



## Itinerario

### Detalles del viaje: 16 días



Ida

#### ● Día 1 · UK - Colombo

· Arrival at UK departure airport ready to check-in for flight to Colombo.

#### ● Día 2 · Colombo

· Arrival at Colombo airport and transfer to your accommodation. Later, in the evening enjoy a walking tour with Mark Forbes or one of his trusted friends. A personalized city walk through the city of Colombo, where you can experience firsthand the borrowed words from the Portuguese to the amazing architecture the Dutch/English left behind, see the vision and love the Englishman had for this land - all while learning and experiencing what being "Sri Lankan" is all about. Our walks are generally 3 - 4 hours and are conducted in the evening-time allowing the body to battle the humidity levels and experience the wind-down time of island culture. And most of all, to give that photographer in your midst the opportunity to create a masterpiece of Colombo City. With this personalized walk, we guarantee to engage your senses and set it all a-buzz as you will experience (safe) local food and beverages. Overnight in Colombo.

#### ● Día 3 · Colombo - Bandaragama - Sigiriya

· Early breakfast at hotel and proceed to Bandaragama and visit the Agro Village. Tour Program Visit uyanwatta lake (manmade lake builds during the king vidiya bandara – 1521 AD) Visit 1700-year-old temple (Giant sleeping Buddha statue made out of the solid rock and Kandy era paintings can be seen) Arrive to Millaniya village (Tuk tuk ride will start at the millaniya and it will pass through paddy fields, village houses and rubber plantation) Visit local cigar (bidi) making house (can be seen local cigar making process by village ladies) Arrive to agropark millaniya (It's an award winning one of the best consolidated farm in Sri Lanka, best farmer in Sri Lanka – 2016) At the agropark, visitors can experience followings Traditional welcome by playing rabbaana Visit tea, cinnamon, coconut, pineapple plantation Farm fresh welcome drink – fresh pineapple or papaya juice Cinnamon peeling process Use of coconut, coconut scraping, milk making, coconut Cadjans making demonstration Traditional and modern agricultural practices Sri Lanka's largest banana gene bank, which conserve 70 different type of bananas. Traditional coconut oil making process by sekku stone. Coconut toddy tapping Homemade Sri Lankan style lunch and desert will serve to client. Including the free bottle of water At the end gift will serve to each guest. Normally tour start at uyanwatta lake between 8.30 am to 9.00 am, Finished around 2.00 pm at the agropark millaniya. On completion drive to Sigiriya. Overnight in Sigiriya.

#### ● Día 4 · Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa - Sigiriya

· Breakfast at the hotel. Begin on a high with a climb to the fifth century Sigiriya fortress, which sits atop a rock that dramatically rises almost 200 metres above the rainforest. King Kashyapa built a citadel at the top of this giant boulder known as the 'Lion Rock', which was the innermost stronghold of a vast fortified city. Pass through the lion's 'belly' and climb to the top via a spiral staircase that snakes its way around the rock. From the summit, enjoy breathtaking views over the surrounding landscape and beyond into horizon. In the afternoon, discover the well-preserved ruins of the ancient city of Polonnaruwa. Overnight in Sigiriya.

#### ● Día 5 · Sigiriya - Dambulla - Matale - Kandy

· Breakfast at the hotel. Continue to the Golden Temple of Dambulla to explore this 2,000-year-old sacred pilgrimage site carved deep inside a mountain. This awe-inspiring complex of five caves is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that features thousands of metres of painted walls, and contains more than 150 images of the Lord Buddha as well as a few of deities and Sri Lankan kings. Enjoy a visit to a spice and herb gardens in Matale. Sri Lankan spices such as turmeric, nutmeg, cardamom, cinnamon and lemon grass are considered among the best in the world. Witness a cookery demonstration and learn about the culinary and therapeutic values of these products. Overnight in Kandy.

#### ● Día 6 · Kandy - Pinnawela - Peradeniya - Kandy

Breakfast at the hotel. Early breakfast at hotel and proceed to Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage to witness 0915 Hrs Elephant feeding As you enter the 25-acre coconut property, do not be surprised to witness baby elephants being bottle fed or moving around freely causing absolutely no harm to anyone. It is rightly a sincere sight to observe how these gentle giants - orphaned and sometimes three-legged - are taken care of since 1975 at Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage. Up to date, over 20 calves have been born here, and it is surprising to hear that some of its inmates have even seen their grandchildren during the past few decades! Watch as they feed at 9:15 am, 1:15 pm & 5:00 pm and take a river bath twice a day at 10:00 am & 2:00 pm respectively for an experience that could never be felt anywhere else on earth! On completion visit Peradeniya Botanical Gardens First developed as a pleasure garden under royalty and later harmonized by the British, the Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya - today bundled with the most welcoming facilities located just 4 miles off Kandy - is a flourishing national asset in the Wonder of Asia. Walk into this 147-acre bliss of an experience, passing well-tended lawns, pavilions & an octagon conservatory to be greeted by the vast expanse of a magnificently landscaped lush green turf which will encourage you for an exhilarating break. Towards the north of the entrance rests a cafeteria that one might come across before stepping into some of the highlights - the orchid house & giant Javan fig tree - of this place which overflow in grace. Later, in the evening embark a city tour of Kandy. Last ruled by King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe - before it was brought under the British rule in 1815, Kandy - the World Heritage Site & last royal capital of Sri Lankan kings - crafts an array of culture, history and heritage in the minds of visitors across the globe. Experience an ancient Kandyan legacy engraved around its crown jewel, the temple of the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha. A stroll across this small lakeside town - cradled among the misty hills - will feature the Kandy City Centre - bundled with latest and world class brands, bazaar, an arts & crafts centre, as well as a gem museum & lapidary. Walk in color as you glide through fresh fruits and vegetables in the Kandy market. Fine tune your evening by stepping to the beat of traditional music & drumming amplified by a cultural show enhancing the rich and vibrant culture of the Wonder of Asia, Sri Lanka. Overnight in Kandy.

### ● Día 7 · Kandy - Tea Plantation - Nuwara Eliya

Breakfast at the hotel. Savour Sri Lanka's most famous product with a visit to a tea plantation and factory. Observe the tea production process from the picking of the leaves to their grading and selection, and finally the manufacture of dried tea leaves for drinking. Cap off this experience with a tasting of genuine Ceylon tea in the factory. Continue to Nuwara Eliya, the picturesque lakeside town that is Sri Lanka's proud 'tea capital' and which is also known as 'Little England' because of the preponderance of tidy bungalows with rose lawns. Other attractions near this charming relic of empire include the evocatively named 'Lovers' Leap waterfall and Sri Lanka's highest mountain, the 2,500-metre Pidurutalagala, which overlooks the town. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Nuwara Eliya.

### ● Día 8 · Nuwara Eliya - Yala

After breakfast proceed to Yala. Enjoy an evening safari at Yala National Park. Spreading into a vast 1259 Km<sup>2</sup> Yala - with its glory spinning around vast grasslands, shrubs, tanks and dunes - rightfully is the heartland of wildlife in Sri Lanka. As your jeep rumbles through the giant gates of Yala, you are not only stepping into the most visited national park in the country, but also the lands of a civilization which thrived during the reign of Sri Lankan kings. You name it, and Yala has it! Its usual inmates cover herds of elephant, sloth bear, spotted deer, jackal, extensively populated birdlife as well as the highest density of leopards in the world that garnish the park to be one of the finest destinations in the country. Feel the rough track as your jeep thunders over rocks and swish passing narrow bends for an exhilarating experience blended with the cries of wilderness under the tropical sun. Overnight in Yala.

### ● Día 9 · Yala - Udawalawe - Yala

Early AM proceed to Udawalawe with packed breakfast and enjoy a morning safari at Udawalawe National Park. Be ready to witness trumpets across the border as you approach elephant country around the corner! Udawalawe truly is a sanctuary for the big footed & tusked. Marked by relatively large herds of elephants, the national park proves to be one of the best places one could observe them in their natural habitat. Hop into a safari jeep and head into the park, you are most likely to drive into your first herd of giants within the maiden hundred meters. Turn on your radar into other species - such as spotted deer, sambar, barking deer, water buffalo and jackal - found within the park. On completion visit the Elephant Transit Home. Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home bears a different story. Established in 1995, it caters to all injured elephants found in the area before releasing them into their natural habitat. So, make sure to just watch - rather than touch - these gentle giants as they feed, play and mingle with each other, before heading into the wild with one another. Return to Yala. Overnight in Yala.

### ● Día 10 · Yala - Galle

After breakfast proceed to Galle. Later, in the evening enjoy a walking tour with Shanjei or one of his trusted friends. The tour encapsulates an experience where history, colonial culture, life, comedy, and thought provoking stories are blended in well. You can find out how a tree brought down from the Amazon has taken its rightful place on the Sri Lankan food menu. Hanuman the monkey God and his connection to the fort. Shanjei also gives the perfect recommendations for your taste buds or for your style sense. Just remember to ask him. The more you interact with him the more you will get to know, not only about the fort but about Sri Lanka as a country. Shanjei's walking tour offers the following highlights: > Free thambili (coconut water) and bottled water > Special treasure hunt for kids > High tea experience for foodies > R&R with beer at the end of extended tour. Shanjei is a former advertising executive from Colombo. A year ago, he decided to leave the concrete jungle of Colombo and delved straight into the stories that make Galle Fort less a fort - and more a home for thousands. Today, he is leading curious tourists into one of Sri Lanka's most beloved UNESCO World Heritage Sites, helping them decode the fort's magic and mystery. Being an inquisitive person, he chased this mystique obsessively - so much so that he decided to become a Tour Guide to the fort for people like you. Yes, you. Want to learn more about the little nooks and crannies that make Galle Fort less a fort and more a home for its many residents? What about the many cultures that mingle seamlessly within the fort's confines? Its people? If you like your tours to be interactive, fun and decidedly less history and more story then Shanjei is the person you are looking for. Overnight in Galle.

### ● Día 11 · Galle - Colombo - Maldives

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Colombo airport for your flight to Male, the capital of the Maldives. Transfer to your hotel for an all-inclusive stay. Overnight in Maldives.

### ● Día 12 · Maldives

All-inclusive. Spend the day at your leisure and take the opportunity to discover the local market or simply unwind with a beach side massage. Overnight at your hotel.

### ● Día 13 · Maldives

All-inclusive. Immerse yourself in the sealife of the Indian Ocean by snorkelling or, better yet, we recommend taking a submarine tour of the vibrant waters. Overnight at your hotel.

### ● Día 14 · Maldives

⋮ All-inclusive. Spend another relaxing day in paradise. If you feel like leaving the beach, we recommend a visit to the Tsunami Monument, which commemorates the lives lost in the 2004 tsunami disaster, or the National Museum. Overnight at your hotel.

● **Día 15** · Maldives - UK

⋮ Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport for your return flight back to the UK. Night on board.

● **Día 16** · UK

Arrive in the UK and end your trip.

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