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Day Tour of 'KANDY'

Date : 25th July 2017

Pick up from hotel after breakfast (7.00am) & transfer to Kandy.

En route & visit Elephant Orphanage in Pinnawala.

***ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE AT PINNAWELA** - Pinnawela orphanage is situated northwest of the town Kegalle, halfway between the present capital of Colombo and the ancient royal residence Kandy in the hills of central Sri Lanka. It was established in 1975 by the Sri Lanka Wildlife department. This 24 acres large elephant orphanage is an also breeding place for elephants, more than twenty elephants were born since 1984, and it has the greatest herd of elephants in captivity in the world.*



Thereafter, proceed to Kandy.

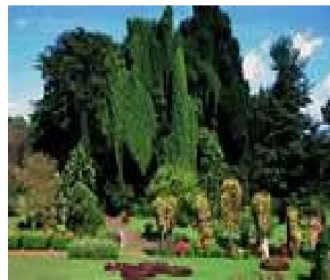
KANDY - a lovely exotic city, the Hill Capital and last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings is a UNESCO World Heritage Site which retains an aura of grandeur, time has not affected. Encircled by hills, with a tranquil lake in its centre, it is the site of the renowned temple that enshrines the Tooth Relic of the Buddha and the Royal Botanical gardens – home to one of the world’s best collections of Orchids. A cultural sanctuary where many legends, traditions and folklore are still lovingly kept alive, Kandy and its satellite villages are the centre of the islands handicraft industry (items of wood, brass & silver) exquisite silver or gold jewellery and precious gems of many varieties including the world’s best blue and star sapphires. In Kandy, the group will travel via the upper lake drive, check into the hotel and relax by the pool side. Thereafter, the group will enjoy the Cultural show and later visit the **Temple of the Tooth** popularly known as the “**Dalada Maligawa**”.

TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH RELIC - The famous Dalada Maligawa or the Temple of the sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy is the most venerated place of worship for Buddhists throughout the world. Built in the 16th century, this temple houses the sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha brought to Sri Lanka from the Kalinga province in ancient India in the 4th century AD. Several buildings have been added to the temple complex by successive rulers, the latest being the Golden Canopy over the inner shrine where the Tooth Relic is placed. Originally the Temple was within the King's palace complex as it was the symbol of Royal Authority.



ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS in Peradeniya followed by a City tour in Kandy.

It is believed to be one of the most beautiful gardens in South Asia and begun as a pleasure garden by a Sinhala King. Every variety tropical and temperate tree and flower is cultivated here and special houses with orchids and cacti are too beautiful to be true. Special features are the Orchid House which displays a fine collection of Sri Lankan orchids, the fernery, spice garden, and the trees planted by distinguished visitors to the Island.



Return back to Colombo

TOTAL COST PER PERSON (KANDY EXCURSION) – US\$ 55 (minimum 2 pax)

PRICE INCLUDES: Pick up from hotel, visit the places as per the itinerary & return back to the hotel in an air conditioned vehicle (transport cost only).

PRICE EXCLUDES: Meals / snacks / entrance fees to sites / tips to shoe minders / camera & video permits etc...

Entrance fees “Supplement” (not included in above cost)

- ***Kandy Temple of the Tooth Relic – US\$ 12***
- ***Peradeniya Botanical Gardens – US\$ 12***
- ***Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage – US\$ 25***