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Tour Itinerary

ABOUT SRI LANKA

- History

Sri Lanka has been continuously inhabited for more than 2 million years, with the original inhabitants descended from Stone Age hunter gatherers. Immigration arrived from northern India around the 5th century BCE, forming the basis of the modern Sinhalese population. Tamils from the south of India arrived approximately two centuries later, settling in Jaffna.

Ancient Greek geographers called it Taprobane. Arabs referred to it as Serendib. Later European mapmakers called it Ceylon, a name still used occasionally for trade purposes. It officially became Sri Lanka in 1972. In 1948, after nearly 150 years of British rule, Sri Lanka became an independent country, and it was admitted to the United Nations seven years later. The country is a member of the Commonwealth and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.

- Geography

Sri Lanka is an island nation in the Indian Ocean, located between the Laccadive Sea in west and the Bay of Bengal in east. The island is situated about 30 km (19 mi) south east of the southern coast of India. Sri Lanka consists of a main island and a number of smaller islands.. The nation has a total area of 65,610 km², with 64,740 km² of land and 870 km² of water. Its coastline is 1,340 km (830 mi) long. . It is located between latitudes 5°55' and 9°51' N and longitudes 79°41' and 81°53' E and has a maximum length of 268 miles (432 km) and a maximum width of 139 miles (224 km).



- **Climate**

Sri Lanka's climate includes tropical monsoons: the northeast monsoon (December to March), and the southwest monsoon (June to October). The Climate in Sri Lanka is tropical and consists of very distinctive dry and wet seasons. The average temperature of Sri Lanka usually ranges from 28 – 32 degrees Celsius which may differ due to global weather conditions as a whole. The temperature can vary from being as low as 16 degrees Celsius in Nuwara Eliya which belongs to the central highlands and to as high as 32 degrees in Batticaloa along the Eastern coast of the island. However there are certain areas along the coast that are cooled by the ocean breezes. The coldest months according to the mean monthly temperature are December and January while the warmest months are April and August.



- **People and culture**

It has a significant population of 21.02 million in 2019 (down from 21,481,334 in 2013). And the largest minority group of the country is Sinhalese people, accounting for 74% of its total population,. The second largest group is Tamil, account for 18% of the country's populace. The next group is Moors, the Arab origins, recognized as the Muslims of 7% of total population. Main Religion is Buddhism. Mother language is 'Sinhala'



- **Attractions**

Known for its enchanting ancient ruins, endless soft-sanded beaches, imposing mountains, colorful festivals, tempting water sports, dense wild-life, diverse ethnical groups, cultural and world heritage sites, warm weather, cool weather and off the top hospitality from the local residents.

- Main Places to visit

- Colombo
- Kandy
- Sigiriya
- Nuwara Eliya
- Ella
- Anuradhapura
- Jaffna
- Trincomalee
- Pasikudha
- Yala/ Tissamaharama / Kataragama
- Southern beach area (Bentota, Hikkaduwa, Ahungalla, Unawatuna, Galle, Tangalle)

Tour Program – Sri Lanka

Guest Name	TBI
Duration	12 nights 13 days
Arrival Date	Sep 2026
Departure Date	Sep 2026
Pax Count	02 Adults
Hotel Category	04 & 05 star
Meal Basis	HB
Nationality	Indian (UAE Residents)

DAY 01 - AIRPORT / NEGOMBO

Warmly welcome to Sri Lanka! Our tour guide will pick you up from the Bandaranayke International Airport at the scheduled hour and will be there with you throughout the stay being your guide, driver and your friend.

- Arrive at Bandaranayke International Airport and meet our representative
- proceed to Negombo.
- Check in to the hotel
- City tour in the Evening
- Boat ride at Negombo and visit st Mary's Church
- Overnight at Negombo



Day Highlights

Negombo City Tour

Negombo is a major city in Sri Lanka, situated on the west coast and at the mouth of the Negombo Lagoon, in the Western Province. It is one of the major commercial hubs in the country and the administrative center of Negombo Division. Negombo is known for its long sandy beaches and centuries old fishing industry. The uniqueness of this tour is meeting it's people who live in harmony in this small and multicultural city. The Negombo Fish Market is interesting because it takes place right on the beach, fresh from fishing boats. Crowds of fishermen are seen untangling their fishing nets, playing with their kids, and stretching out



DAY 02 – NEGOMBO / SIGIRIYA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Leave for Sigiriya (Nearly 4 hours Driver)
- Check in to the hotel
- Visit Dambulla Cave temple in the evening
- Overnight at Sigiriya

Day Highlights

- Dambulla Cave Temple

100 ms high overlooking the jungle, that is considered one of the most important and beautiful temples in the island. Dambulla rock temple was built by king Walagambahu in the 1st century B.C. and it is a World Heritage Site. It is the most impressive of Sri Lanka's cave temples. The complex of five caves with over 2000 sq. meters of painted walls and ceilings is the largest area of cave paintings found in the world. It contains over 150 images of the Buddha with the largest colossal figure of the Buddha carved out of rock and spanning 14 meters.



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DAY 03 – SIGIRIYA / MINNERIYA / SIGIRIYA –

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning Village tour with Lunch (Start time around 9 am)
- After proceed to Minneriya. (start time at 2.30 pm)
- Jeep safari at Minneriya National Park.
- Proceed to the hotel again.
- Overnight stay at Sigiriya.

Day Highlights

- ✓ Hiriwaduna Village Tour

You can experience this 3-hour tour for lifetime opportunity to be emerged in the nature and culture of real Sri Lanka Village. Tour start with a Bullock cart ride near to the village pond. There are 2 Bulls dragging the cart and ride last long from 15mins to 30mins.

Rides ends near the Hiriwadunna Lake where you get off from the cart and join for Catamaran Boat Ride to the next side of the



rural village. You will cruise admiring the amazing views besides the lake which is also overlooking the Sigiriya and pidurangala rocks. If you are interested in, you can also join with the Boatman and help out rowing the boat.

After short walk within the paddy fields & vegetable cultivation you can reach village house. At the village house you can relax & taste a delicious Sri Lankan Lunch. Then take a Tuk Tuk ride to tour start location.

✓ **Minneriya National Park**

Minneriya National Park is centered on the 249 square km Minneriya Tank (reservoir) built by King Mahasena in the third century AD to irrigate agricultural land around the area. The park consists of a mixture of forest, scrub and grassland. It is home 24 species of mammals, 160 species of birds, 9 species of amphibians, 25 species of reptiles, 26 species of fish, and 75 species of butterflies. Some of the more popular wildlife is: deer, elephants, monkeys, and endangered species such as the Sloth Bear and Leopard. The lake attracts a myriad of wild birds such as cormorants, painted storks and pelicans. The park is also home to the ever-present peacocks.

The most spectacular event to occur in the park is known as the "Gathering". It is a truly spectacular place to see elephants in the wild. Groups of around three hundred and so say as high as seven hundred elephants congregate around the tank to socialize, bathe, drink, feed and possibly mate.

Visit

- *Approximately 2-3 hours (inside Park)*



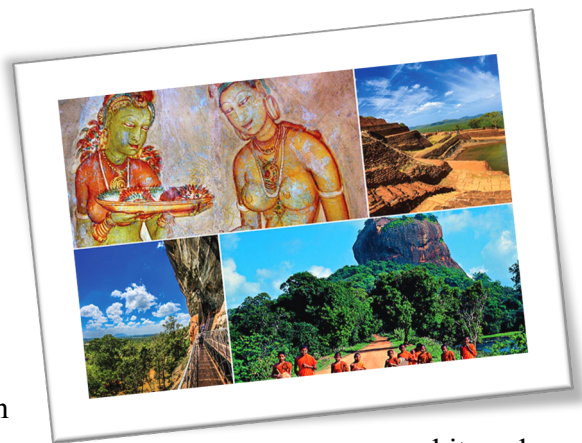
DAY 04 – SIGIRIYA / MATALE / KANDY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Sigiriya Rock (start time at 9 am)
- Then proceed to Kandy via Matale.
- On the way visits Matale Spice Garden.
- Then proceed to Kandy.
- Evening cultural Show (start time 5 pm)
- Dinner and overnight stay at Kandy.

Day Highlights

✓ Sigiriya Rock Fortress

The Sigiriya Citadel was a lavish compound protected by two moats and three ramparts. It was the private residence of King Kasyapa and his harem. The center of this complex was dominated by a menacing black column of rock 600 feet high around which he constructed lush gardens, ponds, palaces and pavilions. Halfway up this rock he built a massive gatehouse in the form of a sphinx-like lion giving his lair its name, Sigiriya–Lion Mountain. On the summit of this gigantic rock he built himself a gleaming white palace of unparalleled beauty. There, hidden from view, he lived in splendid isolation tormented by guilt and fear. Sigiriya consists of 1200 steps. The first part of the visit is a leisurely walk through the pleasure gardens. Then one starts to climb.



Opening Hours

- 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM (Last entry 5:00 PM).

Visit

- Approximately 3-4 hours
- best time early morning / late afternoon

Matale Spice Garden

Sri Lanka is well known for production and hosting of spice garden and hence known as the Land of Spices. You can visit 15 distinct types of spices are cultivated in the spice garden of Sri Lanka. Herbs those are regular in a family unit like Peppercorns, Turmeric, Cardamom, Cloves, Nutmeg, Cinnamon, Vanilla, Aloe Vera, Cocoa, and so on are being handled here. The gardens give a chance to try out amazing aromatic meals complete with the spices that tease your senses are a favorite here as well. High quality spices, traditional remedies and natural cosmetics made with spices are available for purchase at



very fair prices

✓ Cultural Dance Show

Cultural show is one of the most famous event / sightseeing available for the foreigners in their visit to Sri Lanka at Kandy which performing all Sri Lankan dances types in one platform. This spontaneous event upheld the Sri Lankan Folk-lore dance which prevailed from the history. It shows the uniqueness of the Sri Lankan dance performances and the drummers who are very unique to Sri Lanka. As the final event in the Cultural show, walking on fire is done with the everlasting faith towards the god



DAY 05 – KANDY CITY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visits Kandy Temple of the Tooth relic (around 9 am) .
- Then visit to Peradeniya Botanical Garden.(open from 9 am to 5 pm)
- Evening Relax at the Hotel
- Overnight stay at Kandy.

Day Highlights

- ✓ Kandy Temple of the Tooth Relic

The main attraction of the city and also the most sacred Buddhist establishment in Sri Lanka is where one of Buddha's Tooth is being kept. Built in the 16th century but improvements and additions have been done to this structure until the fall of the Kandy kingdom. A golden canopy was added recently. Daily rituals are being carried out at various offering times to the shrine. A dress code applies for entering the temple. The magnificence has been enhanced by the octagonal pavilion.



Opening hours:

- From 5.30 am - 8.00 pm

Puja Time (A small ceremony of reverence involving drummers and dancers)

- From 5.30 am - 6.45 am
- From 9.30 am - 11.00 am
- From 6.30 am - 8.00 pm

Dress code

Wearing a white color dress is a good idea, it shows respect, but it is not mandatory. You will need to cover your knees and shoulders – and access the inner chambers barefoot or with socks

✓ **Peradeniya Botanical Garden**

Peradeniya is one of the best botanical gardens in Sri Lanka, and one of the most beautiful in Asia. It is located just 6 km from Kandy, and has more than 300 varieties of Orchids, spices, medicinal plants and palms trees attach it is the National Herbarium. Total land mass of the botanical garden is 147 acres. In the center of the gardens is an artificial lake in the shape of the island of Sri Lanka, beside which a white-domed rotunda commemorates George Gardner, superintendent of the gardens in the mid 19th century.



Important Facts

- *The walk through the Botanical Gardens is suitable for people of all ages. There are rest rooms inside the gardens and there is a cafeteria as well. Please do take water with you. You may need to take an umbrella to either protect you from the sun, or the rain.*

What to wear or bring along:

- *Light, cool clothing, sun cream or a hat are recommended.*

DAY 06 – KANDY / NUWARA ELIYA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Then proceed to Nuwara Eliya.
- On the way visit Ramboda Falls
- Visit Tea Garden and Factory
- Proceed to Nuwara Eliya
- Evening at relax.
- Overnight stay at Nuwara Eliya.

Day Highlights

✓ **Ramboda Falls**

Ramboda Falls is height of 109 m and height from Sea Level is 945m. Its ranking in Sri Lanka as the 11th Tallest waterfall. Ramboda waterfall is not a single waterfall and it has two stairs. The upside of the main road of Ramboda place, there is another waterfall.



• **Sri Bhaktha Hanuman Temple**

Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple is built by Chinmaya Mission of Sri Lanka. This temple, tied to the tale of Ramayana, is where Sitadevi was hidden by King Ravana. village and area of Ramboda was said to have been where Rama's forces had gathered against King Ravana. This village and area of Ramboda was said to have been where Rama's forces had gathered against King Ravana

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Opening hours:

- From 7.00 am - 1.00 pm

Dress code

- Ensure to wear a charm dress which cover your knees & shoulders

Tea Factory Visit



Tea tourism has been long-established in Sri Lanka and almost every tea factory offers a tea tour of some sort. Visit a working Tea Factory and be enlightened on the tea manufacturing process. Watch the tea pickers as they nimbly climb up the mountainside with their large baskets and pick the tea leaves, then visit the factory and you will be taken around by a friendly staff member who will explain the process of fermentation, rolling, drying, cutting, sieving and grading of tea. There are machines for almost every part of the process except of course the all-important tea tasting at the end of the process to determine the quality of the tea.



Opening hours

- From 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Duration

- Approximately 1 hour.

Important Facts

It can be noisy and dusty inside the factory. Tea Factories are usually closed on Sundays

DAY 07 – NUWARA ELIYA

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- City tour of Nuwara Eliya
- Overnight stay at Nuwara Eliya.

Day Highlights

- **Nuwara Eliya City**

Nuwara Eliya stands at over 1,800m and has a mean annual temperature of 16 degrees Celsius. Nuwara Eliya, also known as 'Little' England, was the favorite hill station of the British who tried to create the resort into a typical English Village. The old brick Post office, country house like hill club, with its hunting pictures, mounted hunting trophies and fish, and its strict formal dinner attire; the 18 hole golf course, race course etc., evoke nostalgia of Colonial British Ceylon.

- **Visit to Gregory Lake**



Gregory Lake was built under the period of British Governor Sir William Gregory in 1873. This is the most prominent attraction in Nuwara Eliya and all the visitors used to come here and spent some time by the lake and relax. Also you can go for a boat ride at Gregory Lake (Optional)

- **Sita Amman Temple**

Sri Lanka's ancient history is closely intertwined with the old Sanskrit tale of the Ramayana, with many locations in the country steeped in old legends. The area in Nuwara Eliya referred to as Seetha Eliya, is believed to be one of the places where King Ravana held the kidnapped Sita, wife of Lord Rama. The Seetha Amman Temple in Seetha Eliya, has been constructed in what is believed to be the last location Sita was held captive by Ravana. It is possibly the only temple in the world to be dedicated to Sita, and is extremely popular amongst the Hindu community, as well as tourists.



held captive by Ravana.

- **Hakgala Botanical Garden**

The second largest botanical garden in Sri Lanka, Hakgala Botanical Gardens is picturesquely situated in the hill country, a mere ten kilometres (six miles) away from the city of Nuwara Eliya. The comfortable cool weather that prevails throughout the year compliments the exotic flora and fauna, creating a true paradise. According to the legends, the history of Hakgala Gardens dates back to the time of Ramayanaya; an epic love story of the east. Queen Sita, captured and brought to Sri Lanka, is said to have been hidden in this vicinity - the Hakgala



vicinity - the Hakgala

Gardens at that time was one of the pleasure gardens of King Ravana. The present day Hakgala Gardens was established in 1861 under the patronage of Dr G H W Thawaites. Originally it was used for the cultivation of cinchona and later for tea. The development of Hakgala Gardens as a botanic garden was initiated by Mr. William Nock and since then many varieties of flowers and trees, both local and foreign, have been introduced.

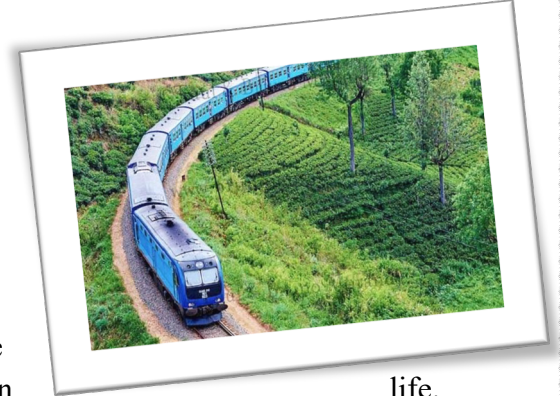
DAY 08 – NUWARA ELIYA/ ELLA

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Leave for Ella by train (9 am Train 2 hours journey)
- Overnight stay at Ella .

Day Highlights

✓ **Train Ride from Nuwara Eliya to Ella**

Nuwara Eliya to Ella train ride is one of the most scenic train rides in the world, the rail route runs on the original tracks built by the British in 1864. Originally designed to transport tea and coffee from hillside estates, it's now an important means of connecting major cities and a tourist attraction in its own right. Board the train and experience breathtaking views of lush green tea plantations, mountains, viaducts, valleys, and dense jungle. What's more, it's the perfect way to experience Sri Lankan



life.

✓ **9 Acres Bridge**

The Nine Arch Bridge in Ella is on the Demodara loop and spans 91 meters at a height of 24m. The beautiful nine arches make it a very picturesque spot especially as it is located in a dense jungle and agricultural setting. Behind the railway, a forest is booming and below, tea leaves are being cultivated. The bridge was built at Gotuwala between the Ella and Demodara stations during the British Colonial period. Locally it is known as 'Ahas Namaye Palama' meaning nine skies bridge in Sinhala. The name derives from the visual experience. you stand below the bridge and look up you can see the sky



When

through the nine arches. The

unique part about this bridge is that it is built entirely from rocks, bricks, and cement with no use of steel or metals throughout the structure.

DAY 09 -NUWARA ELIYA/ MIRISSA

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Leave for Mirissa
- Check in to the hotel
- Evening at relax in the beach.
- Overnight stay at Mirisa

DAY 10- WHALE WATCHING / HIRIKETIYA

- Morning Whale Watching (starting at 6.30 will take 4 hours)
- Return to the hotel
- Evening Hiriketiya Beach visit

- visit Stilt Fishing.
- Overnight stay at Mirissa

Day Highlights

- **Mirissa Whale and Dolphin Watching**

This is a remarkable location to spot several species of Whales such as the Blue Whale, Bryde's Whale, Fin Whale and the Sperm Whale. In addition to these marvelous Whales, you would also spot the adorable and intelligent Dolphins. The best season to Mirissa Whale Watching is from November to April. During this time period the ocean remains calm and warm, providing the most perfect environment to watch Whales and Dolphins

To get this wonderful experience all you should do is to take a boat trip to the sea from Mirissa harbor, and move a few kilometers away from the shore. The duration of a trip will be around 3 – 5 hours



in a closer proximity.

- **Stilt Fishing**

Stilt fishing, has been a traditional fishing practice found among the fishing communities in the Southern Coast of Sri Lanka. Fishermen seated on a stilt, made by attaching a wide bar to a large wooden pole carrying a rudimentary fishing rod is a permanent fixture of the scene that cannot be missed. The rudimentary equipment used in stilt fishing is manufactured by the fishermen themselves, using an ancient tradition and specific types of wood.



DAY 11 – MIRISSA AT RELAXE

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Relax at the hotel.
- Evening Dinner out at Lantern cafe mirissa
- Overnight stay at Mirissa

DAY 12 – MIRISSA / COLOMBO

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Leave for Colombo
- Visit Turtle Farm
- City tour of Colombo
- Overnight stay in Colombo

Day Highlights

- **Turtle Hatchery (around 2 hours)**

Turtles are reptiles of the order Chelonii. Therefore they are also called chelonians by researchers and conservationists. Chelonians are characterized by the special bony shell or carapace, which is developed from their ribs and acts as a shield. They are an old group with the very first proto-turtles having evolved over 220 million years ago in the Triassic Era. The order of Chelonii, also known as the Testudines, have three tortoises and terrapins. The south coast of Sri Lanka including the beach areas in and around the resort are nesting sites for five of the six endangered sea turtle species namely the Leatherback, Loggerhead, Hawksbill, Olive Ridley and Green Turtle. Turtle Hatchery which primary operates as a hatchery is a great place to observe collected and rescued eggs hatch and then safely released into the sea.



- **Colombo city tour**

Colombo the commercial capital of Sri Lanka and the largest city in Sri Lanka. Heavily influenced by its diverse populace and its rich history, Colombo's culture, architecture, cuisine and historical attractions make for a multi-cultural melting-pot. Colombo was probably known to Roman, Arab, and Chinese traders more than 2,000 years ago. Muslims settled there in the 8th century and controlled much of the trade between Sinhalese kingdoms and the outside world. The Portuguese arrived in the 16th century and built a fort to protect their spice trade. The Dutch captured the city in the 17th century. The British made the city the capital of their crown colony of Ceylon in 1802



Main sightseeing

- ✓ *National Museum*

- ✓ Old and New Parliament houses
- ✓ Independence Memorial Arcade & Independence Square
- ✓ Beira Lake
- ✓ Lighthouse and Clock tower
- ✓ Colombo Harbor
- ✓ BMICH (Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall)

Shopping at

- ✓ Laksala state owned Handicrafts emporium
- ✓ Odel

DAY 13 -COLOMBO / AIRPORT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Then proceeds to the airport for the departure flight.

******* END OF THE TOUR *******

Hotel Suggested –

Location	05-star Hotels	No of Nights
Negombo	Heritance Negombo 5*	01 nights
Sigiriya	Heritance Kandalama – Luxury room 5*	02 nights
Kandy	Golden Crown 5*	02 nights
Nuwara Eliya	Golden Ridge 5*	02 Nights
Ella	98 Acres Ella 5*	01 night
Mirissa	Mandara Resort 4*+	03 Nights
Colombo	Cinnamon Grand 5*	01 Night

Rates:

Sharing 01 DBL rooms – 02 pax On HB Basis
05 Star Hotels - AED 7950 x 2

• **Package Cost Included**

- ✓ 12 nights' accommodation in above mentioned hotels or similar
- ✓ Meals based on Half Board Basis at the same hotels (except last day Dinner at Mirrisa) .
- ✓ Services of English-speaking Chauffeur guide

- ✓ Transport through an air-conditioned vehicle (A/C mini SUV Honda Vezel) from arrival till departure on private basis
- ✓ Meeting and Greetings at the airport
- ✓ Entrance Fees added to the below mentioned sites only.
 - Dambulla Temple
 - Minneriya National Park Entrance + Jeep
 - Sigiriya Rock Fortress
 - Village tour
 - Cultural Dance
 - Kandy Temple of the Tooth Relic
 - Peradeniya Botanical Garden
 - Horton Plains
 - Stilt Fishing
 - Turtle Fam
 - Whale Watching
 - Turtle Farm
 - Train ride
 - Ashok Vatia (Hakgala Gardens)

- **Value Added Services**

- ✓ Complementary - Highway and parking tickets
- ✓ Complementary - Water bottles in the vehicle – 2 bottles per day per person
- ✓ Driver accommodation and meals

- **Package Cost Excluded**

- ✓ Air Fare / Air Tickets
- ✓ Sri Lanka Visa
- ✓ **Lunch**
- ✓ Any Optional Tours cost not mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Meals other than specified in the meal plan.
- ✓ Early check ins & late check outs at the hotels
- ✓ Camera & video permits.
- ✓ Cost of beverages.
- ✓ Any expenses of a personal nature.
- ✓ Any other expenses not mentioned above.
- ✓ Tips & Portages.
- ✓ Any compulsory room supplements during the tour

- **Points to be noted**

- ✓ Standard international check-in time is between 1400 hours to and check out time is 1200 hours.
- ✓ Below 03 years children are on FOC Basis
- ✓ 12 and above 12 years child consider as an adult

- ✓ Early check-in is NOT guaranteed. If required we need to book one day in advance at an additional charge.
- ✓ If you have back problems, heart complaints and other serious medical conditions or pregnant or if you need wheel chair facilities you should inform us earlier do make your visit comfortable.
- ✓ Rates quoted are subject to verification at time of definite booking.
- ✓ Kindly note, no services are currently being held for this tour with any of the suppliers.
- ✓ Rooms and rates for the services will be subject to availability at the time of booking.



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