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Program : Family Getaway Sri Lanka
Duration : 08 nights 09 days
Period : On request

Please ensure you have applied for visa via ETA website www.eta.gov.lk and hold the confirmation or reference number printed and with you at the time of arrival in CMB. If you are entering Sri Lanka twice you must have a dual or multiple travel authorization in hand enabling smooth handling at the immigration counters on arrival. Once you clear immigration, collect bags and come out to the arrival hall through the green channel, please meet your driver-guide and or welcome crew before spending time to exchange money at the airport bank counters. Please look for persons holding the name board at arrival hall to find out your driver-guide or crew. Should you encounter any difficulty you may call our 24/7 mobile hotline +94772447111 for any assistance required at airport, during the start of your tour or at any time. It's always good to discuss the tour on the first day with your driver-guide, guide or tour leader just to make sure that the final program you hold is the exact one which was finally confirmed to you/your group. (Above ETA information is for passengers arriving at CMB airport)

Day 01 **Airport – Negombo** **(15kms | 15min)**

Meet & welcome at CMB International airport and meet your local driver-guide to board private air-conditioned vehicle and start driving to Negombo. The drive will be only a short time where you can enjoy checking-in after a long flight so that you can enjoy some time at leisure after refreshing. (Normal check-in time 1400hrs).

Later during the day time in hand drive around Negombo town and village with some time to walk and explore the local bazaar area. Negombo is heavily populated by Roman Catholic people and you will an array of beautiful churches scattered around the village as well as Temples and Kovils.

Spend time at leisure walking along the popular 'Lewis Place' road where lots of pubs, restaurants, seafood joints which are colorfully illuminated and are active with loud music, bands, DJs etc towards the evening time with special offers like 'buy one and get one free'

Overnight in Negombo BB basis at a chosen category of hotel

Inclusions: Meet & welcome, Transport, Driver-guide and Hotel

Day 02 **Fish Auction- Pinnawela – Dambulla** **(180kms | 6-7hrs)**

With an early morning wake up (0500hrs) and some tea/coffee in room, you have the opportunity of a rare visits to the fish auction and market of Negombo. Here you will see fish in large quantities fresh from the ocean boats reaching one after the other to auction the harvest at the auction. The fish market on the other hand is where the local wholesale as well as village based seller's trade to the daily needs of the locals. It's a noisy, smelly but unique opportunity that you don't want to miss.

Return to hotel to refresh and enjoy breakfast 0700hrs and then by 0730hrs start driving through the scenic villages to Pinnawela. Arrive in Pinnawela and visit the famous Elephant Orphanage. Spend about 45min to 1hr in Pinnawela enjoying viewing the



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majestic beasts and see the baby Elephants being fed and later see the herd bath in the nearby stream.

Later drive through Rambukkana – Kurunegala and Dambulla where you will make a visit to the Golden Temple and caves of Dambulla, later reach your accommodation in Dambulla or Sigiriya area. The rest of the day will be at leisure.

Overnight in Dambulla or Sigiriya BB basis at a chosen category of hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Pinnawela, Dambulla (Free), Transport, Driver-guide and Hotel

Day 03

Minneriya National Park

(50kms | 4-5hrs)

Breakfast at hotel and then morning or afternoon depending on the conditions of the day drive to Minneriya area and visit the National Park in a 4x4 truck. Your driver-guide will consult the local jeep drivers and get the feedback whether it is good to go during the morning or evening where you will get more opportunity to spot wild Elephants and other animals. As elusive as they are spotting wild animals also comes with a bit of luck and in Minneriya your chances of spotting Elephants, Spotted and Sambar Deer, Monkeys, a Variety of Birds, bare good percentage of chances in this almost 8900 hectare Park where also is home for the Leopard.

(Optional) Few families like to couple up visiting the UNESCO world heritage ancient ruined city of Polonnaruwa this day morning or evening depending on your Minneriya schedule as it in the vicinity and holds significant array of ancient monuments.

Return to your accommodation and spend time at leisure.

Overnight in Dambulla or Sigiriya BB basis at a chosen category of hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Minneriya Park with jeep, Transport, Driver-guide and Hotel

Day 04

Matale-Kandy-Nuwara Eliya

(170kms | 6-7hrs)

Breakfast at hotel and then check-out and start a leisure drive to Nuwara Eliya via Matale and Kandy with ample stops and easygoing activities to keep you occupied throughout the journey.

Firstly we have avoided adding (Sigiriya) on to this program as it involves climbing and sometimes with small kids it's not the best activity. However if you are with kids who can handle a bit of climbing 8-11yrs visiting Sigiriya should not be missed. It is an UNESCO world heritage ancient monument site which has been tipped as the 8th wonder of the world.

Apart from the above our stops for the day will include firstly a spice garden in Matale. Here we stop and visit a spice grove where you will get an orientation of the varied spices, herbs and oils used in local cooking as well as beauty and therapy.



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Continuing our drive to Kandy and then short drive around the UNESCO world heritage protected Kandy's holy city and walking in the busy bazaar area for few minutes so that you can enjoy some bargaining time with the local vendors.

Later we drive through Peradeniya-Ramboda to Nuwara Eliya. We have avoided including the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya to your program as you will have other opportunities to visit a beautiful gardens on this tour however if you have about 1hr to spare you can stroll around the gardens and enjoy the landscaped beauty.

IN Ramboda we stop to view the scenic waterfalls and then drive and check-in at our hotel in Nuwara Eliya. The rest of the day free at leisure. With cool climates, and scenic surroundings your stay in the tea country will no doubt be a relaxing experience.

Overnight in Nuwara Eliya BB basis at a chosen category of hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Transport, Driver-guide and Hotel

Day 05

Sightseeing in Nuwara Eliya

(80kms | 4-5hrs)

Breakfast at hotel and then during the day sightseeing drive around the scenic tea mountains and town with strolls in the local market, fruit vendors and if you like to include in your program a drive and visit to the Hakgala Botanical Gardens which has significant history and relations to the famous epis of 'Ramayana' which is world famous specially amongst the Indian guests.

The days visits will also include a stroll in to a working Tea plantation to mingle with the workers, sample breaking the tea leaves will be no doubt a unique experience today. A Tea factory visit is followed to witness the 'plant to cup' process.

Rest of the day spent at leisure.

Overnight in Nuwara Eliya BB basis at a chosen category of hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Transport, Driver-guide and Hotel

Day 06

Kotagala – Kitulgala – Beach Resort

(200kms | 7-8hrs)

Breakfast at hotel and then check-out and drive through the scenic Talawakelle-Kotagala-Kitulgala route to you beach resort. On the way you have enough and more relaxing time and photo opportunities alongside scenic mountains, waterfalls and local village life and markets.

Continue to drive through the expressway and check-in at beach resort to spend time at leisure.

Overnight in Kalutara, Beruwala or Bentota BB basis at a chosen category of hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Transport, Driver-guide and Hotel



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Day 07 **Balapitiya and Kosgoda excursion** **(100kms | 5-6hrs)**

Breakfast at hotel and then half day excursion to encounter two highlights of the southern Sri Lanka coastal belt. Our first drive and stop will be to Balapitiya where you will enjoy a boat ride over the ecological marvel called Madhu Ganga. The one hour boat trip will take you across a backwater like set up with an array of mangroves, local villages, island which are inhabited by local farmers like Cinnamon growers etc.

Later return to drive back and stop in Kosgoda area to visit a Turtle Hatchery, where you can get an orientation and knowledge about the Turtle, their lifestyle and hatching process. You will also see different types of turtles kept in care at these hatcheries for care, study and exhibit purpose.

Later return to your hotel and spend time at leisure.

Overnight in Kalutara, Beruwala or Bentota BB basis at a chosen category of hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Boat ride 1hr, Turtle Hatchery, Transport, Driver-guide and Hotel

Day 08 **Leisure @ Beach** **(50kms | 5hrs)**

Breakfast at hotel and the rest of the no activities other than your own private leisure program. The vehicle will be available at your disposal during the day with some kilo meters inclusive for any runs close by.

Overnight in Kalutara, Beruwala or Bentota BB basis at a chosen category of hotel

Inclusions: Breakfast, Transport 50kms, Driver-guide and Hotel

Day 09 **Airport** **(95kms | 2hrs)**

Breakfast at hotel and then according to your flight times we leave the resort to airport in time for your flight back home or onward destination.

It is ideal you chose a flight that leaves CMB by evening time then we could leave your resort in the afternoon which will avoid you waking up early for traveling to airport. If early departures picnic breakfast boxes must/will be ordered on the previous day at the reception desk.

Inclusions: Breakfast, Transport 50kms, Driver-guide and Hotel

Please note many hotels in Sri Lanka do not have family rooms, so for families we book multiple of doubles and add an extra bed whenever requested and necessary. Rooms inter-connected which has a door in between for common entry are allocated as per availability on that day. Most rooms are allotted adjacent or next to each other for family groups. Selecting to book a suite will not help fit in more people as rooms have restrictions as to how many could be accommodated per room in all cases for safety reasons. **Kids are 1.99 to 11.99 years of age please**

Single = 01 adult
Double = 02 adults or 01 adult + 02 kids
Triple = 03 adults or 02 adults + 02 kids