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COUNTRY WITH
MANY WORLDS*

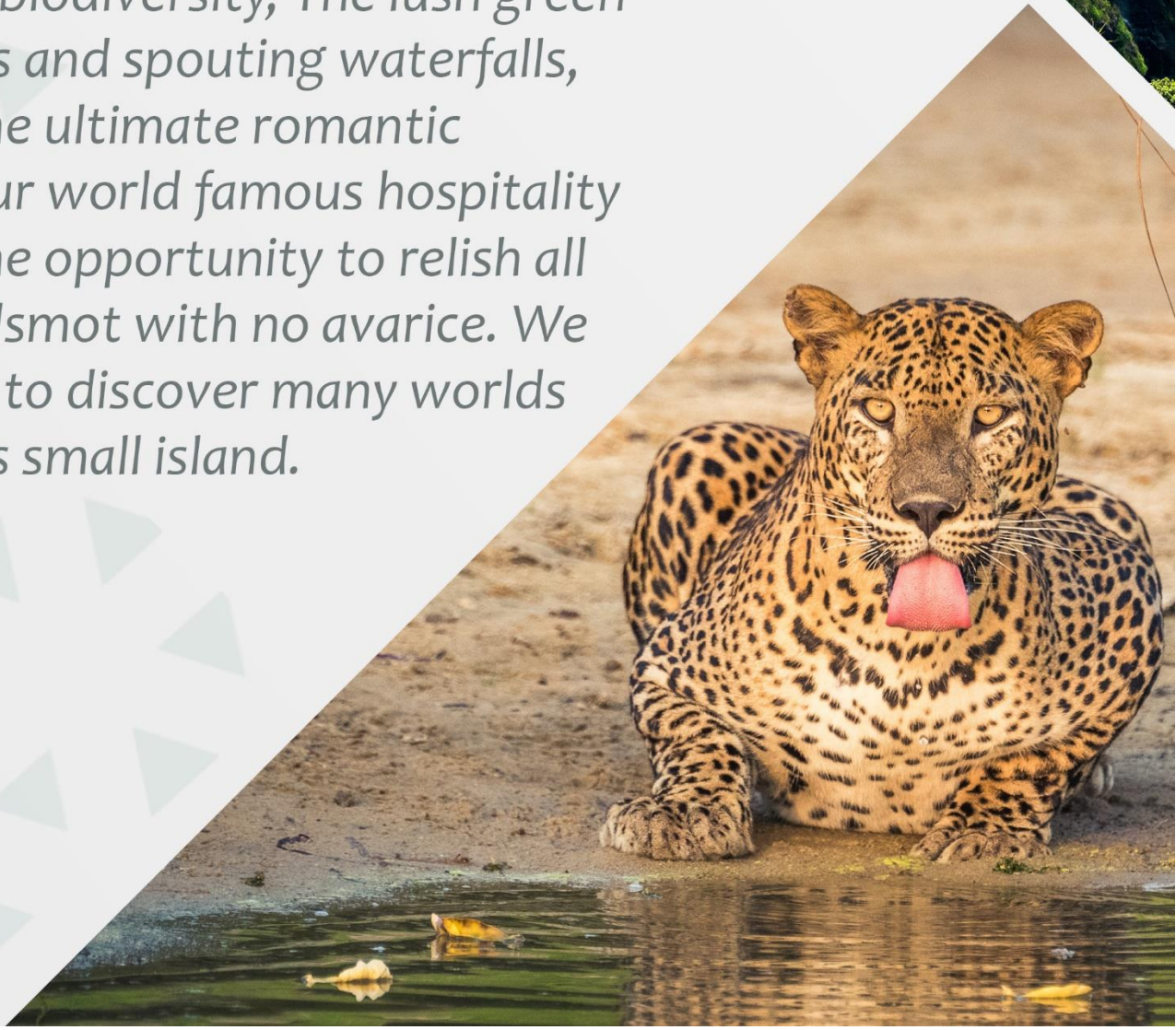
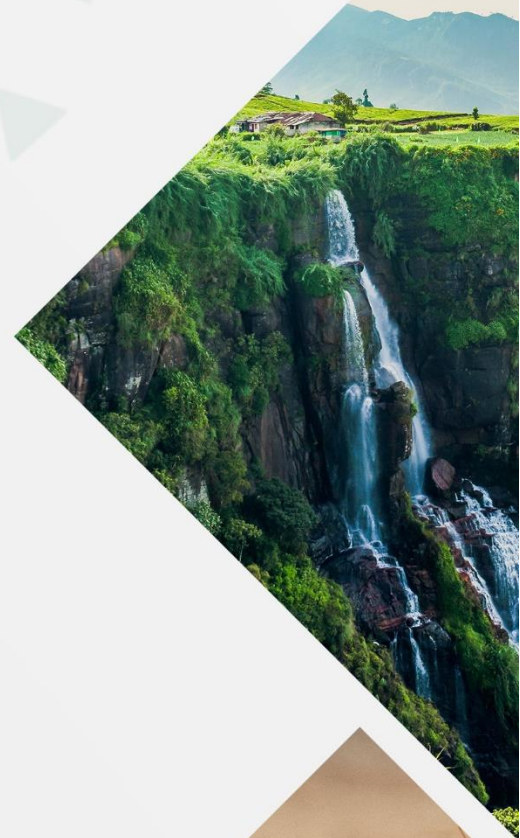


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Famed to be the pearl of the Indian Ocean, would possibly deceive a person as if it was an illusion of a paradise on earth. The stretches of coasts around the island make it glow in gold adding more fantasy made by the evening sunset. Owning the world's 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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A 16-day expedition touching most worlds Sri Lanka has to offer.



YOUR PROGRAM

DAY 01

Colombo Airport - Negombo – Kurunegala- Anuradhapura (3 and half hour drive)



You arrive at Bandaranaike Airport, where your driver welcomes you. You are greeted by the tropical air of this magical island. Drive to Negombo, a beautiful beach town, nicknamed “Little Rome”, close to the airport and ideal to recover from your long flight. Settle into your hotel.

After the breakfast at hotel, you can go for a walk around the town, explore colonial churches as well as fish and vegetable markets.

Then drive to the cultural triangle. On the way, admire Sri Lanka’s landscapes, driving along paddy fields, palm trees and beautiful hills. Make a stop for lunch in the town of Kurunegala, bustling with life under the watchful gaze of a giant Buddha statue seen high above in the distance. You can visit the Buddha statue. The way along the rock path is very eco-friendly. At the top of the rock there is an 88ft Buddha statue placed. The Kurunegala town is very scenic to view from the top of the rock.

Drive up north to the first capital of Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura. This amazing cultural site is full of architectural and religious treasures.

Check in to the hotel and relax.

DAY 02

Anuradhapura - Sigiriya (2 hour's drive)



Drive to the sites of Anuradhapura after the breakfast at hotel, formerly the flourishing royal capital of an ancient kingdom. You can still witness the glorious past of this venerated city in the well-preserved ruins of ancient palaces, temples, kovils, bathing pools and other structures. Many of the ancient Buddhist temples are still active, and you can visit the sacred Sri Maha Bodhi tree, believed to have grown from an imported branch of the peepal tree that sheltered the Buddha as he meditated towards Enlightenment. (The visit of Anuradhapura can include all the royal ruins which surround the territory of about 50km² and it requires a good half-day).

Then drive to Sigiriya, where you can climb the famous “Lion’s Rock” with its frescoes, gardens, natural caves and ruins of the royal palace, dating back to the 10th century. It is one of the best-preserved examples of ancient urban planning.

Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 03

Sigiriya – Polonnaruwa - Sigiriya (2 and half hours' drive)



In the morning, drive to Polonnaruwa and explore its multiple sites featuring religious and architectural remains, with Gal Vihara as its main attraction, a group of four marvelous Buddhas carved in granite stone. Rent a bike and go for a fun ride around the area which stretches more than 5km. Both locations have been placed under the protection of 'UNESCO World Heritage'.

In the afternoon, visit Dambulla Cave Rock Temple. This Buddhist temple is a UNESCO world heritage site, located on top of a rock, and consists out of five caves. All are filled with Buddha statues and have beautiful wall paintings. The view over the surrounding environment is breathtaking!

Go to the hotel and relax.

DAY 04

Sigiriya - Kandy (2 – 3 hours' drive)



After breakfast, proceed towards the mountain region. On the way, visit the temple of Nalanda Gedige, one of the most ancient Hindu temples in the country.

Then visit to a spice garden in Matale and learn about the many cosmetic and therapeutic uses of spices and herbs. Here you can take a cooking class and enjoy a delicious lunch. You could learn and cook famous local dishes using traditional systems.

Once in Kandy, carry out a city tour of Kandy, including Upper Lake Drive, Market Square and a Gem Museum. Then proceed to hotel, where you stay overnight.

DAY 05

Kandy – Nuwara Eliya (2 – 3 hours' drive)



In the morning, visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic, in the royal palace complex. 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.

And then, you can visit the beautiful and impressive Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya. The 60 acres territory by the mighty Mahaveli River offers a relaxing walk among one of the largest collections of flora from all of the tropics. Not to be missed: the royal palm tree avenue, canon ball trees, the orchid collection, the great lawn and endless carpets of multi-colored flowers. Count about 2 hours for this visit.

Proceed to Nuwara Eliya, where you stay overnight. Take a visit in this colonial town in the heart of Sri Lanka's Hill Country which is also called "Little England" for its clusters of bright roofed cottages, colonial style club houses and chilly weather.

DAY 06

Nuwara Eliya



Before sunrise, transfer to Horton Plains National Park. Enjoy a leisurely hike to the top of the plateau. It is an easy hike, so you can enjoy the landscape and maybe spot some deer and exotic birds.

Here, the must-see is a big cliff called World's End with bird's eye views of the beautiful valleys beneath. Bring a picnic breakfast and enjoy the stunning landscapes. Continue the hike, pass through a small forest and reach a waterfall. The whole trail will take about 3-4 hours.

After the lunch, visit the Nuwara Eliya city, Gregory Lake and Victoria Park where you can enjoy and relax a bit.

DAY 07

Nuwara Eliya - Ella



After the breakfast, proceed to Nanu Oya Station. You will then embark on a scenic train journey from Nuwara Eliya to Ella. The train journey is a great time to enjoy the tea country landscapes. Once you arrive at your destination, your driver will pick you up from Ella station and take you towards your hotel for some well-earned rest.

DAY 08

Ella - Udawalawa (2 hours' drive)



After breakfast, go on a tuk safari to visit Lipton's Seat. The Scottish tea pioneer used to sit up here to contemplate his tea estates. The panoramic view is beautiful. Then you can visit a tea factory and learn about the different steps of the tea leaves processing. Finally make a stop at Adisham Monastery and have a walk in the orchards.

Then, leave the greenery of the tea country to get on the road to the dryer zones of Udawalawa, on the way you can visit Ravana Falls which has been named after the legendary King Ravana and Buduruwagala, an ancient temple with seven Buddha statues if you wish.

Check in to hotel at Udawalawa where you stay overnight.

DAY 09

Udawalawa - Tangalle (1 and half hours' drive)



In the early morning, head for a fun morning jeep safari in the Udawalawe national park through the landscapes made of high-grasses, known for its large population of elephants. You can also see a variety of other wild animals such as crocodiles, giant lizards and a variety of aquatic birds. Proceed to Tangalle for your beach stay. The driver will drop you at Tangalle, the hotel where you will stay and enjoy the prestige beaches for 6 full days.

DAYS 10 & 14

Tangalle (No transport)



Enjoy the days in the beautiful beaches in Sri Lanka, along with the relaxing sea breeze and breathtaking sunset. Do not forget to take the opportunity to dip your feet in the relaxing golden sands and enjoy a freshly grilled fish along with the amazing view of the Indian Ocean.

DAY 15

Tangalle – Colombo (4 hours' drive)



The driver will pick you up from the hotel after the breakfast around 9.00 AM and drive towards Colombo.

On the way visit 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.

Drive to Colombo, Sri Lanka's main metropolis bustling with lots of activity. Spend the evening day in Colombo, you can go on a city tour of the historic seaport and discover the old quarters of Fort and Pettah, the Galle Face Green promenade, the Portuguese Fort and British colonial houses. Try some street food, sip some Ceylon tea, go shopping and afterwards explore more of the city's highlights on your own.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 16

Colombo – Colombo International Airport



After the breakfast at the hotel, proceed to the airport according to the flight time for your departure.

End of your journey in the pearl of the Indian Ocean.....

Inclusive

- Private transport and transfers with AC vehicle (by CAR), English speaking chauffeur
- Overnight stay in double room & meal plan at hotels aforementioned in table here-above (subject to availability)
- Morning half-day Jeep Safari at the Udawalawe National Park (including the entrance and the jeep)
- Euphoria Sri Lankan Cooking Class experience
- Train journey through the Sri Lanka hill country
- Tuk tuk safari with Deen to Lipton seat
- Morning worlds end trek (including the entrance and the jeep)
- 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 fee (check online <http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/>)
- Lunch and dinner, and beverages during meals
- Visits and activities not mentioned in “inclusive” section
- Camera/ video permits
- Expenses of personal nature
- Rates for cultural sites & activities
- Tips (please account for \$15 per day for the driver, to be given at the end of the tour upon your satisfaction)

