

# Program

## Day 01

Arrive to Sri Lanka and transfer to Dambulla. En route visit Munneshwaram temple & Manavery temple. Then proceed to Dambulla and rest at the hotel.

Overnight stay at hotel – Dambulla

### **Munishwaram Temple**

It is believed that Munishwaram predates the Ramayana and a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva was located here. Munishwaram means the first temple for Shiva (Munnu + Easwaran). A Shiva Lingam was already here when Lord Rama visited this place. Lord Rama after his victorious battle left for Ayodhya with Sita in one of King Ravana's Vimanas. He felt he was being followed by a Brahmaasthi Dosham (a malevolent black shadow) as he had killed King Ravana who was a Brahmin.



### **Manavari Temple**

When the Vimana was passing over Munishwaram, he felt the Vimana vibrating, and realized the Brahmaasti Dosham was not following him at this particular point. He stopped the Vimana at this juncture and asked god Lord Shiva for advice. Lord Shiva blessed Lord Rama and advised installing and praying at four lingams located at Manavari, Thiru Koneshwaram, Thiru Ketheshwaram and



Rameshwaram in India as the only remedy to get rid of the dosham. The first lingam was installed at Manavari about 5km from here, near the banks of the Deduru Oya. At the Manavari Temple Chilaw Manavari is the first lingam installed and prayed by Rama and till date this lingam is called as Ramalinga Shivan. Rameshwaram is the only other lingam in world named after Lord Rama.

## Day 02

After b-fast proceed to Jaffna and do a city in Jaffna.

Overnight stay at hotel – Jaffna

**Jaffna**, the main city of Jaffna district (until the year 1824, the district was called Waligama) of the Northern Province is located in the northernmost peninsula of Sri Lanka. The Jaffna district is one of the 25 districts organized into the nine provinces, an artificial creation of the Colonial British (1815-1948) for the purposes of administration of the Island of Sri Lanka, then called Ceylon.



## Day 03



After b-fast visit to Jaffna fort, Nallur temple, Ariyakula temple and Jaffna library.

Overnight stay at hotel – Jaffna

## Day 04

After b-fats proceed to Trincomalee and do a city tour in Trincomalee.

Overnight stay at hotel – Trincomalee

**Trincomalee** - Located on the east coast of the island .The city is built on a peninsula, which divides the inner and outer harbours. In the close vicinity of Trincomalee are some of the finest beaches of Sri Lanka, visit Tirukoneshwaram shrine .The construction time of Koneswaram temple has been estimated by comparison between carved reliefs on the temple's ruins, literature on the shrine and the inscriptions commonly used in royal charters from the 5th to 18th centuries. Koneswaram was likely founded before 400 BCE, another significant factor of the shrine is the **Shakthi peedam** (Shankari Amman Statue).



## Day 05

### **Trincomalee – Kandy**

After b-fast proceed to Kandy and do a city tour including temple of the Tooth Relic.

En route visit herbal garden.

In the evening you will witness the cultural dance show.

Overnight stay at hotel – Kandy.

**Temple of the tooth relic** - Sri Dalada Maligawa or the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a Buddhist temple in the city of 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 Buddha.

**Kandy** – Visit vinayagar Temple at Kandy, gem museum and do a Kandy city tour. Kandy is the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings which is a world heritage site. The name Kandy conjures visions of splendor and magnificence. Many of the legends, traditions and folklore are still lovingly kept alive. Drive around the Kandy lake built by the last Sinhala king Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1806, visit the Kandy town and bazaar, the arts and crafts center and a gem



museum and lapidary.

## Day 06

### **Kandy via Ramboda Nuwara Eliya**

After b- fast at the hotel proceed to Nuwara Eliya en route visit Ramboda hanuman temple & Ramboda water fall.

In the evening do a city tour in Nuwara Eliya including Sita amman temple.

Overnight stay at Hotel – Nuwara Eliya

**Hannuman Shrine ( Hanuman Gada )** - which was dedicated to lord Hanuman and its believed to be the place where Hanumman been landed in the country in search of Sitha , can observe a 18 foot high Hanumman statue.

**Nuwara eliya** - is a town in the central highlands of Sri Lanka with a picturesque landscape and temperate climate. It is located at an altitude of 1,868 m (6,128 ft) and is considered to be the most important location for Tea production in Sri Lanka. The town is overlooked by Pidurutalagala, the tallest mountain in Sri Lanka." The city was founded by Samuel Baker, the discoverer of Lake Albert and the explorer of the Nile in 1846. Nuwara Eliya's climate lent itself to becoming the prime sanctuary of the British civil servants and planters in Ceylon. Nuwara Eliya, called Little England. For a picturesque stroll, stop by the well-maintained Victoria Park

or head for Gregory's Lake, which is located just south of the town. You can also hire boats here also visit the international Golf and race courses and proceed to Sitha eliya witness the legendary **Sitha Amman temple** in the **Asoke Vathika** ( Ashoke forest ) and visit Gayathri amman temple also.



## Day 07

### Nuwara Eliya – Colombo

After b-fast proceed to Colombo and do a city tour including Panchamuga Ajanyear Temple.

Overnight stay at – Colombo

**Panchamuga Ajanyear Temple** - This is the first Anjaneyar Temple in Sri Lanka and also the only Panchamuga (five faced) Anjaneyar Temple in Sri Lanka. Its the only temple in the world to have a chariot for Ajanyear.

**Colombo** - the commercial and business center of Sri Lanka located on west coast. The city blends together with old colonial type building, high-rise commercial buildings and hotels. It is filled with shopping malls, airline offices bazaars and interesting tourist attractions. Some of the finest structures built during the colonial times still preserved in one part of the City. During the city tour visit BMICH, Colonial style Town hall,old parliament complex replica of Aukana Buddha statue, Galle face green, Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple ect later do a city shopping.



Day 08

**Colombo – APT**