

Whistle stop tour of Sri Lanka (1 night/2 days) – Colombo – Kandy - Negombo

Travel from Colombo to Kandy (4 hours)

Day 1

9.00 am: travel to Pinnawella Elephant Orphanage to watch the Elephant bathing



Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage is an orphanage, nursery and captive breeding ground for wild Asian elephants located at Pinnawala village, 13 km (8.1 mi) northeast of Kegalle town in Sabaragamuwa Province of Sri Lanka. Pinnawala has the largest herd of captive elephants in the world. In 2011, there were 10965 elephants, including 4643 males and 968 females from 3 generations, living in Pinnawala.^[1] The orphanage was founded to care and protect the many orphaned unweaned wild elephants

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Check-in to a Kandy Hotel: Earls Regency or similar (HB: dinner and breakfast provided)



5.00 pm: Visit **Sri Dalada Maligawa** or the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a Buddhist temple



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 the Buddha. Since ancient times, the relic has played an important role in local politics because it is believed that whoever holds the relic holds the governance of the country. Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings and is a World Heritage Site mainly due to the temple.

Entry fee: USD \$10 pp approx. **The Sri Dalada Maligawa has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.**

Day 2



Check out at the hotel around 10.00 am.

travel to the old Hantane Tea Factory (which is now turned in to the Tea museum (30 mins drive) - <http://www.ceylonteamuseum.com/>

12.00 noon – travel to Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya (30 mins drive). Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens, the finest of its kind in Asia, the largest of the botanical gardens of Sri Lanka.



2.00 pm – travel to Negombo via Kadugannawa



National railway of Sri Lanka, located in Kadugannawa. The railway museum is owned by Sri Lanka Railways. The museum was opened on 27 December 2014 in order to commemorate the 150th anniversary of railway service in Sri Lanka.

Arrive at Goldi Sands around 5.30 pm/R&R and dinner and depart to hotel around 9.00 pm.

Cost- 1 nights/2 days package – from NZ \$500 pp, twin share, includes transport, hotel accommodation (breakfast and dinner).

Exclusions:

Entry fee to the historical sights and Elephant orphanage

Transport from the hotel to the airport (20 mins drive).

