



# 5-Day Scenic & Cultural Tour of Sri Lanka



*From Misty Hills to the Wild  
Jungles*



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# Day 01 – Arrival | Pinnawala | Kandy Cultural Evening

Overnight: Kandy



- **Airport Pickup:** Your guide will greet you at Bandaranaike International Airport with a warm Sri Lankan welcome. Begin your journey into the heart of the island.
- **Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage:** Witness the charm of rescued elephants at the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. Nestled along the Maha Oya River, watch herds bathe and play in the water — a moving experience that offers insight into Sri Lanka’s elephant conservation.
- **Drive to Kandy:** Enjoy a scenic journey through lush countryside and rolling hills toward the hill capital of Kandy.
- **Lunch En Route:** Savor authentic Sri Lankan cuisine at a local restaurant.



- **Kandy City Tour & Cultural Show:**  
In the evening, attend a vibrant **Kandyan cultural dance performance** featuring traditional drumming and firewalking.

- **Temple of the Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa):**  
Conclude your day with a visit to this sacred Buddhist temple — home to Sri Lanka's most revered relic: the tooth of Lord Buddha. The serene ambiance, white-walled shrines, and lotus-studded moat create an unforgettable spiritual experience.



# Day 02 – Botanical Gardens | Tea Country Charm

Overnight: Nuwara Eliya

- **Morning in Kandy:**

Stroll through the colonial-era city, explore the local market, and visit the serene Kandy Lake.

- **Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens:**

Just outside Kandy lies this 147-acre paradise filled with rare orchids, towering palms, and lush tropical flora. The gardens are a favorite among botanists and nature lovers alike.

- **Scenic Drive to Nuwara Eliya via Ramboda:**

Wind through misty mountains, green valleys, and cascading waterfalls. Stop at **Ramboda Falls**, one of the tallest and most scenic waterfalls in Sri Lanka — a perfect photo opportunity!



- **Lunch with a View:**  
Enjoy lunch overlooking tea gardens and waterfalls.
- **Tea Factory & Plantation Visit:**  
Visit a working tea factory to see how the world's finest Ceylon tea is made. Stroll through emerald-green tea plantations and try a fresh brew.
- **Arrival in Nuwara Eliya:**  
Known as “Little England,” Nuwara Eliya offers colonial charm, cool climate, and manicured gardens.



# Day 03 – Highlands Adventure | Train to Ella

Overnight: Ella

- **Morning Tour of Nuwara Eliya:**

Discover the quaint town, visit **Gregory Lake**, colonial architecture, and the local markets.

- **Optional: World's End (Horton Plains National Park):**

For adventurous guests, an early morning trek to **World's End** offers breathtaking cliff views dropping 4,000 feet into the plains below. (Optional depending on timing and weather)



- **Drop at Nanu Oya Railway Station:**  
Board the scenic train to Ella — **Sri Lanka's most iconic rail journey**. Travel across tea fields, forests, and rolling hills through tunnels and across bridges.
- **Arrival at Ella:**  
A bohemian hill town popular for its stunning views and relaxed vibe.
- **Visit Nine Arches Bridge:**  
Walk or ride a tuk-tuk to see the architectural marvel of the **Nine Arches Bridge**, nestled amidst dense jungle and tea plantations — best viewed at sunset with a passing train.



# Day 04 – Waterfalls & Wildlife

Overnight: Yala

- **Rawana Falls Visit:**

On the way out of Ella, stop at the dramatic **Rawana Falls**, cascading down a mountainside in multiple tiers.

- **Buduruwagala Rock Statues:**

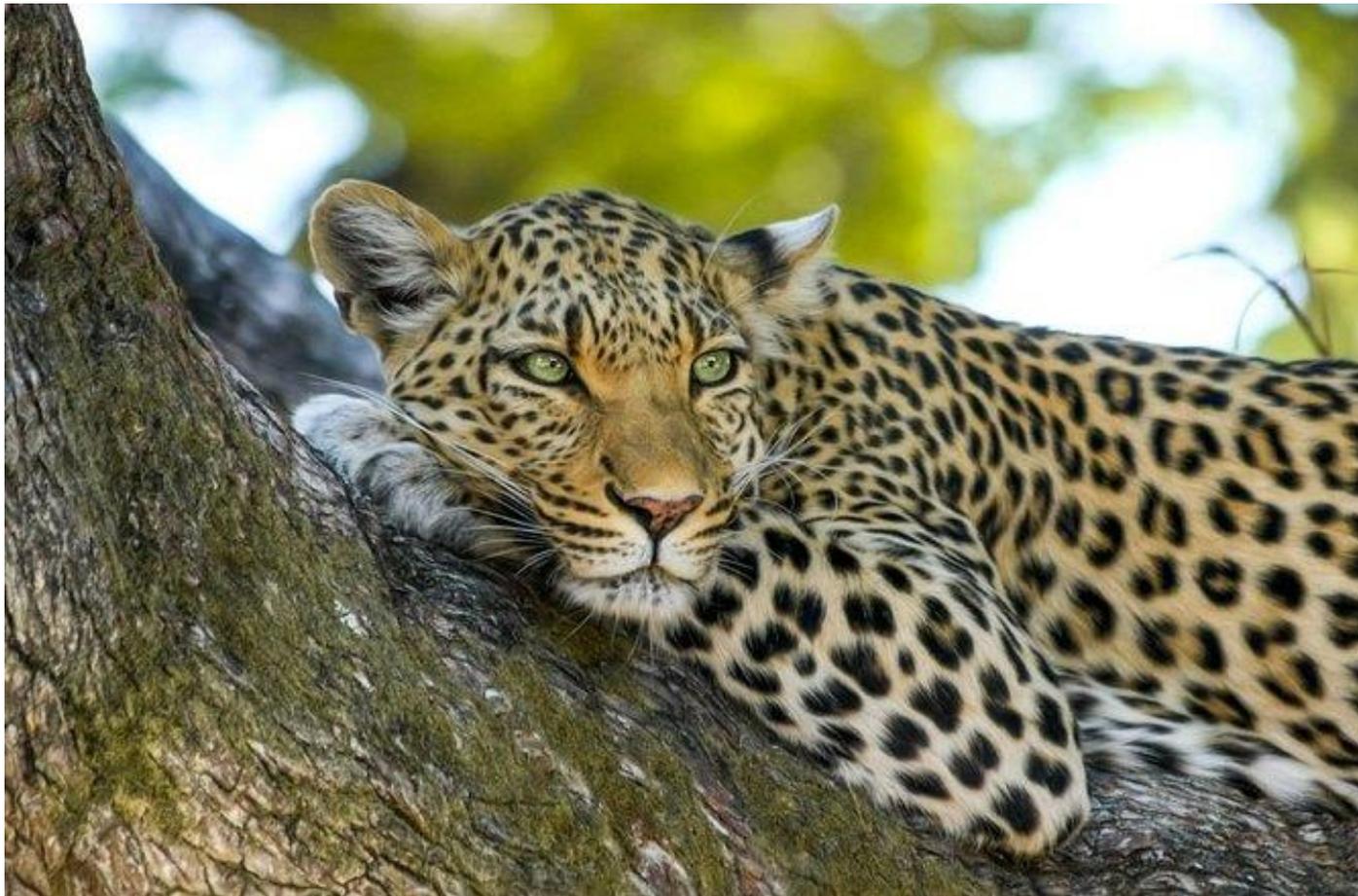
A hidden archaeological treasure, Buduruwagala features 1,000-year-old rock-cut Buddha statues set in a tranquil forest.

the tallest standing Buddha statue in Sri Lanka is found here.



- **Yala National Park Safari (Afternoon):**

Arrive at **Yala**, Sri Lanka's most famous wildlife reserve. Embark on a thrilling **afternoon jeep safari** through grasslands, lagoons, and forests to spot elephants, sloth bears, crocodiles, exotic birds, and the elusive **Sri Lankan leopard** — one of the highest leopard densities in the world.



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## Day 05 – Morning Safari | Return to Colombo / Airport

- **Early Morning Leopard Safari:**  
Wake early for a second safari drive to maximize your chances of spotting leopards in their natural habitat during the golden dawn hours.
- **Return Journey to Colombo / Airport Drop-off (Katunayake):**  
After breakfast, begin your scenic drive back, concluding your adventure-filled journey with lasting memories of Sri Lanka's culture, nature, and hospitality.



# Tour Highlights

- Elephant encounters at Pinnawala
- Sacred temples and traditional dance in Kandy
- Tea tasting and mountain views in Nuwara Eliya
- Scenic train ride through the hill country
- Iconic Nine Arches Bridge and Ella views
- Waterfalls, ancient carvings, and two Yala safaris

