

# RAMAYANA TRAIL INSRI LANKA Rs.52,582 PP

5 Nights / 6 Day

onwards





# HOLIDAY PACKAGE ITINERARY

# **DAY 01**

#### ARRIVE COLOMBO KANDY

Welcome to your tour of Sri Lanka! The Emerald Isle! Once you arrive at Colombo International Airport, after clearing Customs & Immigrations you will be met by our local representative and transferred to Kandy. Enroute visit Muneeshwaram Temple, Chilaw. Muneswaram Temple, Chilaw. After his victorious battle, Lord Rama left for Ayodhya, in one of King Ravana"s vimana (carriages). He felt he was being followed by bramhaasthi dosham as he had killed King Ravana who was a Brahmin. Legend has it that when he came to this place he felt bramhaasthi dosham was not following him and he stopped the vimana and asked God Shiva for remedy. Lord Shiva blessed Lord Rama and advised him to install four lingams there and pray to get rid of the dosham. The best time to visit is the feeding time from 0930-1000 hrs and 1330-1400 hrs and the bathing time from 1000-1030 hrs and 1400-1430 hrs when all the elephants are taken to the river nearby. Arrive and Check in at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel, Kandy.

# RAMAYANA TRAIL IN SRI LANKA

## **DAY 02**

#### KANDY - NUWARA ELIYA

Enjoy buffet breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast proceed to Nuwara Eliya, En route visit the Sri Baktha Hanuman Temple, Ramboda - On these hills of Ramboda where Hanuman was searching for Sitadevi, the Chinmaya mission of Sri Lanka built a temple with Hanuman as the presiding deity. On every full moon day special pooja"s are conducted and witnessed by thousands of devotees. There after proceed to Mani Kattuther at Labukalle Estate. Manikattutheru This is a rock in the Labukalle estate. After Lord Hanuman met Sitadevi he set out to announce this happy information to Lord Rama. On the way, he rested on a hill top and was Rearrested there. The hill where Lord Hanuman is believed to have rested after meeting Sitadevi is known as Mani Kattuther. Check-in at the hotel. Later in the Evening visit the Gayathri Pe(e)dam in Nuwara Eliya. Gayathri Pedam It is believed to be the place from where King Ravana"s son Meghanath propitiated Lord Shiva with penance and poojas and in turn was granted super natural powers by lord Shiva. Return to hotel. Overnight at the hotel, Nuwara Eliya.

#### **DAY 03**

#### **NUWARA ELIYA**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast commencing sightseeing in Nuwara Eliya Nuwara Eliya - The 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, is set against beautiful backdrops of Mountains, Valleys, Waterfalls and Tea Plantations. It is supposed to be one of the coolest places in the Island, but it is really just like an English spring day, although the temperature does drop at night. All around Nuwara Eliya you will see evidence of the British influence, houses like country cottages or Queen Ann style mansions. The Victoria Park, in the middle of the town, is a lovely place for a stroll or a picnic and is also good for Birding as you get some rare birds in this Park. Seasons may be absent elsewhere in Sri Lanka, but here you can read them by the flowers, which bloom in the spring (march to May) and the fall (August and September). These are the "seasons" when low-country folk flock to Nuwara Eliya to escape the sea level heat and humidity. On completion visit the Hakgala gardens. The Hakgala Botanical Garden was one of the pleasure gardens of King Ravana of the wellknown epic Ramayanaya. This garden was expanded during the British period and has a wide variety of flowers including an excellent collection of orchids this is the exotic pleasure garden where king Ravana kept the depressed Sita, insisting that she marry him. It was here where the heart-warming meeting took place between her and Hanuman, who brought her Rama's ring with the news that Rama was looking for her. He offered to carry her back but she refused saying it would be an insult to Rama's honour if he did so. Part of this majestic garden still exists. It is also said that Hanuman nearly destroyed it in order to prove to Ravana of the forces against him. Return to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel, Bandarawela.

## **DAY 04**

#### **BANDARAWELA - COLOMBO**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast proceed to Bandarawela, En route visit Seetha Amman Temple, Seetha Eliya. The stream that runs from the hill, catered to the needs of Sitadevi during her stay at Ashoka Vatika. She is said to have bathed in this stream. Now there is a temple erected for Lord Rama, Sitadevi, Luxshmana and Hanuman by the side of this stream. It is interesting to note that foot prints akin to Lord Hamunams are found by this river -some small and some large Thereafter proceed to Divurumpola situated in Nuwara Eliya Welimada road. Divurmpola means a place where one takes an oath. Sitadevi, after being liberated from King Ravana was subjected to a test to prove here chastity by offering herself to the fire. However she came unscathed and proved her holiness during this ritual at this place. Check in at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel, Bandarawela.





# DAY 05 COLOMBO

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast at Bandarawela Hotel proceed to Colombo via Ratnapura and Sitawaka, Aviswsawella. Visit a gem mine at Ratnapura. Ratnapura is the fabled city of gems. Its name remains unchanged over the years and means "city of gems". In Ratnapura prospecting and mining goes on every day. Visit a gem mine and a museum and strike a bargain at one of the shops. Sitawaka, situated near Avissawella on a tributary of the Kelani Ganga (river), not surprisingly it derives its name from Sita, who is supposed to have been imprisoned by Ravana in a grove in this neighborhood. Check in at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel, Colombo.

#### **DAY 06**

#### **DEPART COLOMBO**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast proceed to Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple. Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple. A temple dedicated to Anjaneyar in Sri Lanka. This is the only temple in the world to have a chariot of Anjaneyar. Thereafter commence a tour of Colombo, which includes time to do the shopping. Colombo - a drive through the city taking you to the busy commercial areas as well as the tree-lined residential, Cinnamon Gardens. Visit Fort, the former British administrative center and military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmith's quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area, where there is a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. The historic Dawatagaha Mosque and the former Eye Hospital are two buildings in Cinnamon Gardens worth looking at. Also visit the BMICH, see the replica of Avukana Buddha and the Independence Square. Thereafter transfer to the airport for the departure flight back home.

HOTEL DETAILS				
CITY	NO. OF NIGHTS	PAX.NO	HOTELS IN STANDARD CATEGORY	Total
Kandy	1	2	Swiss Residence Or Similar	
Nuwara Eliya	2	2	Galway Forest Lodge Or Similar	105163
Bandarawela	1	2	Bandarawela Or Similar	
Colombo	1	2	Global Towers Or Similar	

## **INCULSION**

- Return Economy Class Airfare with Taxes
- Accommodation for 02 nights in Bentota
- Accommodation for 01 night in Colombo
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Sightseeing in Colombo and Bentota
- Transport in an A/C luxury car with the service of an English speaking chauffeur guide

# **EXCULSION**

- The above package price does not include the 3.50% service tax. This will be calculated on the total holiday price
- Visa and Overseas Travel Insurance charges
- Cost of all entrance fees/ Boat Ride / Jeep Safari
- Surcharges applicable during Conventions, Special Events and Trade fairs
- Cost of Meals other than those specified in inclusions
- Cost of foreign exchange for personal expenses
- Late check-out are on request basis only and subject to room availability
- Expenses of personal nature, mini bar in the room, Laundry, telephone bills, tips, gratuities etc
- Any increase in the cost that may come into force prior to the departure date including change in price owing to fluctuation in the rate of exchange

#### Note

- Any increase in taxes at the time of booking is payable extra
- The above is only a quote and no bookings have been made as yet
- Passport should be valid for minimum 6 months from date of return to India
- Confirmation is strictly subject to availability at the time of booking
- The above quotation has been based on specific class of travel on specific airlines and specific hotels, In case the hotel rooms and air seats are not available as specified above the alternate hotels or Airlines will be suggested with difference in price applicable
- During Convention /Close Out/Peak Dates, confirmation of rooms are subject to availability
- The above price has been budgeted at 1 USD = INR 65 and has been rounded off for representation purpose, the ROE at the time of making payments will be applicable