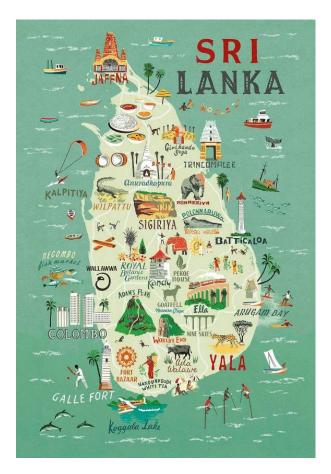


# <u>IPA Sri lanka 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friendship Tour</u> <u>28<sup>th</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024</u>

#### SRI LANKA

In the Indian ocean, south of India lies Sri Lanka. Perhaps the slightly less travelled roots of Southern Asia. This idyllic Buddhist Island resembles a place time forgot where cows roam the lands, ancient monuments and temples are to be found almost everywhere, and rugged landscapes is home to a wonderfully diverse range of animals, especially the elephants. Great explorers were enticed by the lush greenery, the fragrant spices and its tropical lifestyle. 2000 years of cultural history is recorded at ancient sites and temples some of which are now listed UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The recent past includes the rule of the Dutch and British over this sovereign island later gaining independence in 1948. Today it's famous for its delicious tea, turquoise beaches, exotic wildlife, ancient monuments, and many more. An island so small, yet so unexpectedly diverse from every point of view.



#### **EXPLORE**

Sri Lanka is an out of this world tropical island which is blessed with an exciting piece of everything possible on earth. Escape to a paradise on earth where you can trot along the golden sands.

This is an outdoor paradise somewhere to totally escape and fall completely off the grid.

Each day on this island promises new experiences, discoveries, and life-long memories. With so much to do, let us help you with these itineraries created just for you!

# DAY 1 - 28th August 2024

• Colombo, cîty, executive and judicial capital of Sri Lanka. (Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte, a Colombo suburb, is the legislative capital.) Sîtuated on the west coast of the island, just south of the Kelani River, Colombo is a principal port on the Indian Ocean. It has one of the largest artificial harbours in the world and handles the majority of Sri Lanka's foreign trade..



### DAY 2 - 29th August 2024

• Madu River Safari / visit Turtle hatchery / Gall Fort

• Madu Ganga is a minor watercourse which originates near Uragasmanhandiya in the Galle District of Sri Lanka, before widening into the Madu Ganga Lake at Balapítiya. The river then flows for a further a 4.4 km before draining into the Indian Ocean. It is located 88 km south of Colombo and 35 km north of Galle.

• Galle is a cîty on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka. It's known for Galle Fort, the fortified old cîty founded by Portuguese colonists in the 16th century. Stone sea walls, expanded by the Dutch, encircle car-free streets with architecture reflecting Portuguese, Dutch and Brîtish rule. Notable buildings include the 18th-century Dutch Reformed Church. Galle Lighthouse stands on the fort's southeast tip.



### <u>DAY 3 - 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024</u>

- Udawalawa Elephant Transît Home
- Ella.
- 9 Arch Bridge in Demodara
- The Udawalawe Elephant Transfer Home is a facility within Udawalawe National Park in Sri Lanka. The Elephant Transit was established in 1995 by the Sri Lanka Department of Wildlife Conservation. Its primary objective is to rehabilitate orphaned elephant calves for ultimate release back into the wild.
- The Nine Arch Bridge also called the Bridge in the Sky, is a viaduct bridge in Sri Lanka and is one of the best examples of colonial-era railway construction in the nation. It is located in Demodara, between Ella and Demodara railway stations. The surrounding area has seen a steady increase of tourism due to the bridge's architectural ingenuity and the profuse greenery in the nearby hillsides.



### $\underline{DAY \ 4-3l^{st} \ August \ 2024}$

- Kandy.
- Nuwara Eliya Cîty
- Tea Plantation & Factory.
- Sacred Tooth Relic Temple, Kandy.
- Spice Garden.
- Dambulla cave temple.
- The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, or Sri Dalada Maligawa,<sup>1</sup> is a Buddhist temple in Kandy, Sri Lanka. It is located in the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, which houses the relic of the tooth of the Buddha. Since ancient times, the relic has played an important role in local politics because it is believed that whoever holds the relic holds the governance of the country. The relic was historically held by Sinhalese kings. The temple of the tooth is a World Heritage Site mainly due to the temple and the relic.
- Dambulla is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. The rock towers 160 m over the surrounding plains. There are more than 80 documented caves in the surrounding area. Major attractions are spread over five caves, which contain statues and paintings. These paintings and statues are related to Gautama Buddha and his life. There are a total of 153 Buddha statues, three statues of Sri Lankan kings and four statues of gods and goddesses. The latter include Vishnu and the Ganesha. The murals cover an area of 2,100 square metres (23,000 sq ft). Depictions on the walls of the caves include the temptation by the demon Mara, and Buddha's first sermon.



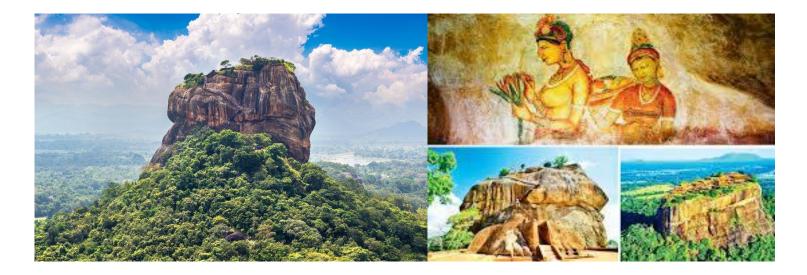
### DAY 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

- Polonnaruwa.
- Hiriwadunna Village Safari / Lunch
- Minneriya National Park Safari
- The second oldest of all Sri Lanka's kingdoms, Polonnaruwa was first established as a military post by the Sinhalese kingdom. Today the ancient city of Polonnaruwa remains one of the best-planned archaeological relic cities in the country, standing testimony to the discipline and greatness of the Kingdom's first rulers.
- Minneriya National Park is a national park in North Central Province of Sri Lanka. The area was designated as a national park on 12 August 1997, having been originally declared as a wildlife sanctuary in 1938.



DAY 6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Sigìriya is an ancient rock fortress located in the northern Matale District. t is a sîte of historical and archaeological significance that is dominated by a massive column of granîte approximately 180 m (590 ft) high. Sigîriya consists of an ancient cîtadel built by King Kashyapa during the 5th century. The Sigîriya sîte contains the ruins of an upper palace located on the flat top of the rock, a mid-level terrace that includes the Lion Gate and the mirror wall with its frescoes, the lower palaces clings to the slopes below the rocks. Sigîriya was designated a UNESCO World Heritage sîte in 1982.



### DAY 07 – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

• After breakfast, leave for Bandaranayake International Airport for departure flight.

#### <u>Price</u>

Cost per person sharing double/twin room USD 1300. Cost per person in Single room USD 1500 Cost per person in Triple room USD 1250 Cost per Child 7-12 years USD 500 Cost per child 4-6 years USD 250 Cost per child 4 years or less – Free of Charge

#### Package Includes

- Garlanded welcome upon arrival at Colombo Airport.
- 6 nights' accommodation on a Full board basis (Starting from Welcome Dinner on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024)
- Transportation is Ac luxury Coaches according to the above given program.
- Services of an English-speaking National Guide.
- Sightseeing including entrance fees;
  - I. Sacred Tooth Relic Temple.
  - II. Dambulla Cave temple.
  - III. Polonnaruwa Ancient Kingdom.
  - IV. Hiriwadunna Village Safari.
  - V. Jeeps for Minneriya safari.
  - VI. Elephant Transit Home
  - VII. Tuk Tuk Parade to 9 Arch Bridge
  - VIII. Madu River Boat Safari
- One 500 ml water bottle per person per day.
- All applicable taxes.

#### The Package Does Not Include

- Early check-in & late Check-out.
- Entrance fees Udawalawe Elephant Transit.
- Other Supplements.
- Optional Excursions & Activities (Ravana Pool Club / Zip Lining)
- Soft drinks & alcoholic beverages.
- Camera or Video permits.
- Tips & porterage.
- Anything not mentioned under "Package Includes."