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Chaka's Classic Tour of Sri Lanka

6 nights and 7 days Tour plus 5 nights at a 5* beach hotel



Sri Lanka was formerly known as Serendib (from which the word 'serendipity' derives) and more recently known as Ceylon. Floating just off the coast of India, this country of diverse beauty has rightly long been known as the pearl of the Indian Ocean. Sri Lanka offers a veritable feast of attractions for the visitor, among them; a myriad of cultural sights (including 7 World Heritage sights), an abundance of wildlife (including leopards and an elephant orphanage), colonial architecture, cascading waterfalls, misty mountain tops, enchanting valleys, lush tea plantations and tropical rainforests. Other vital ingredients are palm fringed golden beaches, a tropical climate and the natural charm of the locals. Chaka Travel is pleased to present our Class Tour of this beautiful island.

11 nights from £2379.00 per person

Price Includes:

- Flights with Sri Lankan Airlines from London Heathrow including all current taxes
 - Accommodation as per the itinerary on half board basis
 - Transportation in an air conditioned private vehicle
 - English speaking Sri Lanka Toursit Board approved chauffeur guide (services from beginning to end of tour)
 - Entrance fees at Pinawella Elephant Orphanage, Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya, Dambulla, Kandy Temple of the Tooth (Daladha Maligawa), Yala Entrance, Yala jeep hire and tracker's fees.
- Mandatory government taxes

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Itinerary

Day 1 Colombo overview

On arrival in Sri Lanka, please clear immigration, collect your luggage then proceed through the customs green channel to the arrival lobby. We will be waiting in the designated area with a paging board. You will then be escorted to the vehicle park for your transfer to Colombo. On arrival in Colombo check into your city hotel. Afternoon sightseeing of Colombo, the commercial capital of Sri Lanka, is a major port near the mouth of the Kelani Ganga

River. It owes its importance largely to its great breakwaters, which give shelter to a large, artificially created harbour. Beira Lake, administratively part of the Port of Colombo, is connected with the harbour by a canal and locks. Colombo handles most of the foreign trade of Sri Lanka and is an important fuelling station. Manufactures of the city include metal goods, refined petroleum, motor vehicles, processed food, textiles, clothing, and chemicals. Sri Jayavardhanapura, the legislative and judicial capital of Sri Lanka, is on the outskirts of Colombo. The business section of Colombo, called the Fort, occupies the sites of the former fortified area.

Broad avenues and modern buildings contrast with the narrow, crooked streets and ramshackle structures of the Pettah quarter. Places of worship include Christian churches, Muslim mosques, and Buddhist temples. The University of Colombo, Sri Lanka Technical College (1893), and other educational institutions are located in the city. The early name of the city, The

Colombo Museum Kalan-totta (Kelani ferry), derived from a nearby river-ferry point, was corrupted into Kolambu by the Arabs and changed to Colombo in 1517 by the Portuguese in honour of Christopher Columbus. Proceed to the Hotel Spend rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnights at The 5* Cinnamon lakeside.

Day 2

After breakfast this morning transfer to Dambulla En route to Dambulla visit Pinnawela. The Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage is unique in that it breeds wild elephants in captivity and also takes care of orphaned wild elephants found in the jungles. The feeding process of these elephants is extremely interesting. Baby elephants drink at least 3 bottles of milk all in large slurps, holding the bottles precariously in their trunks. Elephants bathing and drinking their milk at Pinnawela Continue on your journey to Dambulla On arrival check into your hotel Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at 4* Amaya Lake Resort Dambulla.



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Day 3

After breakfast visit Polonnaruwa. Polonnaruwa ruined city which displays the influences of both Indian and Sinhalese cultures. See the world famous Polonnaruwa Gal Viharaya consisting of three huge stone monoliths of the Lord Buddha, in a sitting, standing and reclining positions. See the Vatadageya, Sathmahal Prasadaya, Rajasaba Mandapaya, Nisshanka Latha Mandapaya, Parakrama Samudra the most famous places of Buddhist interest in Polonnaruwa ancient city. Dinner and overnight at 4* Amaya Lake Resort Dambulla.

Day 4

Early morning at 0630 hours, proceed to climb the famous Sigiriya Rock fortress. Considered the 8th wonder of the world, Sigiriya was built in 5AD by patricide King Kasyappa and boasts the world famous frescoes of women carved on sheer rock face. Climb the rock fortress and marvel at the feats of architecture achieved in the moats, the lions paw and finally at the summit of the rock, where the palace was situated. King Kasyappa had 500 hand maidens living in this palace. Return to Hotel for late breakfast. This morning after breakfast you will be collected and driven up into the hills and tea growing areas which surround Kandy. En route you will leave to Dambulla cave temples. The famous cave temples of 5 B.C where there are unique examples of Buddhist culture. After visiting Dambulla you will proceed on your journey to Kandy. En route visit a wood carving factory spice garden & a Batik factory. The drive will take approximately 3 hours and the road to Kandy is a beautiful one, as you eventually begin the climb up to the delightful hill station.. Girdled by hills, Kandy is a peaceful haven to retire to and enjoy the cool of the climate. Once the stronghold of the Sinhala Kings, the focal point of the town is the golden-roofed Dalada Maligawa where the sacred tooth of the Lord Buddha is enshrined. Check in to your hotel. Kandy, at an altitude of 500m is the cultural center of Sri Lanka and was the capital of the last Singhalese kingdom. It is a particularly relaxed hill station, once captured by the British. It is dominated by its lake and the nearby Temple of the Tooth which houses Sri Lanka's most sacred relic. Evening : participate in "Evening pooja at Dalada Maligawa" the Temple of the Tooth where the sacred relic of Lord Buddha is stored. Witness a colorful Kandyan dance performance. Dinner and overnight at 4* Mahaweli Reach Hotel Kandy.



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Day 5

After breakfast proceed to Nuwara Eliya. The scenery is breathtaking as you drive on mountainous roads amidst tea gardens and cascading waterfalls. Visit a working tea factory en route and watch the process of complete tea making. Situated in the heart of the tea growing region of Sri Lanka. A beautiful "little England" if we might say so. This beautiful little town has a very strong British influence. Little cottage type houses with neat rose gardens in front of them. A very pretty sight indeed. After a while of sightseeing of the Nuwara Eliya Town, proceed to the Royal Golf Club.

Afternoon at leisure to play an optional game of Golf on Nuwara Eliya's natural, eighteen hole Golf course 5000 feet above sea level and an extremely pleasant playing field. (green fees and renting of golf clubs not included in price). Dinner and overnight at 3*+ Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya.

Day 6

After breakfast this morning leave for Yala, Tissamaharama. Dinner and overnight at The Safari Hotel Tissamaharama.

Day 7

Early morning Jeep safari to Yala National park where you can see Sri Lankan wild animals in their natural state. Inside the park you will come across wild boar, deer, leopards, elephants, bears, peacocks, flamingoes and many more animals roaming freely as nature intended them to live. The elephants gather at the waterholes for drinking and you may watch them bathing their young and immersing themselves in the river. They can also be sighted at close range sometimes.

You may also see leopards sunning themselves on rocks in the park. Herds of deer roam at will keeping a wary eye on the predators. Peacocks flaunting their colourful feathers strut around and flamingoes are a breathtaking sight. You will find Yala a delightful place to survey our wild animals. Return to the hotel for breakfast. A Leopard Snarls at Yala After breakfast, you will begin your trip to Galle, the southern capital of Sri Lanka. Visit the famous Dutch ramparts in the Galle Fort with a Portuguese emblem on the southern wall. This fort now houses most of the offices of the government like the old post office, the beautiful Dutch church over 350 years old and other colonial style buildings now monumental of the architectural patterns that prevailed in that era. Walk along the ramparts which rolling plains of green inside the fort with a view of the harbour and the famous old light house. Galle is well known for its cottage industries and lace making which is a traditional southern Sri Lankan craft. Visit a lace making craft centre as well as a mask making centre. These wooden masks are used in various ceremonies and festivals in Sri Lanka. Each one is hand carved and significant of a certain human feeling. A collage of the town of Galle After your sightseeing tour of Galle, you will be dropped off at 5* Vivanta by Taj for 5 nights on half board basis. Private car transfer from hotel to airport is included.

Price is subject to availability at time of booking and excludes peak season.

Please note that you can also twin Sri Lanka with The Maldives very easily.

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