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## EAST COAST EXTRAVAGANZA

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### DAY 01 AIRPORT / PINNAWALA / KANDY

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Welcome to Sri Lanka! You will arrive at Colombo International Airport and be warmly welcomed by one of our Sri Holidays representatives. From here you will make your way to Kandy, making an exciting stop along the way at Pinnewala Elephant Orphanage. Here you can feed and bathe elephants, or simply sit and marvel at the big, friendly giants relaxing in an idyllic, natural environment of coconut plantations and paddy fields. The orphanage was established in 1975 by the Sri Lanka Wildlife department as a conservation breeding center for elephants, starting with just a herd of five baby Elephants. These days the herd numbers almost a hundred elephants and Pinnewala is now one of the largest breeding centers in the world. In the afternoon you will arrive in the picturesque city of Kandy, a place firmly on the tourist map for anyone visiting Sri Lanka. Nestled between scenic, forest-covered mountains, this hill-country capital offers an eclectic blend of history, culture, shops, markets, and religious sites. For visitors who come to Kandy in August you will also have a chance to take part in the Kandy Perahera, Sri Lanka's most celebrated festival. Kandy is also a great place to buy local handicrafts, artwork and jewelry, and visiting Kandy's bustling markets is an experience in itself. In the evening you will have dinner, and then relax and put your feet up whilst watching a cultural performance featuring the traditional dance and drumming that Kandy is renowned for. You will spend the night at a hotel in Kandy.

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### DAY 02 KANDY / TEA PLANTATION / KANDY

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After breakfast, you will visit Kandy's beautiful British-founded former royal botanical gardens, where you can sometimes spot a wedding or two taking place whilst taking a romantic walk around Sri Lanka's most beautiful gardens. Then you will spend the afternoon visiting a tea plantation and tea factory. No visit to the hill country is complete without a visit to a tea estate, where you can view the vibrant green fields of tea which for so many people epitomize the image of Sri Lanka. You will also get a chance to taste and purchase some of the world's finest tea. After dinner you will spend the night in a hotel in Kandy.

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### DAY 03 KANDY / DAMBULLA /SIGIRIYA

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After breakfast you will leave for Sigiriya, visiting the Dambulla cave temples on the way. The 2,000 year old caves sit on a massive rock overlooking the city and are a UNESCO World Heritage site, containing ancient Buddhist paintings which have attracted tourists and pilgrims from all over the world. Here you will also visit a traditional Sri Lankan spice garden where you can learn about the basis of Ayurveda natural medicine, a custom integral to Sri Lankan culture. You will also visit a Batik factory, where you can see one of Sri Lanka's traditional art-forms in practice. In the afternoon you will visit the UNESCO world heritage site Sigiriya. Just 22km North-East of Dambulla, Sigiriya (sometimes called Lion's Rock) is the ruins of an ancient palace in a 200m high rock fortress, overlooking the beautiful plains of North-Central Sri Lanka. Built for an exiled Indian prince, the breathtaking ruins are one of Sri Lanka's main tourist

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attractions and date back to AD 477. Despite its age, Sigiriya still retains much of its former beauty and features some of the finest examples of ancient art in the form of wall paintings, as well as a network of attractive gardens and reservoirs, and Sigiriya's namesake – a gigantic pair of lion's paws cut into the rock. With its fascinating history and unerring beauty, Sigiriya is often referred to as the 8<sup>th</sup> wonder of the world, and is the perfect place to start your holiday in Sri Lanka. When you are finished in Sigiriya you will be taken back to your hotel . Overnight stay in Sigiriya

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#### DAY 04 SIGIRIYA / TRINCOMALEE

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You will have breakfast and then leave for Trincomalee . Trincomalee is a port city on the east coast of Sri Lanka, about 110 miles northeast of Kandy. The city is built on a peninsula, which divides the inner and outer harbors. It is one of the main centers of Tamil speaking culture on the island. Historically referred to as Gokanna or Gokarna it has been a sea port that has played a major role in maritime and international trading history of Sri Lanka. Trincomalee is a natural deep-water harbor, which is rated as one of the finest of its kind in the world and attracted great sea farers like Marco Polo, Ptolemy and Sea Traders China and East Asia from the ancient times. The long and wide beaches here offer surfing, scuba diving and fishing and whale watching. This sea town is home to the Thirukonesvaram Kovil, which is one of the oldest Hindu temples in Sri Lanka. There are many things to do and see in town and the views across the three main bays are very pretty. In the close vicinity of Trincomalee are some of the **finest beaches of Sri Lanka** - Uppuveli and Nilaveli with a variety of hotels, guesthouses and cabanas

#### ✓ **Cost Includes :**

- Accommodation on half board basis for 3 nights from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 4 at hotels specified or similar standard.
- Local services / assistance.
- Transportation in an A/C luxury vehicle with an English speaking chauffeur / guide from airport until drop you in Trincomalee on day 04 < if you stay 2 nights ONLY in Trincomalee then you will get a free airport drop >

#### ✓ **Cost Excludes**

- Any expenses on a personal nature.
- Beverages and lunches
- All applicable entrance fees.
- All other expenses not mentioned above.

**HOTELS – DELUXE**

**HOTELS – SUPERIOR**

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Amaya Hills in Kandy

[www.amayaresorts.com](http://www.amayaresorts.com)

Topaz Hotel in Kandy

[www.mclarenhotels.lk](http://www.mclarenhotels.lk)

Amaya Hills in Dambulla

[www.amayaresorts.com](http://www.amayaresorts.com)

Kassapa Lions Rock in Sigiriya

[www.kassapalionsrock.com](http://www.kassapalionsrock.com)

PRICE – ARE IN USD NET PER PERSON SHARING A DOUBLE ROOM ON HALF BOARD BASIS

**WITH SUPERIOR HOTELS**

Based on 2 persons - USD 235 p/p  
 Based on 4 persons - USD 180 p/p  
 Based on 6 persons - USD 155 p/p

**WITH DELUXE HOTELS**

Based on 2 persons - USD 285 p/p  
 Based on 4 persons - USD 230 p/p  
 Based on 6 persons - USD 205 p/p

**CHAAYA BLUE – [www.chaayahotels.com](http://www.chaayahotels.com)**

Rate are in USD net per person per night on half board ( superior rooms )

Period	single	double	triple
01.05 to 20.07	145	83	66
21.07 to 31.08	165	95	74
01.09 to 31.10	155	90	70

Beach cabana supplement – 24 per night

**PIGEON ISLAND RESORT – [www.](http://www.)**

Rate are in USD net per person on half board basis ( deluxe rooms )

Period	single	double	triple
01.05 to 31.10	97	61	55

Honeymoon offer

Fruits & flowers upon arrival

Bottle of sparkling wine once per stay & Romantic candle light dinner on the beach once during stay

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Free boat trip to Pigeon Island

**NILAWELI BEACH HOTEL** – [www.tangerinehotels.com](http://www.tangerinehotels.com)

Rate are in USD net per person per night on half board ( standard rooms )

Period	single	double	triple
01.05 to 30.06	125	75	64
01.07 to 31.08	135	80	67
01.09 to 30.09	125	75	64
01.10 to 31.10	115	70	60

Deluxe room supplement – 50 per night

Special return airport transfer cost < clients stay more than 2 nights > in an AC car/van with English speaking driver/guide

Based on 2 persons	- USD 75
Based on 4 persons	- USD 38
Based on 6 persons	- USD 25

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