



Ancient Cities (8Nights/9Days)

Tour Code: ATCH15002

Tour the ancient cities of Sri Lanka, which once glistened in grandiosity as well as charm. Explore and be awed by their architecture, frescoes and paintings as well as religion and the ancient a way of life.

Holiday Highlights

- Ancient city of Sigiriya UNESCO heritage site
- Sacred city of Anuradhapura UNESCO heritage site
- Ancient city of Polonnaruwa UNESCO heritage site
- Golden temple of Dambulla UNESCO heritage site
- Sacred city of Kandy UNESCO heritage site
- Minneriya National Park
- Tea Processing factory in Nuwara Eliya
- Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
- Colombo City tour

Day 1: Airport/Negambo (7.8km)

Arrival in Colombo International Airport and meet Awonga Tours Representative or chauffeur guide and transfers to Negambo and check in to your hotel. After setting in, relax and enjoy the fine ambiance of the hotel, the surrounding beach atmosphere and a dip in the hotel pool.

Over Night-Negambo

Day 2: Negambo/Sigiriya/Dambulla (166Km)

Finish breakfast in your hotel and leave for visit Sigiriya. This is world famous UNESCO heritage site and rock fortress which 5th century AD archeological wonder of Sri Lanka. Sigiriya is where ancient arts, landscaping and engineering marvels could be seen. Also see the world famous "Sigiriya Frescoes" and the "Mirror Wall".

Upon completion Sigiriya visit you can enjoy elephant back ride. Then check in to your hotel at Dambulla.

Over Night-Dambulla

Day 3: Dambulla/Anuradhapura/Dambulla (143.6Km)

Today you drive to visit sacred city of Anuradhapura UNESCO heritage site. This is UNESCO heritage site and this ancient city of Buddhist Monasteries became capital city in 4th Century BC. Visit covers Buddhist archaeological sites Stupas, Royal Ponds, Moonstone, and Chapter House with the Guard stone.

Then you come back to your hotel at Dambulla and relax and enjoy your rest of the day.

Over Night-Dambulla

Day 4: Dambulla/Polonnaruwa/Dambulla (130Km)

Finish your breakfast at hotel and heading to visit the medieval capital (12th century AD) UNESCO heritage city of Polonnaruwa. In here you can observe one of the better ruins of ancient Sri Lanka such as Vatadage, Lankathilake Image House, Royal Pools, Gal Viharaya, Samadhi statue, Tiwanka Image House, Nissankamalla Council Chamber, Man-made giant reservoir & Ptugal Vehera.

After we can arrange wild safari at **Minneriya National Park**. In this park could observe majority of elephant population.

Return to your hotel and relax.

Over Night-Dambulla

Day 5: Dambulla/Kandy (80Km)

Today morning you are taking to visit another Sri Lanka's 1st century B.C. UNESCO heritage site Dambulla Cave Temple and you can observe five magical caves of different sizes, decorated with some of the finest murals and beautifully carved statues, offering an overview of Buddhist art.

Then you will be driven to Kandy.

Enroute you can visit spice garden in Matale to see different spices for which Sri Lanka is famous for. Here, you could see different spices and how some of these spices are grown and processed. Witness a Cookery demonstration.

In the afternoon you will reach to Kandy, which was the last kingdom of Sri Lanka. Upon reaching to Kandy you can visit The Temple of Tooth Relic which houses Sri Lanka's most sacred relic, a tooth of the Lord Buddha. As well as visit the audience hall. In the evening you can view cultural show at the Kandy lake club. Which displays traditional Kandy dancing.

Over Night-Kandy

Day 6: Kandy/Pinnawala/Kandy (80Km)

After breakfast you will be proceed to Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage which was established in 1975, commenced with seven orphans. Today some of these orphans enjoy the fortune of seeing their Grand children born in the same location. The free movement of the herd enhanced the chances for respective individuals of both sexes to get together and mate. The nearby river played a dominant role in this regard, as well as you can see elephants in close proximity bathing and feeding activities.

Then you can do Kandy City Tour, drive around the lake and to the upper lake to get a panoramic view of the city and do shopping at market places.

Over Night-Kandy

Day 7: Kandy/Nuwara Eliya (76Km)

Today you are heading to Nuwara Eliya which is upper hill county of Sri Lanka. Passing magnificent waterfalls, through pine and eucalyptus forests and into immaculately manicured tea plantations, where we visit a tea factory and you will also able to taste a cup of **"Ceylon Tea"** in the factory. Nuwara Eliya, 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, is set against beautiful backdrops of mountains, valleys, waterfalls, and tea plantations.

Over Night-Nuwara Eliya

Day 8: Nuwara Eliya/Colombo (164Km)

Today you will leave to Colombo which is main commercial city of Sri Lanka. Colombo's cosmopolitan side supports ever-more stylish eateries, galleries and museums. Surprises abound in its old quarters where you can find great local food and discover a characterful shop or tiny, convivial-cafe.

As well as you can visit Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), National Museum of Colombo, Gangarama Temple, and Galle Face Green as well as can do shopping at shopping malls.

Over Night-Colombo

Day 9: Colombo/Airport (34Km)

Today is final day of your **"Ancient Cities"** tour and check out from hotel and transfer to Colombo International Airport with great memories of your very own Sri Lankan Holiday tour.

Your Holiday Includes

- Per person cost of twin-sharing and BB basis (B-Bed B-Breakfast)
- Transportation in air conditioned vehicle with English speaking chauffer guide for entire tour
- Entrance fees to Cultural sites, Museums, Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, National parks charges(1 trip includes entrance, jeep hire and service of a wildlife tracker) and Cultural dace
- Local government Taxes & service charges

Your Holiday Excludes

- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Optional tours and activities
- Flights
- Airport taxes
- Activities and highlights
- Camera and video permits at cultural sights
- All expenses of personal nature
- Spa and wellness treatments
- Tips and postage