Nuwara- just over kilometer south of Dondra town, a British built octagonal lighthouse (1889) marks the southernmost point in Sri Lanka. Standing 54 meters tall, the light house presents sweeping views of up & down the coast. To the south from this tropical coast here, beyond the view of local fishing boats riding the indigo waves there is nothing until Antarctica.



**Day 09** You can join with a **Whale & Dolphin** tour while you are staying on the beach.

We recommend **Mirissa Water Sports** for your whale & dolphin watching tour. The best is to visit them on the way to Unawatuna from Tissa and discuss a best customized all-inclusive package for you. The package is generally included with both-way transfers from your hotel, welcome tea/coffee, and breakfast on the boat, unlimited drinking water and some other refreshments throughout the tour. Your driver will assist you for a quick stop at Mirissa Water Sports en route to Unawatuna.





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All inclusive ticket per person is **app. \$60 per person** (DBL sharing); extra cost of both way transfers from your accommodation needs to be added separately. (Transfers from Unawatuna are app. \$20 per person. Transfers from Hikkaduwa are app. \$30 per person for minimum two passengers. A lesser price for transfers can be negotiated when you have a small group above 03 passengers.)

With a very charming and peaceful setting you can enjoy an exciting beach holiday at **Hikkaduwa/ Beruwala** until departure

**Day 10 – HIKKADUWA/ BERUWALA TO AIR PORT - DEPARTURE**

**End of the tour!**

## **Tour Package Includes;**

- ✓ 07 Nights 08 days tour on BB on your choice of hotels.
- ✓ Beach Stay with HB
- ✓ Transfers, excursions, tour in an air conditioned vehicle.
- ✓ Around-the-clock service of an English speaking driver-guide.

## **Tour Package Excludes;**

- x Additional meals on other than specified/included in the package.
- x Additional excursions other than specified.
- x Expenses of personal nature.
- x Entrance fees (cultural triangle, national parks, Ayurvedic treatment, and etc.)

## **Complementary Offer;**

You will be offered one (5L) bottle or two (500ml) bottles of purified drinking water on daily basis per person and selective tropical Sri Lankan fresh fruits in the afternoon en route to destinations on daily basis until you drop-off at the beach or at your final destination.

## **Special Advice**

Souvenir Shopping at any location cannot be encouraged or influenced by your driver or any third party as we only have recommend the best places for you to do shopping where we will take the responsibility of your purchases. It is always your right to chose negotiates and bargains as you pay your money for any purchase in Sri Lanka.

If you feel uncomfortable in shopping at any place please do not hesitate to contact us any time. When you text from your mobile phone please just mention the tour reservation number, so we call you back.



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We have provided you a **comments / suggestions sheet** (Please turn over) for our vehicle, guide, driver, hotels, shops and etc. It would be grateful if you could fill the comments sheet and mail-post during your stay on the beach. We always appreciate your comments, suggestions, and opinions for the future improvements of our service.

## Chauffeur & vehicles Details

Name: Mr.

Mobile: 0094

Vehicle Number:

## **Special Note / VERY IMPORTANT**

Please contact Different Discovery on below the numbers to confirm your pick-up time from your last hotel at least 36 hours in advance. **Do not follow any other instructions.**

## Different Discovery Tours

In Sri Lanka you will meet or talk with **Dinesh** (*Big Brother*) and **Rasith** (*Young Brother*); We are the representatives for:

**Delphin Tours**- Germany [www.delphin-tours.de](http://www.delphin-tours.de)

**C&C Travel**-Denmark [www.cctravel.dk](http://www.cctravel.dk) ,

**Berg Reiser**-Norway [www.bergreiser.com](http://www.bergreiser.com) ,

**Topas Travel**-Denmark [www.topas.dk](http://www.topas.dk)

**Pan Asia**-Slovakia [www.pan-asia.sk](http://www.pan-asia.sk) ,

## Our team

2 brothers, 2 office staff, 21 freelance tourist drivers, 11 chauffeur guides, 12 freelance national tour guide lecturers. We are a small team but, always flexible, service oriented, hospitable and honest.

Team members pride themselves on their competence as “visitor orientated professionals”.

As we all have a personal interest in many of the activities on offer, you can expect a service which is well informed and highly special.

**N.B:** If you have any problem about your vehicle, driver, hotel, or for more information, queries, and for any hesitation in Sri Lank please call our round-the-clock hotlines: **+94 777 911 276 (RASITH) +94 776 013 912 (DINESH).**

You can use your **driver/guides' mobile phone** to call us, free of charge.

We are more than happy to assist you any time of the day with very personalized service.

**Have a nice & safe flight!**

Once you have returned your mother land, please spend few minutes to **WRITE a REVIEW at TRIP ADVISOR;** [www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com). You can simply click “**Write a Review**” at the home page and select “**Hotel**” then you can enter the most preferred hotel you stay in Sri Lanka. Please do not forget to put a nice title and comment about our tour arrangements, us, your vehicle, your driver, your hotels, most preferred attractions and your general comments.