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*WELCOME TO THE
COUNTRY WITH
MANY WORLDS*

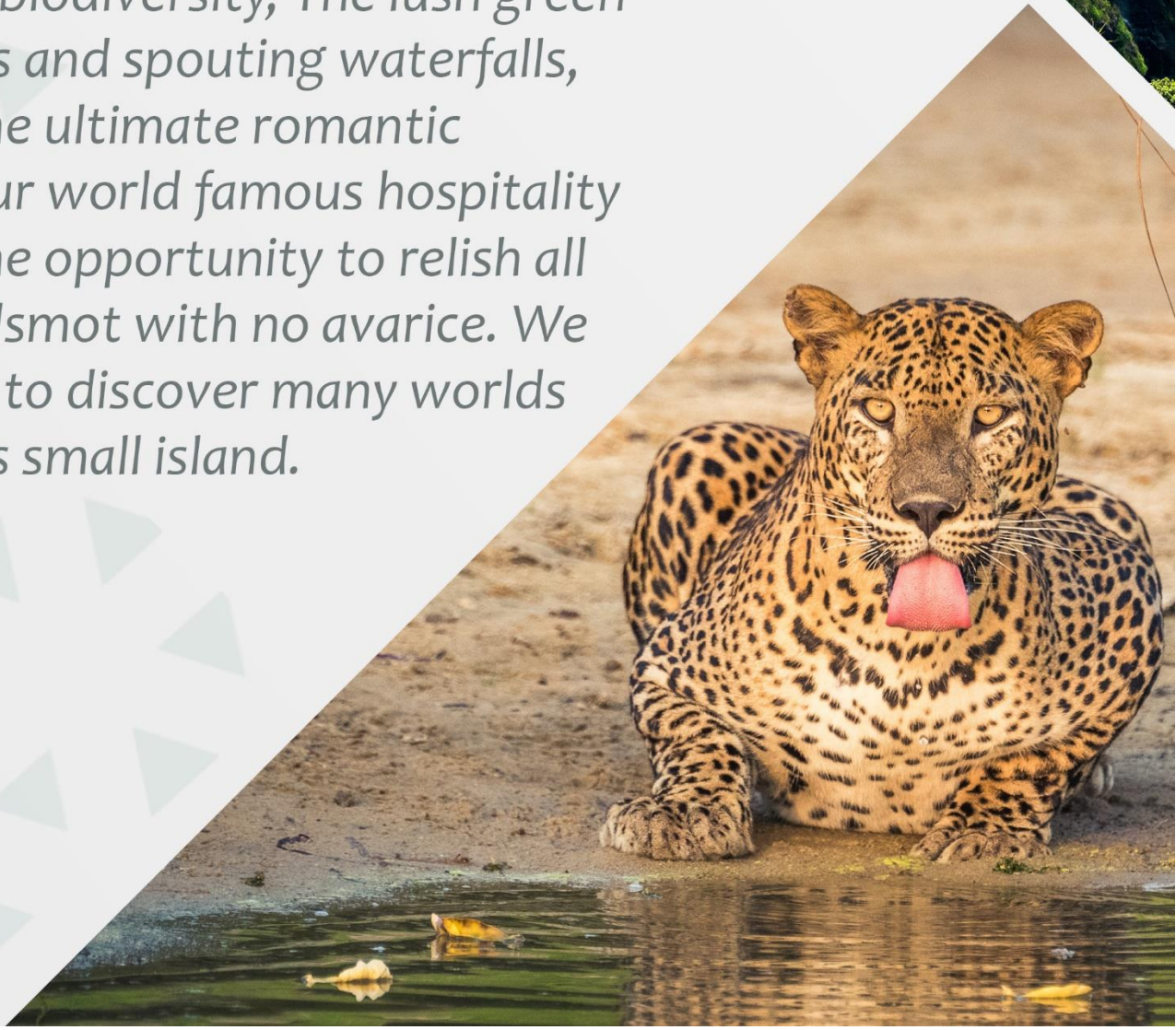
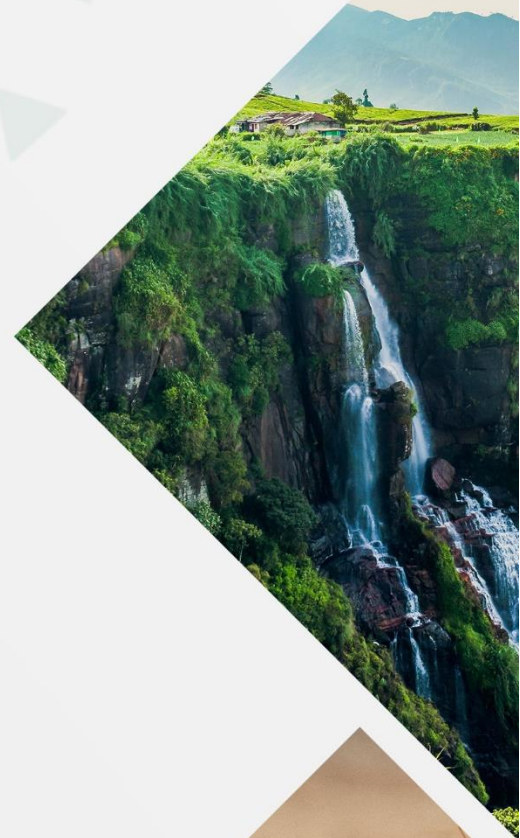


**CROSS COUNTRY
EXPEDITION**



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Famed to be the pearl of the Indian Ocean, would possibly deceive a person as if it was an illusion of a paradise on earth. The stretches of coasts around the island make it glow in gold adding more fantasy made by the evening sunset. Owning the world's most prominent virgin forests with a surprisingly high degree of biodiversity, The lush green mountains and spouting waterfalls, provide the ultimate romantic escape. Our world famous hospitality provide the opportunity to relish all of these alsmot with no avarice. We invite you to discover many worlds within this small island.



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Travel from the west to the east and south and back during a 13-day excursion.



YOUR PROGRAM

DAY 01

Colombo Airport – Colombo – Galle

You arrive at Bandaranaike Airport, where your driver welcomes you. You are greeted by the tropical air of this magical island, and for your first destination your drive to Colombo. Short night sleep in Colombo.

Bandaranayake International Airport to Colombo – 01 hour



In the morning, after breakfast, proceed to Galle.

Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the small winding streets of the Fort, lined with many boutiques, restaurants and buildings dating back to the colonial era. The Fort is known for its impressive architecture and has a long history dating from the Portuguese, Dutch and English colonial periods, and is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Overnight stay at Galle.

Colombo to Galle – 03 hours

DAY 02

Galle - Udawalawe National Park



In the morning (09.30 AM) proceed the paddy trail, your classic ride is suitable for all. It is a gentle loop starting and finishing at our base near Wijaya Beach. It passes through Eluvila Bird Sanctuary and out into the paddy fields sticking to local paths and quiet roads. There is a half way stop for king coconuts served under an Ambalama in a private and exclusive jungle garden.

Proceed to Udawalawe. In the afternoon (optional) visit the Elephant Transit Home nearby. This institution takes care of injured elephants and orphans. It's super cute how they are fooling around, trying to have some sneaky extra sips of milk! The whole spectacle takes only about 30 minutes (optional).

Overnight stay at Udawalwe.

Galle to Udawalawe – 03 hours

DAY 03

Udawalawe National Park – Buduruwagala – Ella – Haputale



In the morning (06.00 AM) Jeep Safari at Udawalawe National Park. This is an unforgettable experience: you can see many wild animals, especially the elephants, deer, land monitors, crocodiles and a large variety of aquatic birds.

In the afternoon proceed to Haputale and on the way stop at Buduruwagala temple. Buduruwagala means “the rock of Buddhist sculptures” and it is an ancient Buddhist temple complex. Dated back to the 10th century, the gigantic Buddha statue still bears traces of its original stuccoes robe and a long streak of orange suggests it was once brightly painted.

Visit Rawana waterfall, you can also climb Little Adam’s Peak in Ella on the way.

Overnight stay at Haputale.

Udawalawe to Haputale – 04 to 05 hours

DAY 04

Haputale



Haputale is a small mountain village offering magnificent views of the valley below excursions. It has a very rich biodiversity and allows a very beautiful view of the southern edge of hill country in Sri Lanka.

In the morning, you will do a trek to Ella Rock with a guide. Ella Rock is a famous cliff, located high above Ella village, roughly a two hours strenuous trek from the center of town. The rock offers stunning views across the hill country, and the plains below. The trek to Ella Rock is about 8 km long. Trekking to Ella Rock and back is around 4 hours from start to finish.

The total climb up of Ella Rock is one thousand meters, or 3300ft, giving the summit a total height of 2000 meters. It can be quite a tricky walk in parts, particularly approaching the top which has some steep stretches.

Overnight stay at Haputale.

DAY 05

Haputale – Nanu Oya – Dalhousie - Kandy



In the morning embark on a scenic train journey from Haputale, a colorful mountain town mostly populated by tea estate workers. The train journey is a great time to enjoy the tea country landscapes. Once you arrive at the small but charming hill station of Nanu Oya, your driver will pick you up from there and proceed to Dalhousie.

Check in to the guest house, in order to take a late-afternoon nap to prepare for the night time climb of the mountain.

Train ride from Haputale to Nanuoya – 02 & ½ hour.

DAY 06

Dalhousie – Kandy



Around 2AM, begin the ascension of some 5,000 steps toward the peak of the mountain, also known as “Sri Pada”, or Sacred Foot, commemorating the legend that Buddha himself visited the top of this mysterious mountain. Today, you will find a small temple at the top, but also, depending on the season, crowds of pilgrims who climb the mountain as part of their annual religious pilgrimage. The climb can be difficult for some, this is why it’s important to be in good physical shape as well as have ample rest the evening prior. Once on top, you will feel that it was all worth it! Return to the hotel for a quick shower and breakfast.

Then proceed to Kandy and on the way, visit the Royal Botanical Garden of Peradeniya, which are covering over 150 acres along Mahaweli River. Must-see: The royal palm trees path, cannon ball trees, the orchids’ collection and multicolored flowerbeds. Count approximately 2 hours for this excursion.

Overnight stay at Kandy.

Dalhousie to Kandy – 03 hours

DAY 07

Kandy – Dambulla – Sigiriya



In the morning go for a city tour of Kandy, including Upper Lake Drive, Market Square and a Gem Museum. Afterwards, visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic. It is located in the royal palace complex which houses the Relic of the tooth of Buddha. Since ancient times, the relic has played an important role in local politics because it is believed that whoever holds the relic holds the governance of the country. Kandy was the last capital of the Sinhalese kings and is a UNESCO World Heritage site partly due to the temple.

In the afternoon proceed to Sigiriya. Transfer to your hotel and relax by the pool.

Overnight stay at Sigiriya.

Kandy to Sigiriya – 03 to 04 hours

DAY 08

Sigiriya – Polonnaruwa – Sigiriya



Early in the morning (07.00 AM), to avoid the long lines, visit the famous “Lion’s Rock”. Sigiriya is Sri Lanka’s most popular cultural site, belonging to the UNESCO World Heritage. It will take about 2.5 hours to discover the gardens and caves, and climb up the 200 meters high rock. Half way up the rock, your guide will show you the painted caves covered by ladies frescoes, believed to be King Kasyapa’s concubines. Once you reach the top, you can see the ancient palace ruins and enjoy an amazing view of the surroundings. Or, you could also visit Pidurangala to witness the sunrise with a breathtaking view. Drive to the mountains. On the way visit Dambulla Cave Rock Temple. This Buddhist temple is a UNESCO World Heritage site, located on top of a rock, and consists of five caves. All are filled with Buddha statues and have beautiful wall paintings. The view over the surrounding environment is breathtaking!

Then, you visit Polonnaruwa, which was the island capital during 11th and 12th centuries. For more fun you can discover the area’s Hindu temples to palace ruins by bicycle (optional). The main attraction is Gal Vihara, a group of 4 Buddha’s carved in granite stone. The archeological museum is very interesting.

Overnight stay at Sigiriya.

Sigiriya to Polonnaruwa – 01 to 02 hours

DAY 09

Sigiriya – Trincomalee



Proceed to Trincomalee. Visit the town of Trincomalee and the famous temple of Koneswaram Kovil. This temple is the center of gravitation for the Tamil culture in Sri Lanka, primarily concentrated in the Northern part of the country. You can also make a stop and discover the hot water springs in the town's vicinity.

Overnight stay at Trincomalee.

Sigiriya to Trincomalee – 03 hours

DAYS 10 & 11

Trincomalee



Enjoy 02 days in one of the beautiful beaches in Sri Lanka, along with the relaxing sea breeze and breathtaking sunset. You may want to enjoy the opportunity to do snorkeling and admire many colorful tropical fish that are easy to spot due to their curious patterns under the crystal water of Trincomalee or take a boat ride to Pigeon Island.

Overnight stay at Trincomalee.

DAY 12

Trincomalee – Kurunegala



In the afternoon, proceed to Kurunegala.

Enjoy your charming accommodation located in a coconut estate.

Overnight stay at Kurunegala.

Trincomalee to Kurunegala – 05 hours

DAY 13

Kurunegala – Colombo International Airport



Today is your last day in our beautiful island paradise. We hope you keep the best memories of your stay with us in Sri Lanka.

In the afternoon, transfer to the Bandaranaike International Airport for the departure flight.

Kurunegala to Bandaranayake International Airport – 02 to 03 hours

Inclusive

- Private transport and transfers with AC vehicle **(by CAR)**
- Services of an English-speaking chauffeur
- Service charges, parking & toll charges, fuel for vehicle, expenses of driver
- Overnight hotel in double room (subject to availability)
- Meal plan according to the table above
- **A bike ride in Unawatuna**
- **Half-day jeep safari in Udawalawe National Park**
- **A half day trek in the hill country, with trekking guide**
- **Entrance fees: Kandy Temple, Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa**
- **A scenic train journey through the mountains (seats subject to availability)**
- Government taxes (please note that in the event of the Sri Lankan Government increases or introduces new taxes we will be compelled to increase our rates accordingly.)
- Colombo office assistance 24/7

Exclusive

- International Air tickets & Visa fees (check online <http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/>)
- Lunch and dinner, unless otherwise specified
- All beverages during meals, tips & expenses of personal nature
- Visits and activities not mentioned in the “inclusive” section
- Photo / video camera permits



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