

## **PIA Sri Lanka Holiday Packages**

PIA offers 3, 4, and 7 nights' packages for Sri Lanka along with 3, 4 and 5 Star Hotel Accommodation with Breakfast, Return Airfare, Ground Transport, Tours of Famous Places and Complementary Lunches and Dinners. PIA Offers tours and stay at three different destinations in Sri Lanka (Colombo, Sri Lankan Beaches, The Cultural Triangle, Sri Lanka).

### **Sri Lanka Profile**

Set in the Indian Ocean in South Asia, the tropical island nation of Sri Lanka has a history dating back to the birth of time. It is a place where the original soul of Buddhism still flourishes and where nature's beauty remains abundant and unspoilt.

Few places in the world can offer the traveller such a remarkable combination of stunning landscapes, pristine beaches, captivating cultural heritage and unique experiences within such a compact location. Within a mere area of 65, 610 kilometres lie 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, 1,330 kilometres of coastline - much of it pristine beach - 15 national parks showcasing an abundance of wildlife, nearly 500,000 acres of lush tea estates, 250 acres of botanical gardens, 350 waterfalls, 25,000 water bodies, to a culture that extends back to over 2,500 years.

This is an island of magical proportions, once known as Serendib, Taprobane, the Pearl of the Indian Ocean, and Ceylon. Discover refreshingly Sri Lanka!

### **Holiday Destinations in Sri Lanka that PIA Offers**

#### **Colombo: Things to Do and See**

Navigate the winding criss-cross lanes of Pettah - the leading bazaar district. Here you will be spoilt for choice with the vast array of traditional handicrafts on sale. Or head to the shops in the historic Fort, which is a hive of activity. Take a picnic to Galle Face Green, the largest open space in the city and stroll along the one-and-a-half-kilometre promenade - a relic of the British era.

Marvel at the carvings in the Kelaniya Raja Maha Vihara Buddhist temple, believed to be the spot where Buddha preached 2,000 years ago. To get closer to Sri Lanka's culture roots, visit the National Museum, which holds 500,000 books, fascinating paintings and an antique mask collection.

Enjoy the nightly elephant show at the Dehiwala Zoo, which boasts stunning fauna from across the world. Drive twelve kilometres to Mount Lavinia and spend a day at the beach, where the 205-year-old Governor's House forms part of the famous Mount Lavinia Hotel.

## **Sri Lankan Beaches: Things to Do and See**

Bentota beach, which is perfect for windsurfing and sailing, is where you can spot turtles hatching at one of the designated sites.

Considered one of the best beaches on the west coast, here you can dive in the crystal water, laze on the stretch of golden sand or wander to the nearby lively fish markets. Head to Beruwela to stay in one of the many five-star resorts with stunning views of the beach. Relax under the coconut palms or venture into the warm Indian Ocean for snorkelling or swimming.

Enjoy a cocktail in one of the many restaurants on the shore and watch the magical view of the sunset before dining on traditional cuisine. Visit the fort in Galle to learn about the area's history or head to Mary's Cathedral or Rumassala Kanda to look out over the harbour. Then try tasty fresh seafood while dipping your toes in the lapping water and enjoying the soft sand.

## **The Cultural Triangle: Things to Do and See**

Head to Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle, which includes the World Heritage sites of the Sacred City of Anuradhapura, the Ancient City of Polonnaruwa and the Sacred City of Kandy - one of the most scenic cities in the country.

By Kandy Lake, visit the Temple of the Tooth - said to contain a tooth from Buddha's mouth. Then take an exhilarating ride in a tuk-tuk to Bahirawakanda temple to view the statue of the God himself.

Marvel at the tropical plantation in the Udawattakele Royal Forest Sanctuary before wandering the Tea Museum - or visit the remains of the Royal Palace.

Go to the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage to watch one of the adorable baby orphans being bottle-fed. Drive 83 kilometres to the Nuwara Eliya, a 2,900-high mountain resort, known as 'Little England' due to its colonial architecture. Take a walk around the lush tea plantations to the top of Single Tree Mountain for stunning views of nearby villages.

## **Pakistan International Airlines Flight Details**

Pakistan International Airlines Operates two weekly flights to Colombo from Karachi on Mondays and Fridays.

*Note; Connecting flights for all other stations in Pakistan are available for both general and PIA Holiday passengers.*