

(10 DAYS /09 NIGHTS 27 OCT – 05 NOV 2015)

Day 01 You will be met and assisted on arrival at the Bandaranaike International Airport by LECS Travel representatives, and drive up to Tamarind Tree till you meet with the rest of the group. After relaxing and refreshing your selves, proceed to Pahalagama Estate. Remainder of the day will be at leisure.



Dinner & overnight stay at Pahalagama Estate
(2 nights stay on Full board basis)

Day 02 Day at leisure.

Dinner & overnight stay at Pahalagama Estate

Day 03 After breakfast today, drive to Kitulgala. Kitulgala is a small town in the west of Sri Lanka. It is in the wet zone rain forest, which gets two monsoons each year, and is one of the wettest places in the country. Nevertheless, it comes alive in the first three months of the year, especially in February, the driest month. The Academy Award-winning The Bridge on the River Kwai was filmed on the Kelani River near Kitulgala, although nothing remains now except the concrete foundations for the bridge (and, supposedly, the submerged train cars that plunged into the river in the climactic scene).

(Source: Wikipedia)



Dinner & overnight stay at Rafters' Retreat
(1 night stay in Standard rooms on Half Board basis)

Day 04

After breakfast today, drive up to Kandy via scenic Nawalapitiya. Famous for the Temple of the Tooth and many other temples the city could be called the cultural capital of the island. The Old Royal Palace of Kandy is a treat for sore eyes and a treasure trove for history lovers. On one hand, you have the Queen's chambers and quarters of the concubines and on the other, there are the armory and council chambers. Visit the Sacred Temple of the tooth. You can also meet a Buddhist monk to gather more details of the sacred Temple and its rituals. Thereafter, if you like you will be taken to enjoy a Cultural Dancing Show.



Overnight stay at Bougainvillea

(2 night stay in Garden rooms on Bed & breakfast basis)

Day 05

Day at leisure for Dr. Proksch's workshop.



Overnight stay at Bougainvillea

Day 06

After breakfast today, drive to Sigiriya, and Check-in at Pinthaliya. Late this afternoon, go on a safari of the Minneriya/ Kaudulla National Park by Jeep. The park consists of mixed evergreen forest and scrub areas and is home to Sri Lanka's favorites such as sambar deer, many varieties of birds, crocodiles, and elephants. However the central feature of the park is the ancient Minneriya Tank (built in 3rd century AD by King Mahasena). During the dry season (June to September), this tank is an incredible place to observe the elephants who come to bathe and graze on the grasses as well as the huge flocks of birds (cormorants and painted storks to name but a few) that come to fish in the shallow waters.



Dinner & overnight stay at Pinthaliya
(1 night stay in Deluxe rooms on Half Board basis)

Day 07

After a breakfast today, you can climb the Pidurangala Rock. Adjacent to Sigiriya Fortress, Pidurangala also has a rich history behind it. It's believed, in the 5th century, Prince Kashyapa who had killed his father King Dhatusena fearing retaliation from his half-brother, Mugalan, fled to Sigiriya from Anuradhapura. He searched for a safe hiding place and chose Sigiriya. Pidurangala became a monastery when King Kashyapa requested the resident meditating monks who were at Sigiriya to shift there, having built the temple and donating the rock to the monks.

Afterwards, drive to Wilpattu National Park. This is Sri Lanka's largest national park. The unique feature of this park is the existence of "Willus" (Natural lakes) - Natural, sand-rimmed water basins that fill with rainwater. 31 species of mammals have been identified within Wilpattu national park. Mammals that are identified as threatened species living within the Wilpattu National Park are the elephant, Sloth bear, Leopard and Water Buffalo. Sambhur, Spotted Deer, Mongoose, and shrew are more of Wilpattu's residents.
(Source: Wikipedia)



Dinner & overnight stay in a Park Bungalow
(2 Nights stay on Full Board basis)

Day 08

Day inside the National park.

Dinner & overnight stay in a Park Bungalow

Day 09

After breakfast this morning return to civilization! You will be taken to Dolphin Beach in Kalpitiya. It is a marine sanctuary with a diversity of habitats ranging from bar reefs, flat coastal plains, saltpans, mangroves swamps, salt marshes and vast sand dune beaches. Kalpitiya is also famous for Whale & Dolphin watching. The hotel can arrange any of the excursions with prior notice.



Dinner & overnight stay at Dolphin Beach
(1 night stay in Cabanas on Half Board basis)

Day 10

Today you will be taken to the Bandaranaike International Airport in time for your departure flight home.

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