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Sri Lanka – The Small Miracle

You will know that you have come to your destination when the air becomes sweet with the fragrance of the cinnamon and the sky reveals before you as the most beautiful of the oceans. You don't know what small miracle is waiting in this island of opportunities.

Sri Lanka is a country for discovering across the interaction with their people. With a history of more than two thousand years, Sinhalese people have support patiently and with wisdom all the vicissitudes that the destiny has presented without losing his own identity and traditions.

The Island of the Gems hangs as a brilliant emerald, although the diamonds are in his rivers and the pearls in his valleys.

Sri Lanka is a country of constant smiles, maybe due to the performance that surround its daily life: fisherman in stilts along the south coast, young couples walking around of the walls of the Dutch fort of the 17th century, children tasting a hot curry, exuberant whirlpools of the Sinhalese alphabet, the Buddhists multicolored flags, captivating sunsets in the beaches, fruits and spices that show themselves on the markets and the kaleidoscope of saris. For the traveler, it's a festival without end.



Location:

The island of Sri Lanka is situated in the Indian Ocean, close to the southern tip of Indian, to the southwest of the Bay of Bengal. It is separated from the Indian subcontinent by the Gulf of Mannar and the Palk Strait. The island is 700 km distance approximately from the Maldivian islands. According to Hindu mythology, a land bridge linked the Indian mainland, known as Rama's Bridge, was constructed during the time of Rama by the vanara architect Nala. Because of its location and importance the island, had been known by various names in the past such as "Pearl of the Indian Ocean", "Serendib", "Taprobane" "Sea Land" & "Ceylon". In 1972 the traditional name "Sri Lanka" came into use.

Geography:

6 - 10 North Latitude
80 - 82 East Latitude
Maximum Length - 432 Km
Maximum Breadth - 224 Km
Land Area - 65,610 Sq. Km

Climate:

Sri Lanka is situated about 6° north of the equator. Therefore its tropical temperature varies around 26 °C – 32 °C at sea level and

in the central hills it ranges from 9 °C – 22 °C through the year. Rain falls are experienced during two monsoons: south-west



monsoon which begins from May to September and the north-east monsoon from December to February. Atmosphere is fresher by the currents of Indian ocean, and one can travel to Sri Lanka throughout all year, without any problem, but the best season is between November and April, with a beautiful blue sky and calm enough sea.

Population:

The population of the country is about 20 million, having the capital city Colombo and adjoining western region house the highest density.

Ethnic Consistency:

The multi-ethnic Sri Lankan society consists of Sinhalese who account for more than 83% of the population, Tamils with more than 8% of the share, and other minority clans including Muslims, Burghers and Vedda.

The ethnic heritage of Sri Lankan people is characterized

by two main aspects - language and religion. The Buddhism is followed by the majority while Tamils are predominantly Hindu's (7,1 %), and Christians (6,2 %), Muslims (7,6 %), are practiced by the others.

Languages:

Sinhala & Tamil are the official and national language. Sinhala is an Indo-Arya language which is derived from an ancient language called "Sanskrit". English is called a link language and is spoken widely throughout the country except the most rural areas.

Time:

Sri Lanka's standard time is +5.30 hours from Greenwich Mean Time.

Business & Trade:

Sri Lanka had been known as a hot-spot in business & trade of South East Asia from the past. In the early days spices & gems were sold mainly. Chronicles say that for Julius Caesar's army, elephants were taken from here. Today the main exports are tea, rubber spices, gems & jewelries and garments.

Culture & Tradition:

Many historic inherited traditions are still followed by the locals up to this date. Holidays and festivals in Sri Lanka are an essential part of culture. The Sinhalese and Hindus celebrate their new year in mid-April. On the full moon day of every month, the Buddhists spiritually observe a Poya Day.

Kandyan tradition is one such dominant tradition which is still alive in all its glory. Every July or August, thousands of Sri Lankans travel to the hill city of Kandy to watch dancers, acrobats, drummers, whip crackers, flame throwers and more than 100 elegantly decorated elephants parade through the streets during Esala Perahera. This is a 10-day festival in honor of to the country's most prized possession, the Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha.

Gastronomy:

Due to its proximity to South India, the cuisine of Sri Lanka shows some influence, yet is in many ways quite distinct.

If hot and spicy flavors get your appetite roaring, Sri Lanka is the place to be. The Sri Lankan staple dish is rice with curry, which could be made with vegetables, meat or fish. Most signature dishes of the island are concocted using coconut milk as a base, which makes the consistency richer and bestows that characteristic flavor.

Sri Lanka's tea plantations are not only a bewitching spectacle, but also amongst the top producers of tea in the world. Some local alcoholic brews are Toddy and Arrack made from palm fruit.



A word of caution to the uninitiated: "sambols" are fiendishly hot and could leave you with a red face.

Sri Lanka has long been renowned for its spices. In the 15th and 16th centuries, traders from all over the world came in search of fragrant and aromatic cardamoms, cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon.

Adaptors:

Sri Lanka uses a range of sockets, so your full range of travel adaptors may come in useful.

Passports & Visas:

Visitors must apply for the Electronic Travel Authorization via www.eta.gov.lk established in the Department of Immigration and Emigration.

This beautiful land is blessed with a slew of sites, which have immense historical and archaeological significance. As declared by UNESCO

01 .Sigiriya Lions Rock

Sigiriya may have been inhabited through prehistoric times. It was used as a rock-shelter mountain monastery from about the 5th century BC, with caves prepared and donated by devotees of the Buddhist Sangha. According to the chronicles as *Mahavamsa* the entire complex was built by King Kashyapa (477 – 495 CE), and after the king's death, it was used as a Buddhist monastery until 14th century.



02. Anuradhapura Ancient Kingdom

From the 4th century BC, it was the capital of Sri Lanka until the beginning of the 11th century AD. During this period it remained one of the most stable and durable centers of political power and urban life in South Asia. The ancient city, considered sacred to the Buddhist world, is today surrounded by monasteries covering an area of over sixteen square miles (40 km²).



03. Polonnaruwa Ancient Kingdom

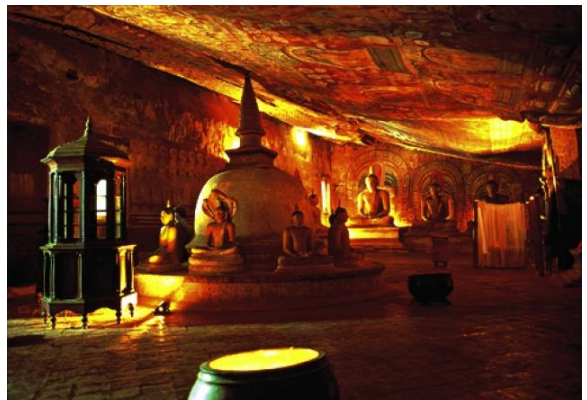
The second most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms, Polonnaruwa was first declared the capital city by King Vijayabahu I, who defeated the Chola invaders in 1070 to reunite the country once more under a local leader.

04. Dambulla Cave Temple

Major attractions of the area include the largest and best preserved cave temple complex of Sri Lanka

05. Kandy Ancient Kingdom

It was the last capital of the ancient kings' era of Sri Lanka. The city lies in the midst of hills in the Kandy plateau, which crosses an area of tropical plantations, mainly tea. Kandy is one of the most scenic cities in Sri Lanka; it is both an administrative and religious city. It is also the capital of the Central Province. Kandy is the home of The Temple of the Tooth Relic (*Sri DaladaMaligawa*), one of the most venerable places for the Buddhist community of Sri Lanka and all around the world.



06. Galle Fortress

in the Bay of Galle on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka, was built first in 1588 by the Portuguese, then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century from 1649 onwards. It is a historical, archaeological and architectural heritage monument, which even after more than 423 years maintains a polished appearance, due to extensive reconstruction work done by Archaeological Department of Sri Lanka.

07. Sinharaja Rain Forest

The hilly virgin rainforest, part of the Sri Lanka lowland rain forests Eco region, was saved from the worst of commercial logging by its inaccessibility, and was designated a World Biosphere Reserve in 1978 and a World Heritage Site in 1988. The reserve's name translates as *Kingdom of the Lion*.



Introduction of Autumn Lanka Travels (Pvt) Ltd

AUTUMN LANKA TRAVELS's magic is firm belief in what we do, that with every experience believes itself a new life inside the own.

Being a cosmopolitan agency we offer a personalized attention in several languages to all kinds of travelers. Our purpose is the client who gives to us the opportunity to serve and to make known the reality of Sri Lanka.

Our philosophical values are transparency, respect, formality and responsibility. Our stimulus is your enthusiasm. Our motto is your satisfaction. Our incentive is that another way of travelling is possible.

We see our potential not just to react to those changes, but to anticipate them.

Be aware of the trip, of the internal emotions and its beauty, because any step along Sri Lanka is a life inside the own.

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Our Vision:

AUTUMN LANKA TRAVELS offer a new perspective where the different cultures live in harmony, as happens in this island.

We look beyond the horizon to become the agency and our clients' best partner providing them innovative receptive tourism solutions, guaranteeing top quality services that commit to sustainable tourism.



Our Mission:

We feel the level of personalized service in our industry, as in others, has given way to focusing on profits. Our approach focuses on the needs of the clients, keeping their best interests in mind. Using our strengths, we deliver value to our customers by offering quality, innovative and value for money products and services.

To provide social and environmentally responsible incoming tourism solutions in Sri Lanka, satisfying the desires of our clients, exceeding their expectations and turning their trip into a memorable experience.

We are proud to serve our customers with tailor-made solutions, stimulate and supports economic activities that are sustainable, socially responsible and environmentally sound.

We are committed to making a positive impact upon the lives of people, communities and the environment around the World.

We are on hand to help you 365 days of the year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Our Core Values:

Passionate - We have that passion and take pride in what we do and challenge ourselves every day.

Respect - We work together with our partners with respect and integrity to develop and maintain long lasting and mutually beneficial working relationships.

Environment - We will operate responsibly to minimize negative and enhance positive environmental, social and economic impact ensuring the long term sustainability of our business and the resources on which we depend.

Service - We provide our customers with personal attention, quality work and maximum value. We believe in the meaning of the words and show it by conducting business in the utmost professional manner.

Innovation - We encourage thinking beyond conventional wisdom.

Teamwork - We work together to produce extraordinary results. We want our organization to be a pleasant place for associates to work. This makes it easier to treat the client in a courteous manner, with a friendly smile on our face and in our voice.

Honesty and Integrity - We believe interactions with our customers, partners and employees must always be open, fair and honest. The needs of our clients and associates will be kept as a first priority.

We are professional in

Round tours

Designed packages for the discerning traveler since the most exquisite and untouched areas of Sri Lanka. As a result of our long experience, we will arrange your desires at a great affordable price.

Excursions

Incredible golden beaches, ancient cities, monuments, natural parks, coloring festivals, beautiful waterfalls and millenary temples. You will become immersed in the spirit and greatness of the Sri Lanka from the moment you step off the plane as the sun begins to set in exploding ray of colour above the expanse of the sky.

Also we fulfill your dreams of enjoying on white sand Islands in Maldives.

Hotel Accommodation

With a wealth of information on Sri Lankan resort (ranging from budget accommodation to luxury resorts and boutique hotels), culture, tours, events, attractions & culinary delights, your Sri Lankan travel experience begins here with Autumn Lanka.

Transportation

We make sure that your comfort & safe with our luxury and highest quality vehicle fleet. All our Guides / Chaffers are well Knowledgeable, Experienced and Polite and they always ready to fulfill your transport requirement as you wish.

All of our client's will be covered under Passenger vehicle insurance.



We have Latest type of Cars, Micro Vans, and Mini Buses & Coaches in our fleet for the ground transport. Also we arrange the Sea Planes, Helicopters to explore this amazing Island from a bird point of view taking in azure skies, emerald green paddy field, sleepy hamlets and misty mountains.

Nature & Adventures

Sri Lanka, although it is small island, is gifted with many wildlife attractions in National Parks and rain forest. We create safaris, exciting tours and daring itineraries for everyone, from families, groups, single and couples.

Big adventures through immense landscapes. These journeys take you to experience the sights and sounds of remote regions. They cover a range of interests and are filled with fun, diversity and new experiences.

Wild Life Safari

Bring a camera with a good zoom lens; be quiet and keep your eyes open.

Get wild on these adventures. Head back to nature and search out native wildlife. With luck you'll be face to face with some of the world's most amazing creatures. Sri Lanka has an enviable record of animal conservation, the Big Five are: the leopard, sloth bear, elephant, sperm whale and blue whale. But there are many other species such as crocodiles, wild boar, various truths of deer, monkeys and more than 400 birds of the truths that are over 200 resident and 26 are endemic.

This adventure really does have it all for the lovers of adventure and wildlife. These ranges from Safari Parks with family-friendly easy-viewing jeep tours, to the strict natural reserves, e.g. Sinharaja rainforest, open only to specialist visitors.



Trekking

From the moment you arrive, you will be blown away by the natural beauty of Sri Lanka. For the keen hiker, there is a plethora of opportunities waiting in Sri Lanka's diverse and luscious hill country. The beautiful area of Belihuloya, located in the hill country of Sri Lanka, provides a superb base from which to try out a wide variety of hiking and trekking tours through jungle, across paddy fields and up mountains. The river and numerous waterfalls in Sri Lanka are another key attraction that allows hikers and trekkers to enjoy a refreshing dip en-route!



Whale Watching

Sri Lanka is becoming a major spot for watching Whales and Dolphins. Sri Lanka is situated within international whaling commission's protected zone in Indian Ocean. West coast in locations from Alankuda beach in Kalpitiya, Mirissa or Dondra Point of down south, east coast of Trincomalee in Sri Lanka is the main ports of Whale and Dolphin watching in Sri Lanka. Whale and dolphin sightings are additionally available in the western coastal cities of Alutgama, Ambalangoda and Hikkaduwa. A high concentration of blue whales and sperm whales has been spotted in the seas off Dondra Head along the deep south coast of Sri Lanka during the months of January to April. Alankuda beach in Kalpitiya is the best places if you are interested in seeing dolphins. During November to March is the best season to go Dolphin Watching off Kalpitiya. Whale and Dolphin watching is also possible during June to September off the eastern shores such as



Trincomalee.



Camping

At Autumn Lanka we believe that the best way to experience the nature is right in the heart of it! The concept of fully movable camping means that we can offer exactly that, taking our guests to locations of Sri Lanka that are simply inaccessible to the usual hotel crowd.

What about the hidden jungles, the wildlife, jungle trails, hikes, mountain climbs, unexplored or undeveloped ancient cultural sites, adventure, village cultures, agriculture so on and so forth? These are the real beauty of Sri Lanka. It is obvious, that to experience all these and more, the tourist has to veer away from the normal route or go off the road. That is where you will know freedom.

Air Balloon Safari

Imagine floating in air, feeling completely weightless and gliding through the atmosphere putting all your cares into perspective. With barely a wisp of a breeze to touch your skin, balloon rides are one way of finding yourself at one with nature and seeing the world from a bird's eye view. Floating at heights of 500 to 2000 feet on average, this feeling of peace and tranquility is apparent from the extent of sighs & smiles as the earth seems to slowly descend & rotate below you whilst the views rapidly expand. After the excitement of the takeoff (and its preparations with the inflation of the balloon), within moments you are at ease & in awe of the lofty spectacle while you effortlessly drift over the treetops, wildlife, lakes & rivers, cultural sites, local urban homesteads & landmarks like Sigiriya Rock.



Bird Watching



It's operated by bird lovers for bird lovers!

Sri Lanka 's abundant bird-life makes the island a true Ornithologist's paradise, especially around the bird sanctuaries and wetland reserves in the south east of the island. The amazing abundance of over 400 varieties of birds in Sri Lanka is attributable to the tropical Climate and wide range of natural habitats, from mountains to lowlands to dry plains and lush forests. On a point of academic argument, there are 33 endemic species.

We at Autumn Lanka have carefully planned every birding tour to maximize our birding success by visiting as many habitats, altitudinal zones, and local lesser known hideouts as possible while still maintaining a reasonable tour pace

Activities

A truly incomparable and authentic experience not to be missed! We have an endless of activities won't let you indifferent. As Marco Polo once said, truly a land like no other.

Diving

Welcome to beautiful paradise island with hundreds of fabulous dive sites in this aquatic showcase of underwater life. Sri Lanka offers world-class Scuba-Diving and Snorkeling tours. Come dive in this beautiful atmosphere to swim through magnificently colorful coral reefs, with any of marine life forms around island, to submerge with tropical fish, turtles, dolphins. Explore fascinating ship wrecks dating back to the colonial era and the Second World War. Here you'll find everything. Around coral

reefs under sea caves & rock formations there are many surprises along the way.

Discover one of the most attractive destinations for divers, there's also fun in finding underwater life of the island. Sri Lanka is filled with history, mystery and beauty. When you're done, head up to the surface and stretch out under the palm trees.

From east to west and from north to south. Ask us and we can advise you on which area is best to dive in different months of the year.



Wind Surfing



Sri Lanka is one of the main surfing destinations within the Indian Ocean; high quality waves all year, wild landscape and its endless beaches uncrowded easy access are some of the assets of the coast for the practice high quality surf.

Since the early 60s in Sri Lanka attracts surfers from around the world. The best surf points in Sri Lanka are located on the south and east coast with Hikkaduwa and Arugam Bay but there are many "secret spots". Depending on the time of year you visit the country,

we will recommend the surfing area that suits you. The beaches are not just for sunbathing on, as any surfer will tell you.

Turtle Watching

There are seven species of sea turtles worldwide. And five out of the seven species of Turtles come ashore in Sri Lanka for to nest.

Sri Lanka is an ideal country for Turtle Watching because it has several centers of protection and recovery of turtles. Currently, most species are endangered, this is the reason why is so important the work of these Centers that you can visit.

Turtles are very nervous when they are looking for a place to nest and can therefore be easily scared. The Turtle can only be approached when she starts laying the eggs because by then she is engaged in a very mechanical, almost trance-like behavior and it is unlikely for her to be frightened by spectators



Helicopter / Sea Plane Tour



If what you like is the panoramic view and understand the finer subtlety, you can opt for a helicopter or plane ride, allowing you to see more of Sri Lanka that a road trip and enjoy the variety of tapestry and colors that make up Sri Lanka.

Fly anywhere, anytime you want, and without the hassle of checking in to an airport. Be it work, or even play, we cater to your every fancy between sunrise and sunset.

Boat Safari

We arrange some exciting Boat Safari over the Madhu Ganga. Using our Boat Safari facility in Madhu Ganga you can have a cherished experience for the lifetime. We offer a range of Boat Safari packages that can be adjusted according to your requirements. Only, We offers the best Boat Service in the Madu Ganga.

Autumn Lanka offer you the best Boat Safari experience. We assure you that the Boat Safari would cover the maximum places of visit within the Madhu Ganga. Our boat riders are well-experienced and would take you through the safari safely. As we are always concerned about your good, we would allow only 10 persons per boat at a time.



Train Tour



Riding the rails in Sri Lanka is like stepping back in time, retains much of the original colonial era and is an opportunity to explore this amazing country, their landscape untouched, and secluded beaches

The train still runs on the legendary route built in the 19th century. Whichever route you choose, you are assured of an unforgettable journey. Its wonderful railways and stately private train is a golden opportunity seldom offered.

Golf

When you think Sri Lanka the first thing that spring to mind are endless beaches, temples full of culture, scents and smiles, adventure and wildlife, no as a destination where can playing golf, but as you will discover the sport has a long and illustrious history here.

Founded over 130 years ago the Royal Colombo Golf Club (5770m, 18 holes, par 71) being the second oldest Royal Golf Club outside the United Kingdom. Surrounded by residential areas and business establishments, is a sanctuary situated in the heart of

Colombo. It is an exquisite environment to relax, unwind and tee off. In Kandy, on the banks of the Victoria Lake, lies the Victoria Golf Club (6190m, 18 holes, par 73), and country resort is regularly voted in the world's top ten courses and he has recently been voted best course on the subcontinent for the second time in succession and is a golfing experience as iconic as St Andrews or Augusta. Also, will enjoy the challenge of the more contained and hilly NuwaraEliya course (5520m, 18 holes, par 71). Perfect for the golf enthusiasts that will be transported back in time a hundred years to Sri Lanka's colonial days. One of the unique features of golfing in Sri Lanka is that all clubs provide a caddie per player and is ideal for those who like combining a dream vacation in a unique natural environment with a golfing holiday.



Cycling

Travelling by bike you get to see the best of the country with a level of intimacy unmatched. If you prefer cycling but aren't so keen on struggling with uphill climbs, there are many interesting trails in the lowlands of Sri Lanka that take you through a beautiful landscape of tea and spice plantations or even the ancient capital of Polonaruwa.

Other than an adventure activity, explore the country in a bicycle will bring you a unique experience in lifetime. Riding along rural villages, tropical rainforests, valleys, ancient



cities, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, sandy beaches, national parks etc...will delight your biking experience.

For those seeking more of a challenge, the Sri Lankan hill country locations offer a number of steeper trails that are only suitable for more experienced mountain bikers. Whatever your experience and fitness level, the diversity of Sri Lanka has something for everyone who wants to take part in the exhilarating activity of mountain biking! We can even arrange trips moving from one location to another (and transporting luggage by a support vehicle) – just let us know what you want to do and we'll help you do it!

Holistic Healing System

Come experience the magic of the eastern way of life.

Its visit to Sri Lanka will leave you feeling healthy because of the ingredients of sun, good weather and healthy food. You can also enjoy learning about the ancient health system known as ayurveda. We have created yoga holidays in Sri Lanka that combine yoga and meditation. We've identified the best spas, therapists, treatments and kitchens around the country to ensure that you arrive home feeling totally revitalized.

Ayurveda literally means knowledge of life. Ayurvedic medicines are based on the principle that every individual has a unique constitution that related to his vital energies. Using them you can bring your body and mind to perfect balance. Ayurvedic science is referred to as 'science of life' as the word Ayurveda is composed of two words Ayu and Veda where Ayu means life and Veda means science. It teaches us how an individual can stay in harmony with nature, and enhance their health.



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