TRAVEL ITINERARY

Day 1 (Airport - Chilaw - Anuradhapura)

- Meet and assist on arrival at Airport the by Aitken Spence Travels Representative
- Transfer from the Airport to Anuradhapura via Chilaw
- Visit Munneswaram Hindu Temple and Manavari Hindu Temple Chilaw
- Ramayana tour place
- Overnight stay in a hotel in Anuradhapura

Day 2 (Anuradhapura - Trincomalee)

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Transfer from Anuradhapura to Trincomalee
- Visit Hot water Spring Wells, Thirukoneswaram temple, and Shankari Devi Temple
- Overnight stay in a hotel in Trincomalee

Day 3 (Trincomalee - Kandy)

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Transfer from Trincomalee to Kandy
- En-route visit Matale Spice Garden
- Proceed to Kandy
- City tour of Kandy: Visit Temple of the Tooth Relic and Royal Botanical Garden
- Overnight stay in a hotel in Kandy

Day 4 (Kandy - Tea Plantation - Hakagala - Nuwara Eliya)

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Transfer from Kandy to Tea Plantation
- En-route visit to Ramboda: Visit Sri Bhaktha Hanuman Temple and Askoka Vatika
- (converted as Hakgala Botanical Gardens)
- Proceed to Nuwara Eliya
- City tour of Nuwara Eliya
- Overnight stay in a hotel in Nuwara Eliya

Day 5 (Nuwara Eliya - Ella - Kataragama)

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Transfer from Nuwara Eliya to Kataragama
- Visit Sita Amman Temple
- Transfer to Kataragama
- En-route visit Divurumpola Buddhist Temple, Ravana Water Falls, and Ravana Caves (not accessible for senior citizens)
- Proceed to Kataragama
- Overnight stay in a hotel in Kataragama

Day 6 (Kataragama - Galle - Colombo)

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Visit Kataragama Temple
- Transfer to Galle
- Visit Rumassala Sanjeevani Mountain and Galle Fort (UNESCO World Heritage)
- Transfer to Colombo
- Visit Kelaniya Buddhist Temple (Vibhishana Temple Kelaniya)
- Overnight stay in a hotel in Colombo

Day 7 (Depart Colombo)

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Visit Panchamuga Anganeyar Temple

- City tour of Colombo

- Transfer from Colombo to Airport (for departure)

ATTRACTIONS

Munneswaram Temple: Munneswaram Temple is the place where King Rama prayed to Shiva after committing the worst crime named Brahmahasti. God Shiva blessed Lord Rama and advised him to install and pray four lingams at 5 places to get rid of dosham. One of the important Ramayana tour sites in Sri Lanka

<u>Manavari Temple:</u> Manavari Temple is the first place where Lord Rama installed and prayed the Siva lingam. At present this lingam at Manavari temple is named Ramalingam as this lingam was erected by Rama. Both Munneswaram Temple and Manavari Temples are very important

Thirukoneswaram Kovil: Trincomalee is believed to be built by sage Agasthyar as per the instructions of Lord Shiva who was impressed by the devotion of King Ravana. This place has the uniqueness of the lord building a temple for his devotee as a reward for his devotion.

<u>Kandy:</u> An exotic city, the Hill Capital and last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site encircled by hills, with a tranquil lake in its center

Botanical Garden: First developed as a pleasure garden under royalty and later harmonized by the British, the Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya. Today bundled with the most welcoming facilities located just 4 miles off Kandy. A flourishing national asset in the Wonder of Asia. Walk into this 147-acre bliss of an experience, passing well-tended lawns, pavilions, and an octagon conservatory to be greeted by the vast expanse of a magnificently landscaped lush green turf which will encourage you for an exhilarating break. Towards the north of the entrance rests a cafeteria that one might come across before stepping into some of the highlights: the orchid house and giant Javan fig tree, of this place overflow in grace.

<u>Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple:</u> On the hills of Ramboda where Hanuman was searching for Sita, the Chinmaya Mission of Sri Lanka built the Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple which is visited by thousands of devotees every year.

Hakgala Botanical Gardens: This is the exotic pleasure garden where King Ravana kept the depressed Sita, insisting that she marries him. It was here where the heartwarming meeting took place between her and Hanuman, who brought her Rama's ring with the news that Rama was looking for her. He offered to carry her back but she refused to say it would be an insult to Rama's honor if she did so. Part of this majestic garden still exists. It is also said that Hanuman nearly destroyed it in order to prove to Ravana the forces against him.

Nuwara Eliya: Misty steep roads, twisting through lush green blankets of tea bushes in a cool climate, remind visitors that they are within the range of the renowned British colonial retreat, Nuwara Eliya. Augmented by an English countryside atmosphere, the city of light, once governed by English and Scottish planters is still studded with colonial bungalows, hedgerows, and one of the finest 18-hole golf courses in the world. A hike through the green grass and red-brick walls should present breathtaking views of a buzzing countryside hamlet. Drive through green valleys of the hill country pierced by endless waterfalls and dotted by tea pluckers draped in bright-colored saris. Or rent a bike for a gentle ride along the banks splashed by the waters of Lake Gregory.

<u>Sita Amman Temple:</u> The only Hindu Temple dedicated to Princess Sita in Sri Lanka. Believed that Sita Devi was kept captive at this site by King Ravan.

Divurumpola Temple: The place where Sita underwent the famous fire ordeal Agni Pariksha in order to prove her chastity to God Rama after being rescued by him where she came unscathed and proved her innocence and purity. One of the important Ramayana yatra Sri Lanka-related site.

Rumassala Sanjeevani Mountain: This abnormal geographical piece is believed to be fallen down when Hanuman carried the Dronagiri on his flight back to Lanka Pura in order to use lifesaving Sanjeevani herbs there, to rescue Lakshmana and Rama who were in need of this medical plant to be treated after suffering severe injuries at their war.

Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple: First Anjaneyar Temple in Sri Lanka dedicated to Lord Hanuman in his Panchamuga form, meaning five faces Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple in Colombo is one of the important Ramayana-related Hindu Temple in Colombo.