

9 night / 10 days tour.

Day 1 – Arrival in Sri Lanka – Ahungalla

Upon arrival at the airport, the group will be greeted and escorted directly to the coastal town of Ahungalla. The drive offers glimpses of lush coconut groves and the shimmering Indian Ocean. Check in at the luxurious **Riu Ahungalla**, where the afternoon is free to relax and enjoy the resort's beachfront location. In the evening, guests can unwind by the pool, stroll along the golden sands, or simply take in the sea breeze before an overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 2 – Madhu River Cruise & Galle at Sunset

After breakfast, the day begins with a serene **boat ride along the Madhu River**, meandering through mangrove forests, passing small islets, and witnessing traditional fishing life along the riverbanks. The cruise will also reveal Buddhist shrines and cinnamon plantations nestled on river islands. Later, the group will visit a **turtle hatchery**, where conservation efforts protect endangered sea turtles and allow visitors to observe these gentle creatures up close. After returning to the hotel for lunch, the evening unfolds with a scenic drive to **Galle Fort**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Strolling along the cobblestoned streets and ramparts as the sun sets paints the fort's colonial architecture in a warm golden light, creating an unforgettable atmosphere. Return to Riu Ahungalla for an overnight stay.

Day 3 – Ahungalla to Nuwara Eliya via Mirissa & Stilt Fishing

After breakfast, the journey heads south along the coastline to **Mirissa**, famous for its palm-fringed beaches. Here, the group will witness the age-old tradition of **stilt fishing**, where fishermen perch gracefully above the waves on slender poles – a rare and captivating sight unique to Sri Lanka. The road then winds inland, climbing into the cool highlands. The scenery shifts from tropical palms to mist-covered hills blanketed with tea plantations. Arriving in **Nuwara Eliya**, often called “Little England” for its colonial charm and cool climate, the group will check in at **Golden Ridge** for the night.

Day 4 – Exploring Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast, the day is spent discovering the beauty of Nuwara Eliya's surroundings. Options include visiting the stunning **Gregory Lake**, walking through the flower-filled

parks, or exploring nearby tea estates to see how world-famous Ceylon tea is produced. The cool air and picturesque setting make it perfect for a leisurely afternoon back at the hotel. Overnight stay at Golden Ridge.

Day 5 – Scenic Train Journey to Peradeniya & Journey to Dambulla

The morning begins with one of Sri Lanka's most famous travel experiences – a **scenic train ride** from Nuwara Eliya's highlands to Peradeniya. The journey glides through misty valleys, lush tea gardens, and waterfalls cascading down emerald slopes. Upon arrival, the group will explore **Peradeniya**, home to the renowned Royal Botanical Gardens, before continuing north towards **Dambulla**. The day concludes with check-in at **Amaya Lake**, set on the tranquil banks of Kandalama Lake.

Day 6 – Dambulla Caves & Minneriya Safari

In the morning, the group visits the magnificent **Dambulla Cave Temples**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site adorned with centuries-old Buddhist murals and statues. The afternoon brings an exhilarating wildlife adventure at **Minneriya National Park**, famed for its large gatherings of wild elephants, especially near the ancient Minneriya Tank. As the sun sets, enjoy a vibrant **cultural dance performance**, showcasing Sri Lankan music, costumes, and traditional drumming. Overnight stay at Amaya Lake.

Day 7 – Sigiriya & Transfer to Colombo

An early start leads to the climb of the legendary **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**, also a UNESCO site. Rising dramatically from the plains, the rock is crowned with the ruins of an ancient royal palace and offers breathtaking panoramic views. Along the way up, admire the famed frescoes and the Mirror Wall. After descending, the journey continues to **Colombo**, Sri Lanka's bustling commercial capital, where the group will check in at the **Sheraton Colombo** for the night.

Day 8 – Colombo City Tour

After breakfast, embark on a **city tour of Colombo**, discovering its fascinating mix of modern skyscrapers, colonial buildings, and colorful street markets. Highlights include the Galle Face Green promenade, Independence Square, and the vibrant Pettah Bazaar. In the evening, guests can enjoy Colombo's lively dining scene before an overnight stay at Sheraton Colombo.

Day 9 – Leisure & Shopping in Colombo

This day is reserved for leisure, allowing the group to relax at the hotel or indulge in shopping at Colombo's upscale malls and boutique stores. Whether seeking designer fashion, local handicrafts, or aromatic Ceylon tea, the city offers plenty of options. Overnight stay at Sheraton Colombo.

Day 10 – Departure

After breakfast, the group will be transferred to the airport in time for their departure flight, taking home cherished memories of Sri Lanka's coasts, highlands, and cultural treasures.