

### 07 Day Mountains Captions with Culture Tour - Elevate Your Soul with Culture & Peaks

# Highlights

Welcome to our enchanting journey through the mesmerizing landscapes of the Hill Country in Sri Lanka! Prepare to immerse yourself in a captivating blend of breathtaking mountains and rich cultural heritage. Mountains Captions with Culture is a 6-night, 7-day vacation that will inspire you. Explore the rolling hills covered with green tea plantations, where the air is crisp and fragrant with freshly brewed Ceylon tea. Indulge in thrilling hikes through mist-laden trails, where cascading waterfalls provide a symphony of nature's melodies. Discover ancient temples nestled amidst verdant valleys, revealing centuries of spiritual traditions. Engage with warmhearted locals, eager to share their stories and traditions, allowing you to unlock the true essence of Sri Lanka's vibrant culture. So join us on this extraordinary voyage, where the mountains beckon and cultural treasures await, promising an adventure like no other. Are you ready to embark on this journey of a lifetime?.

## Day 1 : Airport - Habarana - Sigiriya - Habarana



# WELCOME TO SRI LANKA AYUBOWAN!!! ("Wishing you a long life" in Sinhala Language)

Welcome to the Mountains Captions with Culture package, where your journey begins with a luxurious stay at the Cinnamon Lodge Hotel. We'll take you to Habarana from Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA). Get ready for a day filled with awe-inspiring experiences as we embark on a visit to the renowned Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. Witness the majestic giants in their natural habitat, creating memories that will last a lifetime. As the sun sets, climb the historic rock stronghold of Sigiriya for stunning views and fascinating history. Our package promises a memorable experience across Sri Lanka's mountainous splendour. Mountains Captions with Culture will provide you an unforgettable adventure!

### Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Cinnamon Lodge Habarana 5\* or Similar



## Day 2 : Habarana - Dambulla - Matale - Kandy



On the second day, get ready to immerse yourself in a tapestry of cultural wonders. The Dambulla Cave Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site, will be our first destination. Next, we'll take you to Matale's colourful spice gardens to smell and learn about Sri Lankan spices. Continuing our expedition, we'll proceed to the enchanting city of Kandy, known for its sacred sites and cultural splendor. Visit the Dalada Maligawa, the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, and be awed by its spirituality. The Kandy Cultural Show, with its lively dances and music, is a great way to close the day. Mountains Captions with Culture will provide you an unforgettable experience!

### Meals: Breakfast

### Hotel: Earl's Regency Hotel 5\* or Similar

**Please Note:** During the visit to the Temple of the Tooth, please wear clothing covering knees and shoulders, as a sign of respect. You will also be required to remove your shoes.

## Day 3 : Kandy - Nuwara Eliya – Kandapola



On the third day, prepare for a nature-filled adventure that will take your breath away. Start your day with a peaceful stroll in the beautiful, biodiverse Udawatta Forest. Surrounded by tall trees and singing birds, relax in the tranquilly. You'll be enchanted with Nuwara Eliya, known as "Little England" for its colonial charm. This lovely hill village with rolling green tea fields and antique buildings is a pleasant retreat from the mundane. You may learn about tea manufacturing by visiting a local tea factory. Enjoy Nuwara Eliya's breathtaking views and refreshing mountain air. Mountains Captions with Culture can help you make lasting memories and experience the amazing!

#### Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Heritance Tea Factory 5\* or Similar



## Day 4 : Kandapola – Hortain Plains - Kandapola



Early morning excursion to Horton plains . thereafter Visit tea factories and Tea plucking in the states. On the fourth day, get ready for an extraordinary experience that will awaken your senses. Visit Horton Plains, a UNESCO World Heritage site with mist-covered meadows and breathtaking vistas, in the morning. You'll witness rare plants and animals, including the World's End vista, where the earth seems to plunge into the skies. Afterward, prepare to delve into the heart of Sri Lanka's tea culture. Visit famous tea facilities to see how tea is made, from picking the best leaves to mixing. In beautiful tea farms, learn how to pick tea leaves from expert pluckers. Let the soothing aroma and the picturesque landscapes transport you to a world of serenity. Mountains Captions with Culture will provide you an unforgettable experience!

### Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Heritance Tea Factory 5\* or Similar

### Day 5 : Kandapola - Ella



On the fifth day, get ready for an unforgettable experience that will leave you spellbound. Embark on a scenic train ride through the majestic mountains, as we travel from Nanu Oya to Ella. Enjoy breathtaking vistas of rolling hills, waterfalls, and tea plantations. When you arrive in Ella, Ravana Falls' crystalline waters will mesmerize you. Explore the legendary Ravana Cave, steeped in myth and folklore, and let your imagination run wild. Feel the energy of the surroundings as you uncover the secrets of this mystical place. Nature and culture merge effortlessly in Ella, producing an unforgettable encounter. Mountains Captions with Culture will provide you an unforgettable experience!

#### Meals: Breakfast

#### Hotel: 98 Acres Resort & Spa 4\* Comfort or Similar

**Please Note:** Sri Lanka Railways has a manual booking system for train reservations. Tickets can only be booked 30 days before departure. On the rare occasion the train is fully booked we will cover the route by road.



### Day 6 : Ella - Haputale - Ratnapura – Colombo



On the sixth day, prepare to explore natural and cultural wonders. We'll start the day at Lipton Seat, with breathtaking views. Enjoy the tea estates' emerald-green views from this vantage point. Prepare to be dazzled as we explore the gem mines of Ratnapura, known as the "City of Gems." you can See how these precious stones are mined and cut, and maybe even find a diamond. As the day unfolds, we'll make our way to the vibrant city of Colombo, where modernity intertwines with colonial charm. Enjoy the busy markets, historical sites, and colourful ambiance of this international centre. Mountains Captions with Culture will provide you an unforgettable experience!

#### Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo 5\* or Similar

## Day 7 : Colombo City Tour, Departure



On the final day of our adventure, we invite you to explore the vibrant cityscape of Colombo through an exciting city tour. Explore the city's lively streets, where historic buildings and contemporary skyscrapers coexist. Enjoy a shopping spree in crowded markets and luxury stores, where you may buy wonderful local handicrafts, apparel, and souvenirs. As the day ends, we go goodbye with a heart full of memories and a luggage full of treasures. Reflect on Mountains Captions with Culture's cultural wealth and stunning mountain views. We hope this adventure has ignited a love for exploration and a deeper appreciation for the wonders of Sri Lanka. Safe travels, and may your memories of this remarkable trip last a lifetime!

#### Meals: Breakfast



### **Inclusions:**

- 06-night accommodation in hand-picked 4 Star comfort & 5 Star hotels including meals as per itinerary
- Airport transfers
- Hire an air-conditioned vehicle including fuel
- Services of an English-speaking Driver/guide
- Entrance fees for Pinnawala elephant orphanage, Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Dambulla Royal Cave Temple, cultural dance, Temple of the Tooth, Udawatta Forest, Horton Plains, Train Ride, Ravana Cave, Lipton Seat, Gangaramaya Temple Colombo
- Free Excursions- Spice Garden in Matale
- Jeep/guide costs at Horton Plains & Tuk Tuk cost for Lipton Seat
- Applicable all taxes

### **Exclusions:**

- Airfares & Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Early checking & late checkouts
- Tips & other personal expenses of a personal nature.
- All entrances, tours, or optional excursions not mentioned in the above inclusions
- Private departure transfers for individual extensions
- Camera permit charges & video permits at certain locations
- Any other items not under inclusions

## **Optional Excursions - Round Tour**



**Cooking Demonstration- \$35** 

Hiriwaduna Trek -\$18

Tea Plucking & Tea tasting session-\$100