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6 DAYS 5 NIGHTS SRI LANKA SERENDIBITY

DAY 01: AIRPORT - NEGOMBO/MARAWILA/CHILAW/COLOMBO (Meals: X/X/X)
Arrive in Sri Lanka. Meet and assist on arrival at Airport. Transfer to Negombo/Marawila/Chilaw/Colombo,
Overnight Stay at A HOTEL

DAY 02: NEGOMBO - MAWANELLA - KANDY (Meals: B/L/D)

TRAVEL & TOURS

Breakfast at Hotel. Proceed to Kandy, Lunch at a Restaurant. Visit a *Spice Garden in Mawanella to see the different spices, which Sri Lanka is famous for. You will be introduced to different spices and shown how some of these spices are grown and processed. Sightseeing in *Kandy, including Upper Lake Drive, Market Crafts Centre, Gem Museum. Kandy the hill capital, venue of the annual Perahera The last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings was finally ceded to the British in 1815. Visit *Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic - ever since 4th Century A.D, when the Buddha's Tooth was brought to Sri Lanka hidden from sacrilegious hands in an Orissan princess' hair, the Relic has grown in repute and holiness in Sri Lanka and throughout the Buddhist world. It is considered Sri Lanka's most prized possession. By the night experience a colourful show where you will be taken to mind blowing Sri Lankan culture extravaganza... Get ready for Heavy drumbeat and acrobatic act. Transfer to Hotel. Dinner & Overnight Stay at A HOTEL

DAY 03: KANDY - NUWARA ELIYA (Meals: B/L/D)

Breakfast at Hotel. Proceed to Nuwara Eliya, visit *Sri Baktha Hanuman temple at Ramboda. On these hills of Ramboda where Hanuman was searching for Sitadevi, Chinmaya mission of Sri Lanka built a temple with Hanuman as the presiding deity. On every full moon day special pooja's are conducted and witnessed by thousands of devotees. This temple is called Sri Baktha Hanuman temple. The image of Lord Hanuman here is 16 feet. Visit *Seetha Amman temple the stream that runs from the hill, catered to the needs of Sitadevi during her stay at Ashok Vatika. She is said to have bathed in this stream. About a century ago of three idols was discovered in the stream, one of which was that of Sita. It is believed that the idols have been worshipped at this spot for centuries. Now there is temple for Lord Rama, Sitadevi, Luxshmana, and Hanuman by the side of this stream. It is interesting to note that foot prints akin to Lord Hanuman's are found by this river and some are of small size and some are of large size, which tells us of the immense powers of hanuman transforming himself into any size. Lunch at a Restaurant. Stop at a *Tea experience, which involves a visit a plantation to observe firsthand the process, starting from the plucking field where it all begins with the picking of "two leaves and a bud" to the factory where the processing begins. Originally introduced to the island around 1850 by the British, Ceylon Tea is world famous for its high quality and has remained a major contributor to the island's economy for generations. Currently, Sri Lanka is one of largest exporter of tea worldwide. Sightseeing in *Nuwara Eliya the 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, is set against beautiful backdrops of Mountains, Valleys, Waterfalls and Tea Plantations. It is supposed to be one of the coolest places in the Island, but it is really just like an English spring day, although the temperature does drop at night. All around Nuwara Eliya you will see evidence of the British influence, houses like country cottages or Queen Ann style mansions. The Victoria Park, in the middle of the town, is a lovely place for a stroll or a picnic and is also good for Birding as you get some rare birds in this Park. Visit *Lake Gregory is one of the significant tourist attractions in Nuwara Eliya. With recent up liftmen in Nuwara Eliya area many recreation facilities introduced around the Gregory lake area. You can buy a ticket and visit the Lake Park and enjoy your evening by the lake. Need a boat ride.... They are there

for you to offer a ride to get an unforgettable experience. Swan Boats are there to hire if you need a ride on your own. Transfer to Hotel. **Dinner & Overnight Stay at A HOTEL**

DAY 04: NUWARA ELIYA - KATARAGAMA (Meals: B/L/D)

Breakfast at Hotel. Proceed to Kataragama, visit *Rawana Ella Cave is in the huge Ella Rock. In addition, Hanuman is said to have climbed up Ella Rock, in order to find Seetha in the cave. Seetha lived in this Cave for some time. It is said that Shiran Deraniyagala excavated this cave and found some pre historic fossils. Lunch at a Restaurant. Visit *Kataragama a popular pilgrimage destination frequented by adherents of all religions in Sri Lanka. The main shrine devoted to Skanda popularly described in eulogies as God having six faces and twelve arms whose assistance is sought for worldly gain. The history of the shrine dates back to 2 century BC. The annual procession held in July or August is the main event of the shrine with fire walkers and Kawadi dancers. Offering to the got are made at 4.30am 10.30am and 6.30pm daily. Transfer to Hotel. Dinner & Overnight Stay at A HOTEL

DAY 05: KATARAGAMA – GALLE (Meals: B/L/D)

Breakfast at Hotel (Optional - US\$ 30/- per person) - Jeep Safari at *Yala National Park with a total protected area of 126,768 hectares, Yala consists of scrub plains, lagoons and rocky sections and offers the broadest crosssection of the country's flora and fauna. In terms of game-viewing this is probably the best place to see all of the 'big three': elephant, leopard and water buffalo. It is estimated that Yala is home to about 35 Leopard making it one of the world's densest leopard populations. Countless other animals including sloth bear, deer, wild boar, crocodiles, monkeys and numerous species of birds can also be seen. Proceed to Galle, Lunch at a Restaurant. En-route visit one of the most iconic scenes you're bound to see in **Sri Lanka** is **stilt fishing**. An **old tradition** around Sri Lanka, stilt fishing had disappeared after the devastating tsunami that hit the country and other parts of the Indian Ocean, but soon the people returned to their customs, and now you can spot them sitting on their uncomfortable stilts, hoping to catch something. Visit *Galle Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, originally built by the Portuguese and then further developed by the Dutch and the British, covers nearly four sq kms, and is protected by 12 bastions and connecting ramparts. During the early 18th century the Old Dutch Gate was the entrance point to the Fort. Subsequently the British built the Main Gate which is still used today. Buildings of interest include the Dutch Reformed Church, All Saints Church, Amangalla Hotel (formerly the New Oriental Hotel), and the lighthouse and bell tower. The Dutch also developed what was then an innovative tidebased sewage-system within the Fort. A maze of narrow roads lined with small houses and shops with Dutch names still remain. Transfer to Hotel Dinner & Overnight Stay at A HOTEL

DAY 06: GALLE - COLOMBO - AIRPORT (Meals: B/L/X)

Breakfast at Hotel. Proceed to Colombo, City tour of *Colombo a drive through the city taking you to the busy commercial areas as well as the tree lined residential, Cinnamon Gardens, Visit Fort, the former British administrative centre and military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmiths quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area, where is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. Also visit the BMICH, see the replica of Avukana Buddha & the Independence Square. Visit to Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple in Dehiwala the only Temple in the world to have a chariot for Anjaneyar. Hanuman's mother is Anjan. Hanuman is known as Anjan + Aiyar = Anjaneyar in South India (Hanuman in North India). Lunch at Restaurant, Start *Shopping in Colombo, Visit ODEL, House of Fashion, Arcade Independence square, Race Course, and Beverly Street, visit bargain market in Colombo Pettah. Later transfer to the Airport for the departure flight back.

PACKAGE INCLUDES:-

- Accommodation in hotels specified or similar.
- Meals on Full Board Basis, commencing with Breakfast on Day 02 or Lunch on Day 01 & ending with Lunch or Breakfast on Last Day.
- Transportation in PRIVATE A/C Vehicle as specified
- Service of English Speaking Chauffer or National Guide.
- Entrance fees to the all the above mentioned place.
- All the government taxes.

PACKAGE EXCLUDES:-

- Tips & Porter age
- Visa Charges
- Optional Tours
- Air Ticket / Taxes