

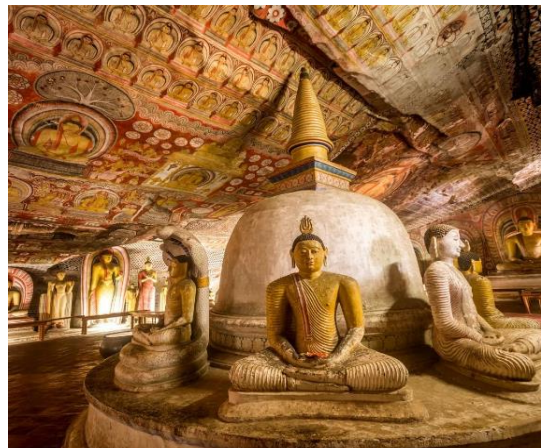


**STATE EXPRESS
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Sri Lanka Delight

05 Days / 04 Nights

Dambulla (1N) - Kandy (1N) – Nuwara Eliyah (2N)



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DAY 01: Arrival At Colombo And Transfer To Dambula

On arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport in Colombo, you will be met by our local representative in Sri Lanka for a brief meet and greet.

You will then proceed to Kandy. En-route, we will visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage and Spice Gardens.

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage is a nursery that was commissioned by the Sri Lankan Government to take care of orphaned baby elephants who would otherwise face ill-fate because elephants suckle from their mother till they are five years old. Since then, it has expanded into a hospital and breeding ground for Asian Elephants. At the Orphanage, you can take part in feeding the elephants or simply watch them go for a bath in the river.



Afterwards proceed for a tour of **Sri Lankan spice garden** and learn about various spices and herbs such as Cinnamon, Vanilla, Cocoa, Turmeric and more. As you travel through the garden, the guide explains how they are actually procured from the plants, their advantages and medicinal properties.

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Later, proceed to Dambulla and check-in at the hotel. **Dambulla** is a historical city located in the Central Province in Sri Lanka. It is a significant cultural and religious site in the country.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Dmabulla.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive at Colombo International Airport and proceed to Kandy
- Play with elephants at the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
- Learn about Sri Lankan spices and herbs at a well maintained spice garden

DAY 02: Dambulla And Sigriya Sightseeing Tour And Transfer To Kandy

After breakfast, we will proceed to Dambulla to see the famous cave temple there.

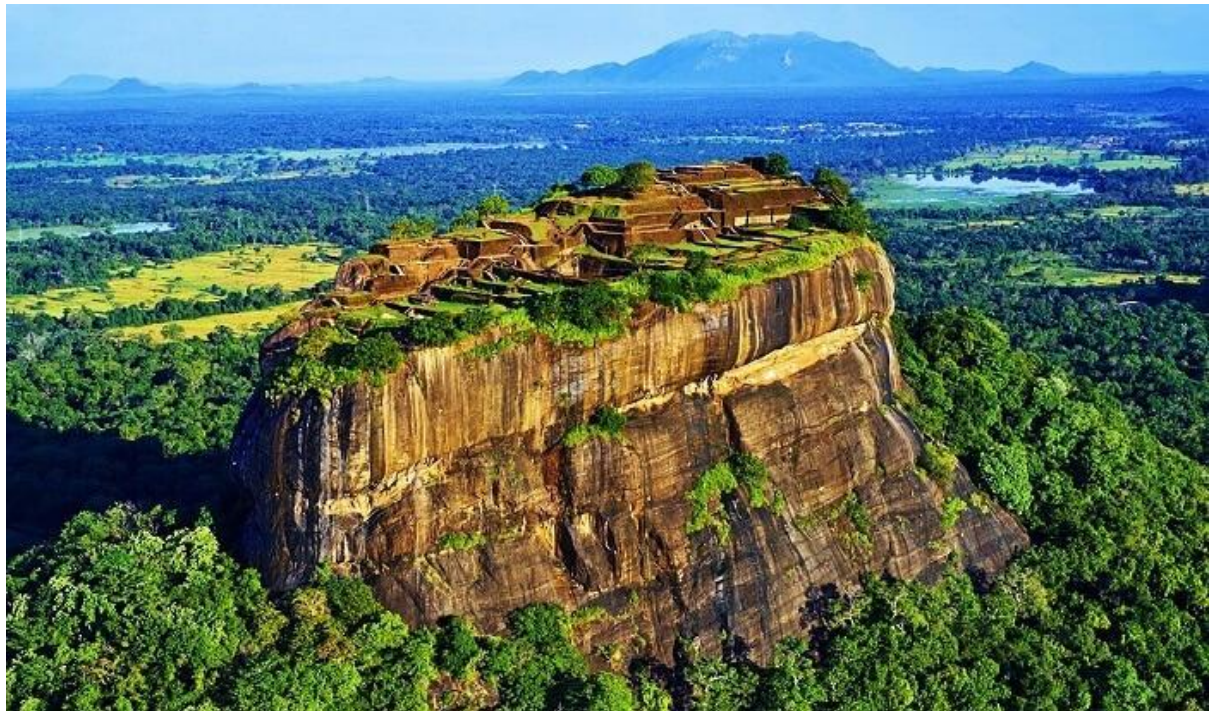
Dambulla Cave temple, also called as the golden temple of Dambulla, is a complex of five grand caves that have been continuously inhabited since 3rd century BCE. The UNESCO World heritage site is a Buddhist shrine which also has idols of Lord Vishnu and Lord Ganesha. The caves have splendid Buddha statues that have been cut of the rock and beautiful frescoes that decorate the wall and ceilings.



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After the tour, we will proceed to **Sigiriya** to admire the beautiful Rock fortress there. The ancient **Sigiriya Fortress** is a mesmerising palace that was built for king Kashyapa who made it his new capital. The UNESCO World heritage site is located 600 ft above the ground below and requires travellers to climb almost 1200 steps. Upon reaching the top you will be mesmerised by the ancient urban planning and landscaped gardens. Some even call Sigiriya Fortress the 'eighth ancient wonder of the world'.



After the tour of Sigiriya Fortress, we will proceed to Kandy and check-in at the hotel. Once the capital of the last independent kingdom of Sri Lanka, Kandy is today the second largest city in the country. The charming city is centred around the scenic Kandy lake and is surrounded by mountains covered by tea plantations and forests. A **prominent Buddhist religious centre**, it is also a major transportation hub owing to its location in the heart of the country.

Overnight stay at hotel in Kandy.

SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION - The **Kandy Lake Club** has been hosting the Cultural Dance show in Kandy for last 35 years. The wonderful show features all cultural dancing styles prevalent in Sri Lanka under one roof and is therefore a marvellous way to learn about Sri Lankan culture. The graceful movement of dancers and their vibrant costumes make this show a must watch. Look out for the fire walking performance which is a dance form inspired by Sita Devi's Agni Pariksha.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at the ancient idols and beautiful frescoes at Dambulla Cave Temple
- Visit the most beautiful 'Palace in the air' - Sigriya Rock Fortress
- Enjoy a wonderful cultural performance at Kandy Lake Club [RECOMMENDED]

DAY 03: Kandy City Tour And Transfer To Nuwara Eliyah

After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit the popular **Temple of Sacred Tooth Relic**. The temple is located in the **Royal Palace** and houses the sacred relic - a tooth of Gautum Buddha which was retrieved undamaged from his pyre by his disciple Khema. During the prayers, the golden casket in which the tooth is kept is revealed for the devotees to see and flowers are offered.



After the temple tour, we will proceed to Nuwara Eliya. Enroute we will visit Ramboda falls and a Tea processing factory. The gorgeous **Ramboda falls** are one of the highest water falls in Sri Lanka. We will stop by the falls for a short time to soak in the beauty of

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the falls and the surrounding regions. Finally, we shall reach Nuwara Eliya and check-in at the hotel. **Nuwara Eliyah** is the tea capital of Sri Lanka, surrounded by rolling hills covered by green tea leaves. We will visit the **tea processing factory** of one such **tea plantation**. During the visit we shall learn everything about tea production, from plucking of leaves to packaging for a fun informative session.



Overnight Stay at the hotel in Nuwara Eliya.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Offer your prayers at Temple of Sacred Tooth Relic - one of the most important Buddhist temple
- Enjoy the view at Ramboda Falls - one of the highest falls in Sri Lanka
- Learn about the art of tea production at a tea processing factory

DAY 04: SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF NUWARA ELIYA

After breakfast, we will go on a sightseeing tour of **Nuwara Eliya**.

Once the favourite hill-station of the British rulers of Sri Lanka, Nuwara Eliya is dubbed 'Little England' because of its British style colonial era bungalows and its cool climate. The tea garden county is also popular among Hindus as it is the site of Ashok Vatika where Goddess Sita lived when she was kidnapped by Ramavana.

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We will begin the city tour of Nuwara Eliya with a visit to **Sita Amman Temple**. It is believed to be the exact site where Goddess Sita was kept captive by Ravana. The temple has also been consecrated by Lord Hanuman whose giant footprints can be found at the site. Next, we will visit **Hakgala Botanical Garden**. The manicured gardens are extremely beautiful featuring some exotic plant and animal species. We shall also visit the beautiful **Gregory Lake** where you can indulge in lots of fun activities such as horse riding, boating and even jet-skiing.

Overnight Stay at the hotel in **Nuwara Eliya**.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Sita Amman Temple where Goddess Sita was held by Ravana in Lanka
- Roam in the beautifully landscaped Hakgala Botanical Gardens
- Enjoy a wonderful time at Gregory Lake

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DAY 05: Colombo City Tour And Departure

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to **Colombo** for a short sightseeing and shopping tour of the Capital city.

During the panoramic tour, we will see the most important sights in the city- **Colombo lighthouse** which served as a prison cell for the last Sri Lankan king, **Gangarmaya Buddhist temple** - one of the most important religious sites in Colombo, **War memorial** dedicated to the army personnel that lost their lives in the two world wars and many more such landmarks.

After the city tour, you will transfer to the international airport to board a flight to India.

Arrive home with pleasant memories of your Sri Lanka tour organised by State Express Global Voyages, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Transfer to Colombo city and see the most famous sights in the city
- Board flight to return back to India



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