



# SRI LANKA'S FINEST





# DISCOVERY SMALL GROUP TOUR

ESCORTED BY ANNE BOURKE
21 day tour | Departing 27 July 2018



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Join me on my 2018
tour of Sri Lanka,
taking in the best that
this beautiful island
destination has to offer.

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE...

- Visit Sigiriya, the ancient rock fortress of King Kasyapa
- · Witness the famous gathering of the elephants
- See the wildlife in Yala National Park
- Spend time in Trincomalee, a stunning Sri Lankan beach resort
- Visit the cave temples of Dambulla, containing 153 statues of Lord Buddha
- Participate in an authentic Sri Lankan cooking class
- Enjoy 2 nights in Singapore on the return





# FRIDAY 27 JULY TASMANIA - COLOMBO

Departure today from Tasmania to Sri Lanka, travelling via Melbourne and Singapore. On arrival in Colombo we will be met by our Coach and Guide who will be with us for the duration of our stay in Sri Lanka and transferred to our hotel, Jetwing Colombo, offering a bird's eye view of the heart of Colombo, and the bordering beach.

# SATURDAY 28 JULY B COLOMBO

We enjoy a late start today, with the morning free at your leisure to relax, swim at the hotels private beach or pool or walk around the area. In the late afternoon we partake in a walking tour of Colombo - a personalised city walk where we can experience first hand the borrowed words from the Portuguese, the amazing architecture the Dutch & English left behind. See the vision and love the English had for this land, and experience what being "Sri Lankan" is all about.

#### SUNDAY 29 JULY B,L COLOMBO – PINNAWALA -SIGRIYA

This morning we proceed to Anuradhapura, visiting Pinnawala en-route. The Elephant Orphanage started in 1975 to house abandoned and wounded elephants. The sanctuary covers 25 acres of lush vegetation with an approximate population of about 77, consisting of both adult and baby elephants. We will visit during feeding and bathing time, when all the elephants are taken to the river close by, and we take time to enjoy our lunch here. We will then proceed to our hotel The Aliya Resort & Spa in Sigriya, where we will spend the next 3 nights.

# MONDAY 30 JULY B, L SIGRIYA

This morning we travel to Hiriwadunna Village. This is a typical countryside experience with a jeep ride to the rural



village from our hotel. We have a beautiful walk along a manmade reservoir and we will also experience a boat ride. bullock cart ride, rural vegetable cultivation & paddy fields and enjoy an authentic Sri Lankan lunch at a Village house. This afternoon we visit, with the option to climb, the Sigiriya Rock Fortress home to the 5th Century. "Fortress in the Sky", which is perhaps the most fantastic single wonder of the Island. It is also known as Lion Rock because of the huge lion that used to stand at the entrance to the fortress. The huge rock rises almost to a sheer height of 500ft, and on its summit are the foundations of what was once a great and sumptuous palace and gardens, complete with swimming pool.



#### TUESDAY 31 JULY B SIGRIYA – POLONNARUWA -SIGRIYA

Today we visit Polonnaruwa the Capital of Sri Lanka from 11th -13th Century. A World Heritage Site which contains splendid and spectacular statues and shrine ruins which have the best example of frescoes of the Polonnaruwa period. This afternoon visit to Dambulla Cave Fort. Dambulla is famous for the five cave Temples on a rock. All the 5 cave walls and ceilings are covered with Buddhist murals and there are more than 130 Buddha statues. Statues of Gods and Kings are also found here.

# WEDNESDAY 01 AUGUST SIGRIYA - TRINCOMALEE

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Late this morning we will travel to Trincomalee and our hotel, Jungle Beach Resort. This eco concept luxury beach resort has an amazing location, pristine beach and lagoon and makes you feel like you're in a luxurious tree house. Trincomalee has one of the world's finest natural, deep water harbours and some of the best beaches in the world. THURSDAY 02 AUGUST B. L.

# THURSDAY 02 AUGUST B, L TRINCOMALEE

Morning free prior to later in the day we have a cooking Class featuring Sri Lanka curries. After the class we enjoy this food for our lunch. Afternoon free for the beach and resort.



# FRIDAY 03 AUGUST TRINCOMALEE

Morning at leisure to enjoy everything the Jungle Beach Resort has to offer. This afternoon we travel to the mangroves, with the opportunity for fishing if desired and experience the serenity of the mangroves at dusk and the slower rhythm of life of the local fishermen. During this time we will see the abundance of Sri Lanka's endemic and migratory birdlife plus other wildlife such as crocodiles, monkeys and possibly elephants in the beauty of an untouched paradise framed by the backdrop of spectacular sunset.

# SATURDAY 04 AUGUST B TRINCOMLALEE - KANDY

This morning we will transfer to Kandy and our hotel, The Earl's Regency Hotel, which is built with views of breathtaking mountainous countryside.

# SUNDAY 05 AUGUST KANDY

Today we visit Kandy. Kandy is another World Heritage Site and was the last capital of the Sri Lankan Kings before the country was brought under British rule in 1815. Famous for its rich heritage and splendour, Bazaars, arts & crafts centres, Temples, Shrines and Monasteries are everywhere. This evening we will take in a Sri Lankan cultural show, before a delicious Sri Lankan dinner.

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#### MONDAY 06 AUGUST KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA

Scenic views on our train ride from Kandy to Hatton this morning. After our arrival to our hotel, Heritance Tea Factory Hotel, which lies alone and unique on the steep slopes of the tea plantations in Kandapola, we have the rest of the day at leisure.



#### TUESDAY 07 AUGUST B,D KANDY - NUWARA ELIYA -KANDY

Morning visit to the local markets of Nuwara Eliya, 6200ft above sea level, consequently they enjoy spring-like weather throughout the year. A favourite retreat of the British during colonial times, the town is dotted with English country style houses and no surprise it's earned the Name "Little England". The afternoon is free to explore the Tea Gardens more

thoroughly, and we enjoy dinner this evening at the Tea Factory main restaurant.

#### WEDNESDAY 08 AUGUST B,L NUWARA ELIYA – ELLA - YALA

Today we travel to Yala, with a stop enroute at the beautiful small mountain town of Ella which is in the middle of beautiful countryside with spectacular views. Arrival at our hotel in Yala, Jetwing Yala, a hotel known for those who seek to heal both the environment and the individual.

#### THURSDAY 09 AUGUST YALA

Itinerary for today is morning and afternoon game drives, trekking Leopards, Sloth bears, Elephants and other wild animals at the Yala National Park which is classed as one of the best wildlife destinations in Asia,

# FRIDAY 10 AUGUST B YALA - GALLE

This morning transfer to Jetwing Lighthouse Club, an exclusive retreat and luxurious hideaway in the historic city of Galle.



# SATURDAY 11 AUGUST B,D GALLE

Today we have a tour of Galle. a beautiful coastal town where the Dutch presence is still visible. Galle was an ancient port and Sri Lanka's first international commerce and trade centre. Today, Galle is the bustling provincial capital and administrative centre of the south. It is famous for its lovely Unawatuna Bay, where the sea is reef protected and therefore safe for swimming. The Galle Fort today is a world heritage site and the most important landmark in the city. In Gale they still make the Dutch 'pillow-lace' and do fine ebony-carving and gem-polishing.

This evening we enjoy dinner together in the heart of the Galle Fort.

# SUNDAY 12 AUGUST B GALLE - COLOMBO

Later today we will farewell our guide and driver at Colombo Airport as we say farewell to Sri Lanka. We have an evening flight to Singapore.



# MONDAY 13 AUGUST SINGAPORE

Early morning arrival in Singapore where we will be met and transferred to our accommodation, the Pan Pacific Hotel, where we will have access to the Pacific Club from 6.00am to 11.00pm daily. We have the opportunity to utilise our 7 Lines Hop-On. Hop-Off Bus Passes, make the most of the Singapore yearly sales, or just enjoy this beautiful hotel.

# TUESDAY 14 AUGUST B SINGAPORE

Today we have the day at leisure to make the most of this wonderful stopover. Stroll through the Gardens by the Bay, explore Marina Sands, and enjoy lunch at one of Singapore's amazing restaurants. You can do as much, or as little, as you feel like!

# WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST B SINGAPORE

Whole day to visit either Singapore city and enjoy all that Sentosa island has to offer prior to collection from our hotel early evening for our transfer to Singapore Airport

#### THURSDAY 16 AUGUST ARRIVE TASMANIA

Early morning arrival at Melbourne Airport to connect with our return flights to Hobart or Launceston.

#### **TOUR PRICE**

Twin Share \$8945 per person ex Tasmania

Single \$12565 (Limited availability)

ex Tasmania

While this pricing is current as of December 2017, fluctuating fuel surcharges, currency exchange rates and taxes may result in an increased cost. Airfare upgrades available. Price on application.

#### **INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST\***

- Economy class airfare ex Hobart including all fees, taxes and levies
- Meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Entrance fees to all specified attractions
- All excursions as stated in the itinerary
- Local English speaking expert guides
- Local escort subject to a minimum of seven travellers
- · Sri Lankan Visa
- Gratuities, except for local escort

#### NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

- · Meals other than mentioned
- Local airport departure taxes (if applicable)
- Laundry, telephone calls, beverages, and other expenditure of a personal nature
- · Any services other than mentioned
- Travel Insurance
- · Gratuity for local escort



#### **HOBART**

Level 1, 61 Salamanca Place, Hobart 7000 **Phone**: (03) 6221 3499

#### **LAUNCESTON**

44 Charles Street, Launceston 7250 **Phone**: (03) 6331 1214

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**TOUR PAYMENTS** Deposit of \$1500pp is due within seven days of booking. Balance of payment is due not later than 27 April 2018.

**CANCELLATIONS** Deposits are strictly non-refundable. Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the tour. Notice of all cancellations must be made in writing to Andrew Jones Travel on or before final payment due date 27 April 2018. Loss of deposits. After final payment due date: 100% of total price. Cancellation fees also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the vacation.

If flight changes, including flight cancellations, are requested, revision fees or airline cancellation fees will apply. Andrew Jones Travel Pty. Ltd. and the carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers providing tour services shall all be known as the 'Operators' and reserve the right to cancel or re-schedule any vacation departure. If cancellation is made prior to departure of the tour, the only responsibility of the Operators will be to refund to the passenger the amount we have received for the reservation. We will try to re-book the same vacation with a different departure date, or a similar tour. Where the Operators have confirmed flights, we will try to confirm air seats for the selected new dates, subject to availability. The Operators cannot assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements.

**REVISION FEES** A fee of \$150 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation, plus any additional costs from Operators. Airline penalties may also apply. A change to traveller name, vacation date or tour itinerary at any time will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation; standard cancellation fees apply.

PARTICIPATION For the benefit of everyone on your holiday, the Operators reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a holiday participant, and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

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TRAVELLERS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE You must report any disability requiring special attention to Andrew Jones Travel at the time the reservation is made. All travellers must be able to handle their own suitcase. The Operators will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Most transportation services, including the touring motor coach, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance, and must assume total responsibility for the handicapped participants well-being. Motorised scooters are unsuitable for touring vacations in this brochure.

**SMOKING** Smoking is not allowed on transportation or accommodations.

**PRICE GUARANTEE** Air tickets booked via Andrew Jones Travel are guaranteed when we receive full payment. This does not include any Government/airport tax increases and currency fluctuations. Vacation prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are listed where applicable.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** The accommodations listed in this brochure are intended to be used on this departure; however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent in standard to those shown. Every effort is made to reserve your preferred room request. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double-bedded or twin-bedded rooms, as room configuration is at the discretion of individual hotels. Please note that accommodation check-in times vary worldwide. Paying for a single supplement ensures own room, not necessarily a twin bedded room.

**BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE** Porterage for one suitcase on vacation is included in the tour price. Airport porterage at beginning and end of the vacation is not included. Due to limited coach capacity, this single bag should have dimensions not exceeding 76x53x28cm (30x21x11"). We regret we are unable to accept a second suitcase, or any luggage exceeding these limits. Please talk to your agent for baggage weight restrictions. We recommend you consult your air carrier as size and weight limitations vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. The Operators are not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers. Regulations within most airports require that travellers handle their own luggage through customs.

Your carry-on bagshould not exceed the dimensions of 30x28x14cm (12x11x6"). For safety reasons wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motor coaches and mini-buses.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings. Baggage insurance is recommended.

**DINING** A restaurant or date of a dinner may be substituted at any time due to reasons beyond the Operators' control

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE** Airport taxes which are payable directly at the airport: passports; visas and vaccinations, tips to local city guides or staff; laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol beverages and food not on the regular table d'hote menu (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel or restaurant); optional excursions; travel insurance, excess baggage fees; all other items of a personal nature. **HOLIDAYS** During local or national holidays, certain facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible.

**SAFETY** Please be aware that during your participation in vacations operated by the Operators, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. The Operators will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that the Operators will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** Passengers are strongly advised to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to; cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms). We recommend passengers investigate all Department of Foreign Affairs warnings regarding the safety of travelling to certain destinations. The Operators will not be held liable for any act of government, terrorism, revolution or other act. The Operators reserve the right to cancel the tour at any stage due to an act of government or terrorism.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS All passengers must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from return date. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure any applicable visas for all countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Failure to obtain correct documentation will mean the passenger will be unable to participate in particular shore excursions and may be denied boarding and/or entry into certain countries. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and costs is the sole responsibility of passengers.

\* Conditions apply. Price is per person, twin share. Price is correct at time of publication December 2017 but may fluctuate due to changes in taxes, charges, surcharges and currency. Airfare included is based on a group airfare and all passengers will need to fly on these flights, dates and destination only. Price does not include taxes imposed directly by third parties. Tour is subject to availability and terms and conditions as listed. Minimum tour numbers apply, see booking conditions for more details. A service fee and credit card surcharge will apply.