

Perahera Fiesta 2008

Day 01 Arrival at the Colombo Airport. You will be met by our Chauffeur Guide and Airport staff and offer assistance.

Thereafter transfer direct to Habarana with a comfort stop en route. (160kms - transfer time 3 ½ hours)

This small village is a central location for all the ancient city sites and has a hotel complex principally for package tourist; also many better-heeled independent visitors also use it. There are a couple of cheaper accommodation alternatives and Habarana is also the nearest railway station to Dambulla and Sigiriya

P.M. At leisure or optional elephant back safari through the jungles of Habarana

Dinner and overnight at Chaaya Village Habarana

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Day 02 After breakfast excursion to **Polonnaruwa**. (46kms – transfer time 1 hour oneway)

The 11 th to 13 th Century capital of Polonnaruwa has more to see and less to conjecture than the older metropolis of Anuradhapura. With its comparatively brief and uncomplicated history (two centuries and a dozen rulers, in contrast with 1,400 years and 123 kings of Anuradhapura) and its far more completely preserved ruins, much more recently exposed to the ravages of time, Polonnaruwa (say Poh-loh-NA-roowah) has a particular fascination for the average visitor.

The age of the city's foundation is not known with any certainty. A military garrison from Anuradhapura may have been stationed here in the early years of the Christian era. By the 6 th Century, it was a military camp of some importance, strategically located guarding the Mahaweli River crossing from Ruhuna, the southern province where rebellions continuously fomented.

P.M. climb the Rock Fortress of Sigiriya . (20kms – transfer time 30 minutes one way)

A massive monolith of red stone rises 600 feet from the green scrub jungle to accentuate the lucid blue of the sky. How overpowering, then, this rock fortress of Sigiriya must have been when a palace crowned it 15 centuries ago. Sigiriya (say see-gih-REE-yah) was no gloomy and forbidding fortification, as many other citadels are. At the brief height of its glory, a flowering of only 18 years in the late 5th Century, it was one of the loveliest royal cities that ever graced



the earth.

And today, it is perhaps the single most remarkable memory for visitors to Sri Lanka. Ruins of the fabled palace spread across the very peak of the "Lion Rock", so-named, perhaps, because visitors formerly began the final harrowing ascent through the open jaws and throat (giriya) of a lion (sinha) whose likeness was once sculpted halfway up the monolith. Only the gigantic paws remain today. Within a grotto on Sigiriya's sheer west face, beautiful bare-breasted maidens still smile from incredible fresco paintings. Surrounding the foot of the rock, extending for several hundred meters, are Asia's oldest surviving landscape gardens, incorporating lovely ponds around Sigiriya's plinth of fallen boulders. (20kms – transfer time 30 minutes one way)

Dinner & Overnight Chaaya Village , Habarana.



Day 03 After breakfast depart to Kandy visiting the Rock cave temples of Dambulla (105kms – transfer time 2 ½ hours)

This Historic and Romantic hill capital of Sri Lanka is situated 115 kilometers inland from Colombo. The road to Kandy is enchanting and exciting revealing the full glory- of the tropics. Everything is in the most effulgent luxuriance, throbbing with silver and green. The roads run round in sharp curves and looking down are the deep valleys, abysses, rocks, waterfalls and streams glittering in the sun and patterned in emerald with terraced rice fields. On the other side the mountains rise majestically against the blue sky. Whether one

looks u or down, it's a sight of beauty, glorious beyond the power of words to express. The city of Kandy, lies in a triangular valley surrounded by mountains. Visit Dambulla - the great rock caves of Dambulla are 100 to 150 meters above the road and the village of Dambulla. From the caves you have superb view over the surrounding countryside; Sigiriya is clearly visible to the northeast, only 19 km away.

P. M. Sightseeing of Kandy including a visit to the Temple of the much revered Temple of the Tooth relic. Also witness a Cultural Performance.

Temple of the Tooth Relic. Dalada Maligawa or the Temple of the sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy is the most venerated place of worship for Buddhists throughout the world. Built in the 16th century this temple houses the sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha brought to Sri Lanka from the Kalinga province in ancient India in the 4th century AD. Several buildings have been added to the temple complex by successive rulers, the latest being the Golden Canopy over the inner shrine where the Tooth Relic is placed. Originally the Temple was within the King's palace complex as it was the symbol of Royal Authority.

Dinner & Overnight **The Chaaya Citadel, Kandy.**



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Day 04 After breakfast visit to the **Royal Botanical Gardens**

The most beautiful in the world and begun as a pleasure garden by a Sinhala King. Every variety tropical and temperate tree and flower is cultivated here and special houses with orchids and e cacti are too beautiful to be true.

P.M. at leisure.

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Day 05 After breakfast Full day excursion to Nuwara Eliya en rutting a tea plantation and factory. (80kms – transfer time 2 ½ hours one way.)

This town seems like a piece of English district. Tudor-style and Victorian homes look across the blue lake. These buildings are the other architectural monuments to the English, the Post Office, the English country house like Hill Club with its hunting pictures, mounted hunting trophies and fish, Anglican Church and private residence. The Golf course here is one of the best

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Day 06 After breakfast visit the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage in time to witness the bathing and bottle feeding of baby elephants. (40kms – transfer time 1 hour one way)

Pinnawela orphanage is situated northwest of the town Kegalla, halfway between the present capitol Colombo and the ancient royal residence Kandy in the hills of central Sri Lanka. It was established 1975 by the Sri Lanka Wildlife department. This 24 acres large elephant orphanage is a also breeding pace for elephants, twenty elephants were born since 1984, and it has the greatest herd of elephants in captivity in the world. (40kms – transfer time 1 hour one way)

There after transfer to Colombo. (80km – transfer time 2 hours)

P.M. city tour of Colombo including last minute shopping.



Colombo is a metropolitan city with a population of nearly one million. It is the commercial Capital of Sri Lanka, which keeps pace with modern developments while preserving the Old World charms. Among the many places of interest in the City are the Fort, the Old Parliament House (presently the Presidential Secretariat), Buddhist temples, Old Churches, Hindu temples, Mosques, the National Museum, Independence Hall, Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall and the Zoological Gardens. 'Five Star' international chain hotels and a large number of other hotels and guest houses provide comfortable accommodation to the visitors at affordable prices. Several specialty restaurants serving international cuisine, karaoke bars, and discotheques keep the visitors happy late into the night.



Dinner and overnight at Trans Asia Colombo.

Website : www.transasiahotel.com



Day 07 After breakfast departure to the Airport. (37km – transfer time 1 hour) or to the respective Beach hotel for the Beach extension.

Cost as Follows:-

(Based on 02 pax traveling in a Private car)

Cost valid from 01 st May to 15 th Jul.'08 & 01 st Sep. to 30 th Oct.08

	(US\$)
Cost per person sharing double	520.00
Single Supplement	145.00

Cost Valid from 16 th Jul. to 31 st Aug.'08

	(US\$)
Cost per person sharing double	570.00
Single Supplement	145.00

Supplements:-

(For Perahara period (commencing from 07 th Aug to 17 th Aug.'08) USD 25/-Net Per room per night at Chaaya Citadel Hotel).

Child Policy -

- 0 – 5 years Free of charge
- 6 – 12 years Sharing room with parents including extra bed would be 50% discount from the sharing double price

Cost includes:-

- Accommodation on Half board basis throughout.
- Transport in an air-conditioned car arrival/departure transfers and all sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- All applicable entrance fees and potorage.
- Services of an English speaking Driver/Guide for the entire tour.
- 15% V.A.T.

Cost does not include:-

- Tips of personal nature.
- Cost for optional 1 hour elephant back safari through the jungles of Habarana would be US\$ 30/- per person.

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