

# TOUR PROGRAM: RAMAYANA SECRETS

**DURATION**: 6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS

### **Tour Itinerary**

- MUNNESHWARAM KOVIL
- MANVARI TEMPLE
- WARIYAPOLA VIMANA ANCIENT AIRPORT & YAPAHUWA RUINS
- TEMPLE OF THE SACRED TOOTH RELIC
- SRI BHAKTA HANUMMAN TEMPLE
- RAMBODA WATER FALL
- SEETHA AMMAN KOVIL
- DIVURUMPOLA TEMPLE
- ELLA RAVANA CAVES
- LITTLE ADAM'S PEAK
- SELLA KATARAGAMA LORD GANESH KOVIL
- KIRI VEHERA STUPA
- KATARAGAMA KOVIL
- USSANGODA

#### DAY -1

- ➤ ARRIVAL AT BANDARANAYAKE INTERNATIONAL AIR PORT
- MEET & GREET BY OUR LET'S SEE ASIA REPRESENTAIVE AT THE ARRIVAL LOBBY.
- > TRANSFER TO NEGOMBO & CHECK IN TO COLOMBO HOTEL
- DINNER & OVERNIGHT STAY AT COLOMBO.

# DAY-2

- BREAKFAST AT HOTEL
- TRANSFER TO KANDY
- > EN ROUTE VISIT THE MUNNESHWARAM KOVIL & PROCEED BACK TO KANDY

It is believed that Munishwaram predates the Ramayana and a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva was located here. Munishwaram means the first temple for Shiva (Munnu + Easwaran). A Shiva Lingam was already here when Lord Rama visited this place. Lord Rama after his victorious battle left for Ayodhya with Sita in one of King Ravana's Vimanas. He felt he was being followed by a Bramhaasthi Dosham (a malevolent black shadow) as he had killed King Ravana who was a Brahmin.

### > VISIT MANVARI TEMPLE

When the Vimana was passing over Munishwaram, he felt the Vimana vibrating, and realized the Brahmaasti Dosham was not following him at this particular point. He stopped the Vimana at this juncture and asked god Lord Shiva for advice. Lord Shiva





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blessed Lord Rama and advised installing and praying at four lingams located at Manavari, Thiru Koneshwaram, Thiru Ketheshwaram and Rameshwaram in India as the only remedy to get rid of the dosham. At the Manavari Temple Chilaw Manavari is the first lingam installed and prayed by Rama and till date this lingam is called as Ramalinga Shivan. Rameshwaram is the only other lingam in world named after Lord Rama.

- ► EN ROUTE EXPLORE WARIYAPOLA VIMANA ANCIENT AIRPORT & YAPAHUWA RUINS
- > ARRIVAL KANDY. VISIT TO TEMPLE OF THE SACRED TOOTH RELIC & WITNESS A TRADITIONAL SRI LANKAN CULTURE SHOW
- CHECK IN TO KANDY HOTEL
- > DINNER AND OVER NIGHT STAY

## **DAY-3**

- BREAKFAST AT HOTEL
- > VISIT TO TEMPLE OF THE SACRED TOOTH RELIC

This temple, the most important one for The Sri Lankan Buddhists was built in the 16th Century A.D. solely for the purpose of housing the tooth relic. Observe the magnificent Architecture of that period and experience the tranquillity of the atmosphere.





In the hills of Ramboda where Hanuman was searching for Sita, the Chinmaya Mission of Sri Lanka built the Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple which is visited by thousands of devotees every year.

- ARRIVAL RAMBODA& EXPLORE RAMBODA WATER FALL
- CHECK IN TO RAMBODA HOTEL
- DINNER AND OVER NIGHT STAY

## DAY-4

- > BREAKFAST AT HOTEL
- > TRANSFER TO ELLA
- > EN ROUTE VISIT SEETHA AMMAN KOVIL

The Sita Amman Temple can be seen en route to the Hakgala

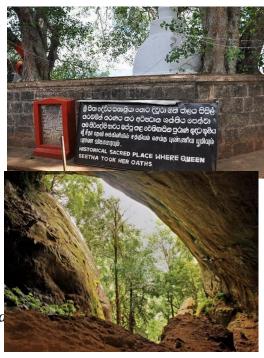
Botanical Gardens. The prominent temple architecture will not fail to attract your attention. Ancient statues of Rama and Sita can be seen on one side of the temple. The temple today is a modern building with its paintings, statues and pillars decorated with sculptures; all depicting the tale of Rama and Sita.

- > PROCEED TO DIVURUMPOLA TEMPLE & EXPLORE IT Still revered by thousands, this holy haven was the place where Sita performed her Agni Pariksha (proving her chastity) to her husband Rama. Continuing the practice for thousands of years, villagers still pledge their fidelity or take oaths there and even in certain courts, this agreement was binding. This place has been respected and worshipped by people down the ages.
  - > VISIT ELLA RAVANA CAVES & EXPLORE IT

Ella is a small mountain village near Bandarawela and boasts three locations linked to the Ramayana where local legend claims Ravana was hiding Sita. First there is the Ravana Ella Cave, located at the massive Ella Falls; a breathtaking 1080 feet high waterfall that cascades into several falls. The rocky undergoes of the waterfall is Khondalite, a kind of limestone which undergoes faster decay as









hard gneiss or granite. This has resulted in many caves being formed near the falls. King Ravana is said to have lived in one of the caves above the waterfall. A nearby pool bored out of the rock by the gushing waters is where Sita is said to have bathed Ravana.

- > PROCEED TO LITTLE ADAM'S PEAK & EXPLORE IT
- > CHECK IN TO ELLA HOTEL
- DINNER AND OVER NIGHT STAY

## DAY-5

- BREAKFAST AT HOTEL
- TRANSFER TO KATARAGAMA
- VISIT SELLA KATARAGAMA LORD GANESH KOVIL
- > PROCEED TO KIRI VEHERA& EXPLORE IT

Kiri Vehera is an ancient stupa situated in Kataragama, Sri Lanka. This stupa probably dates back to the 6th century BC and is believed to be built by King Mahasena, a regional ruler of Kataragama area.

- > CHECK IN TO KATARAGAMA HOTEL
- DINNER AND OVER NIGHT STAY



#### > PARTICIPATE TO EARLY MORNING KATARAGAMA KOVIL POOJA

This is the temple of Lord Karthikeya Subramaniam at Kataragama. Lord Karthikeya was requested to

go to the battlefield by Lord Indra on the last day of war. This was done to protect Lord Rama from the wrath of Brahmasthra aimed by King Ravana which otherwise would have weakened Lord Rama. The benefit was one of the most powerful weapon brahma asthra aimed at Lord Rama for the second time was rendered useless by the presence of Lord Karthikeya.3 pooja or offerings take place daily. Make sure you have a tray full of fruits, incense and of course little money, to be offered (You will get half the fruits back, which you may partake)



- BREAKFAST AT HOTEL
- > TRANSFER TO WASKADUWA
- > EN ROUTE VISIT USSANGODA

According to Ramayana, after meeting Seetha Devi Lord Hanuman decided to test the strength of the

mighty King Rayana and his army of Rakshasas. In the event that unfolded Lord Hanuman's tail was set on fire by the Rakshasas, who in turn went on to torch some parts of King Rayana's empire. Ussangoda is one of the torched areas, which is said to have been an airport used by King Rayana.

- VISIT HUMMANAYA BLOW HOLE EN ROUTE
- PROCEED TO NEGOMBO &CHECK IN TO HOTEL
- DINNER AND OVER NIGHT STAY



## **DAY-7**

- ➤ BREAKFAST AT HOTEL
- TRANSFER TO KATUNAYAKA AIRPORT



