



# Blissful LANKA



## Tour package 02

### Day 01: Mattala Airport – Yala

Arrival at **Mattala International Airport**.

Transfer to Yala. Check-in at the hotel.

In the evening, enjoy an exciting jeep safari in **Yala National Park**. Here you will be able to see animals such as elephants, leopards, sloth bears, spotted deer, wild boar, and sambar deer. In addition, common small mammals include the black-naped hare, grey, reddish, and striped mongooses, grey langur, and porcupine.

The park is also famous for its rich birdlife. At present, more than 140 bird species have been recorded. Frequently seen species include the changeable hawk-eagle, crested serpent eagle, Malabar pied hornbill, jungle fowl, painted stork, white ibis, and black stork.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel in Yala.



### Day 02: Yala – Ella – Nuwara Eliya

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to Ella.

A charming hill village offering some of the most spectacular views in all of Sri Lanka, Ella is ideal for leisurely walks. During the day, stroll through tea plantations, temples, and waterfalls. Spend the night under clear skies with sparkling stars and the distant glow of lighthouses along the southern coast. Although there are only a few guesthouses and hotels, the warm and friendly Sri Lankan hospitality can be felt everywhere. The **Nine Arches Bridge** is the most popular attraction here.

Transfer to the hotel in Nuwara Eliya.

Misty, steep roads winding through lush green carpets of tea bushes in the cool climate remind visitors that they are close to the famous British colonial hill resort of Nuwara Eliya. Enriched with the atmosphere of the English countryside, this “City of Light,” once governed by English and Scottish planters, is still dotted with colonial bungalows, neatly trimmed hedges, and one of the finest 18-hole golf courses in the world. A walk along green lawns and red-brick walls offer breathtaking views of bustling rural villages. Travel through green valleys of rolling hills, crossed by countless waterfalls and dotted with tea pickers dressed in bright saris.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel in Nuwara Eliya.



### **Day 03: Nuwara Eliya – Kandy**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to Kandy.

City tour of Kandy.

Kandy is the last ancient capital of the Sri Lankan kings. Located in the hill country at an altitude of 488 meters above sea level, the city is very picturesque. The Mahaweli Ganga River, with its shaded banks, forms a natural necklace around the city. In the center of the city lies an artificial lake, created by the last King of Kandy. To the north of the lake is the ancient Udawattakele Forest, the only forest in

the world located within city limits. In the center, on a small island, stands the Royal Summer Palace where Sri Vikrama Rajasinha kept his harem. On the lakeshore is the Dalada Maligawa – the **Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha**. Walk through the city center and visit the local bazaar, the gem museum, and a gem cutting and polishing workshop.

Transfer to Peradeniya.

The **Royal Botanical Garden of Peradeniya** is one of the finest in Asia. Sri Lanka's best gardeners have landscaped a vast hilly area into park zones representing different types of tropical flora. The contrast of colors of ornamental and flowering trees—many of which bloom during the dry season—fascinates visitors. One remarkable section is the collection of indoor plants (about 750 species), known for their unique leaf shapes and wide range of colors. The main attraction of the garden is its collection of decorative orchids (around 100 species). The garden is also famous for its collection of 175 species of palms.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel in Kandy.



## Day 04: Kandy – Beach Hotel

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the beach hotel.

En route, visit the **Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage**. Elephants play an important role in Sri Lankan life, which is why a state elephant orphanage was established in Pinnawala in 1975. Young elephants that have lost their parents or been injured by poachers are brought here. At the orphanage, the elephants receive basic training, after which some are sent to zoos around the world, while others are used for heavy work in Sri Lanka. Mature elephants can reproduce, which is the main objective of the orphanage. Currently, there are more than 80 elephants here, with the youngest around 4 months old and the oldest over 65 years old. The best time to visit is during feeding and bathing hours, when visitors have a unique opportunity to observe these animals up close and, if lucky, see the youngest calves being bottle-fed.

Transfer to the beach hotel.



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