

## Colonial Retreat: 10-Day Sri Lanka Hill Country Tour

### Day 1: Arrival in Colombo

- **Arrival:** Land at Bandaranaike International Airport, meet your SWT guide, and transfer to a colonial-style hotel in Colombo.
- **Colonial Charm:** Enjoy a leisurely evening exploring Colombo's colonial-era architecture and vibrant streets.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight stay in Colombo.

### Day 2: Colombo to Nuwara Eliya

- **Train Journey:** Embark on a scenic train journey from Colombo to Nuwara Eliya, winding through lush tea plantations and misty hills.
- **Tea Plantation Visit:** Arrive in Nuwara Eliya and visit a tea plantation to learn about the history and production of Ceylon tea.
- **Colonial Respite:** Check into a heritage hotel reminiscent of the British colonial era.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight stay in Nuwara Eliya.

### Day 3: Nuwara Eliya Exploration

- **Hakgala Botanical Gardens:** Explore the Hakgala Botanical Gardens, known for its stunning collection of roses and orchids.
- **Victoria Park:** Stroll through Victoria Park, a picturesque green space with manicured lawns and flower beds.
- **Golfing Experience:** Optional afternoon golfing at the Nuwara Eliya Golf Club, founded during British rule.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight stay in Nuwara Eliya.

### Day 4: Horton Plains & Waterfalls

- **Horton Plains National Park:** Venture to Horton Plains National Park for a guided hike to World's End, a dramatic cliff with panoramic views.
- **Baker's Falls:** Visit Baker's Falls, a picturesque waterfall nestled within the park.
- **Devon & St. Clair Falls:** En route back to Nuwara Eliya, stop at Devon and St. Clair Falls, two majestic cascades surrounded by verdant forests.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight stay in Nuwara Eliya.

### Day 5: Nuwara Eliya to Ella

- **Scenic Drive:** Depart for Ella, enjoying a scenic drive through winding roads and tea estates.
- **Little Adam's Peak:** Hike up Little Adam's Peak for breathtaking views of the Ella Gap and surrounding countryside.
- **Ravana Falls:** Visit Ravana Falls, a cascading waterfall steeped in local legend.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight stay in Ella.

### Day 6: Ella Exploration

- **Ella Rock Trek:** Embark on a challenging hike to Ella Rock, rewarded with panoramic views of tea plantations and valleys.
- **Demodara Nine Arch Bridge:** Explore the iconic Nine Arch Bridge, an architectural marvel built during the British colonial period.
- **Local Cuisine:** Sample traditional Sri Lankan cuisine at a local restaurant.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight stay in Ella.

### Day 7: Ella to Haputale

- **Transfer to Haputale:** Journey to Haputale, a charming hill town known for its cool climate and stunning vistas.
- **Adisham Bungalow:** Visit Adisham Bungalow, a picturesque colonial-era mansion surrounded by lush gardens.
- **Lipton's Seat:** Trek to Lipton's Seat, a scenic viewpoint offering panoramic views of tea plantations and valleys.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight stay in Haputale.

### Day 8: Haputale to Bandarawela

- **Transfer to Bandarawela:** Travel to Bandarawela, another scenic hill town with colonial charm.
- **Dowa Temple:** Visit Dowa Temple, home to a stunning rock-cut Buddha statue dating back to the 1st century BC.
- **Leisure Time:** Spend the afternoon exploring the quaint streets of Bandarawela or relaxing at your hotel.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight stay in Bandarawela.

### Day 9: Bandarawela to Colombo

- **Transfer to Colombo:** Return to Colombo, reminiscing on the colonial-era charm of Sri Lanka's hill country.

- **Shopping:** Explore Colombo's markets for souvenirs and local handicrafts.
- **Farewell Dinner:** Enjoy a farewell dinner at a colonial-style restaurant, savoring the flavors of Sri Lankan cuisine.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight stay in Colombo.

#### **Day 10: Departure**

- **Departure:** Transfer to Bandaranaike International Airport for your departure flight, bidding farewell to the colonial retreat of Sri Lanka's hill country.

Immerse yourself in the colonial splendor of Sri Lanka's hill country with this meticulously curated itinerary by Sri Lanka Wonder Travels (SWT).