9 Day Wonders of Sri Lanka
(Tour Code: SL-9D8N-1)

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II. Includes & Excludes

➢ Includes

• 8 nights accommodation based on twin/double shared with 3 Star hotels option
• 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners as mentioned
• service of English speaking chauffeur guide
• transportation by private air-conditioned vehicle
• city tour & sightseeing as mentioned
• bullock cart tour to explore village on Day 3
• catamaran ride in the lake on Day 3
• highway tickets free
• fuel for vehicle
• local insurance for the vehicle
• passenger insurance cover
• including all taxes & service charges
• driver meals and accommodation
• tea factory & tea tasting
• one hour mangrove river boat safari in Bentota
• daily bottle of water per person

➢ Excludes

• visa fees
• site entrance fees
• tips to guide (optional)
• meals not specified in the "Included Meals" section
• personal insurance and other personal expense

III. Hotel Options

➢ Standard Option - 3 Star Hotels

• deluxe room at Fairview Hotel in Colombo or similar
• deluxe room at Oak Ray Elephant Lake Hotel in Sigiriya or similar
• deluxe room at Serene Grand Hotel in Kandy or similar
• deluxe room at Coco Royal Beach Hotel in Bentota Lake or similar
Premium Option - 4 Star Hotels

- deluxe room at Mandarina Colombo Hotel in Colombo or similar
- deluxe room at Sorowwa Resort & Spa in Sigiriya or similar
- deluxe room at The Tourmaline Hotel in Kandy or similar
- superior room at Pandanus Beach Resort & Spa in Bentota Lake or similar

IV. Detail Itinerary

Day 1  Arrival Colombo

Upon arrival, “Welcome to Sri Lanka” at the airport by EMH’s representative and transfer team. We then transfer you to the hotel. The rest of the day is your own leisure.

Accommodation: Hotel
Meals: There is no meal included on this day.

Day 2  Colombo - Sigiriya - Safari Jeep Tour

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to cultural triangle “Sigiriya”. The driving time will be around 3 and half hours.

Upon arrival, check in the hotel. In the afternoon take a safari jeep hire to Minneriya national park, where you will witness the hundreds of Wild elephants in their natural environment.

The extent of the Minneriya National Park is about 21,000 acres (8,889 hectares). Dry zone plant and animal species are common, and elephants are numerous. Unlike in other national parks, elephants can be spotted at a relatively close range. About 160 species of birds, 9 different types of amphibians, 25 reptiles, 26 fish, and more than 78 butterfly species have been found in this area. There are also rare bamboo trees not found in other national parks.

Accommodation: Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Day 3  Sigiriya

After breakfast at the hotel, climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. King Kasyapa built this legendary Citadel during his reign 477 - 495 AC. The legend of Kasyapa is a story of tragedy and political intrigue. Kasyapa was the Kings son by a non-royal consort who plotted against his father and became king after executing him. Fearing the wrath of the crown prince he is said to have built this palace like an impregnable fortress on this rock.

Then, you will be taken through a jungle by a Bullock cart ride, then 30 minutes catamaran ride in the lake and prepare local authentic Sri Lankan meal with a local family in a mud house and enjoy the Sri Lankan lunch.

Accommodation: Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4  Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa

After breakfast at the hotel, excursions to visit ancient city of “Polonnaruwa”.

Kings ruled the central plains of Sri Lanka from Polonnaruwa 800 years ago, when it was a thriving commercial and religious centre. The glories of that age can be found in the archaeological treasures that still give a pretty good idea of how the city looked in its heyday.

Accommodation: Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5  Sigiriya - Kandy

After breakfast at the hotel, drive to hill country capital “Kandy”.

En-route visit to Dambulla Cave Temple, UNESCO World Heritage site. It is situated on top of a rock, and is built around a series of 5 caves. The oldest one dates from 10th century and it is extremely well preserved. The newest is only 150 years old. There are some cute monkeys in the trees near the entrance which is great as well.

Then, check in your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

In the evening, visit the Dalada Maligawa (temple of the tooth). It is a beautiful temple by the side of the lake. Amazing to see rare variants of lotus flowers as offerings. The sight of flowers, fragrance of the incense and the continuous chanting of Buddhist hymns by the worshippers creates a magical impact. Rituals and stories related to the temple are amazing. Temple is fully decorated by century-old wood carvings, paintings.
Before return to hotel, witness the Kandy cultural show and meet the traditional dancers.

Accommodation: Hotel
Meals: Breakfast

**Day 6  Kandy**

After breakfast at the hotel, scenic drive to “Ramboda”.
Visit to tea Plantation and Tea factory, Explore the Tea estate and tea factory where you will gain insight into the manufacturing process as well as an opportunity to taste the different grades of hill country tea.

Then, visit:

- Ramboda waterfalls
- Visit to Royal botanical garden
- Wood carving centre and
- Gem museum

Accommodation: Hotel
Meals: Breakfast

**Day 7  Kandy - Bentota**

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to “Bentota” for beach stay. The driving time is approximately 4 and half hours.
Upon arrival, check in your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Accommodation: Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 8  Bentota**

Today is day at leisure and also enjoy complimentary one hour river boat safari through mangrove. Suggestions for your free time:

- visit Turtle hatchery,
- visit Galle Dutch Fort & Moonstone gem mine
- witness stilt fishing, one of the most interesting traditional fishing methods of Sri Lanka
Accommodation: Hotel
Meals: Breakfast

Day 9  Bentota - Colombo International Airport

In the morning free for leisure and thereafter we drop you to Colombo International Airport for your departure flight back home with sweet memories.

Meals: Breakfast