# **History and Culture Tour 03 Days**

# Ancient Sri Lanka resonates with timeless echoes of history and culture, where the past meets the present in a seamless continuum

# Day 1: Colombo to Anuradhapura

#### Morning:

- Depart from Colombo early in the morning (around 6:00 AM).
- Drive to Anuradhapura (approximately 4-5 hours).

#### Afternoon:

- Check into your hotel.
- Have lunch.

#### Late Afternoon:

- Visit key sites in Anuradhapura, such as:
  - o **Sri Maha Bodhi (Sacred Bo Tree)**: One of the oldest trees in the world with a recorded history.
  - Ruwanwelisaya Stupa: A magnificent stupa with significant historical and religious importance.
  - o **Jetavanaramaya**: One of the largest stupas in the world.
  - o Abhayagiri Monastery Complex: Ruins of a significant monastic center.

### **Evening:**

• Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation.

**Overnight:** Stay in Anuradhapura.

# Day 2: Anuradhapura to Polonnaruwa and Sigiriya

#### **Early Morning:**

- Have an early breakfast and check out from the hotel.
- Drive to Polonnaruwa (approximately 2 hours).

## Morning:

- Explore the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, including:
  - o Royal Palace (Vijayabahu Palace Complex).
  - o Quadrangle (Dalada Maluwa): Group of significant monuments.

- o **Gal Vihara**: Four rock-cut Buddha statues.
- o Parakrama Samudra: A massive ancient reservoir.

#### Afternoon:

- Have lunch in Polonnaruwa.
- Drive to Sigiriya (approximately 1.5 hours).

#### Late Afternoon:

- Check into your hotel.
- Visit **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**: Climb the rock to see the ancient ruins and frescoes and enjoy the panoramic view from the top.

## **Evening:**

• Return to your hotel for dinner and relaxation.

Overnight: Stay in Sigiriya.

# Day 3: Sigiriya to Dambulla and Back to Colombo

# Morning:

- Have breakfast and check out from the hotel.
- Drive to Dambulla (approximately 30 minutes).

## Morning:

• Visit the **Dambulla Cave Temple**: Explore the cave complex with its impressive Buddha statues and frescoes.

# **Late Morning:**

• Optionally, visit the **Golden Temple** near the Dambulla Cave Temple.

#### Afternoon:

- Have lunch in Dambulla.
- Begin the drive back to Colombo (approximately 4 hours).

#### **Evening:**

• Arrive in Colombo in the early evening.

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