

<u>Discover restorative tours that rejuvenate the mind, body, and soul amidst tranquil settings and</u> natural beauty.

Here's a 3-day itinerary focusing on Buddhist places in Sri Lanka:

Day 1: Colombo to Kandy

Morning:

- o Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport, Colombo.
- Transfer to Kandy (approximately 3-4 hours).

Afternoon:

- Visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa), a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most sacred places in Sri Lanka.
- Explore the Kandy Lake and its surroundings.

Evening:

Witness a cultural show featuring traditional Sri Lankan dance and music.

Day 2: Kandy to Dambulla and Sigiriya

• Morning:

 Visit Dambulla Cave Temple (Golden Temple of Dambulla), another UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its cave paintings and statues.

• Afternoon:

- Proceed to Sigiriya (approximately 1 hour).
- Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress (Lion Rock), an ancient rock fortress and palace with wellpreserved frescoes and stunning views.

Evening:

o Return to Kandy or stay overnight near Sigiriya.

Day 3: Anuradhapura and Departure

Morning:

- o Travel to Anuradhapura (approximately 2-3 hours).
- Explore Anuradhapura Ancient City, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Visit sacred Buddhist sites such as Ruwanwelisaya Dagoba, Sri Maha Bodhi, and Jetavanaramaya.

• Afternoon:

 Depending on your flight time, return to Colombo (approximately 4-5 hours) or continue exploring Anuradhapura.

Additional Tips:

- **Clothing**: When visiting temples, ensure to wear respectful attire covering shoulders and knees.
- **Local Guides**: Consider hiring local guides at each site to enhance your understanding of the historical and religious significance.
- **Timing**: Start early in the morning to avoid crowds and make the most of your time at each site.

This itinerary provides a condensed yet enriching experience of Buddhist heritage sites in Sri Lanka, covering key locations such as Kandy, Dambulla, Sigiriya, and Anuradhapura. Enjoy your spiritual journey through these culturally significant places!