

## 07 DAY WITH ELEPHANT

7 days, you can have a more comprehensive experience studying elephant behaviors in Sri Lanka, including visiting Pinnawala. Here's an enhanced itinerary:

### **Day 1: Arrival in Colombo**

- Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport, Colombo.
- Transfer to your accommodation in Colombo.

### **Day 2-3: Udawalawe National Park**

- **Day 2:**
  - Transfer to Udawalawe (4-5 hours).
  - Check-in and relax.
  - Afternoon safari in Udawalawe National Park.
- **Day 3:**
  - Morning visit to the Elephant Transit Home.
  - Afternoon safari in Udawalawe National Park.

### **Day 4-5: Minneriya National Park**

- **Day 4:**
  - Drive to Minneriya (4-5 hours).
  - Check-in and relax.
- **Day 5:**
  - Morning safari in Minneriya National Park.
  - Study elephant behaviors during the safari, focusing on herd dynamics and interactions.

### **Day 6: Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage and Kandy**

- **Morning:**
  - Visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage.
  - Observe elephants bathing and interacting in a semi-natural environment.
- **Afternoon:**

- Drive to Kandy (approximately 2-3 hours).
- Visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic and explore Kandy's cultural attractions.

#### **Day 7: Kandy and Departure**

- **Morning:**
  - Visit the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya, known for its collection of orchids and tropical flora.
  - Study more about elephant habitats and conservation efforts in Sri Lanka.
- **Afternoon:**
  - Optional visit to nearby attractions or relaxation.
  - Transfer back to Colombo (approximately 3-4 hours).

#### **Additional Tips**

- **Study Opportunities:** Engage with local guides and researchers during your visits to Udawalawe and Minneriya to learn about ongoing conservation efforts and research.
- **Photography and Documentation:** Keep a journal and take photos/videos to document your observations and learnings about elephant behaviors.
- **Conservation Awareness:** Consider visiting local conservation centers or talking to experts to understand the challenges and initiatives in protecting Sri Lanka's elephants.

This itinerary allows for in-depth study of elephant behaviors while exploring key national parks and cultural sites in Sri Lanka, including Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage and Kandy. Enjoy your educational and enriching journey!