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SRI LANKA

SLOW BROCHURE

Rediscovering

The Art of Slow Travel

There is no denying that the busy modern-day lifestyles have paved the way for a breed of tourists who want to see as much as possible with a week's holiday. From one site to another, speed ticks off boxes while taking photos at all the social media trending locations.

We believe that "Travel" is much more than this form of "Touring". How about taking things slow, immersing in the culture at each destination and sucking out its essence and taste, going a bit off the beaten path and meeting personalities with a story? This itinerary is precisely about that!

From traversing local villages on tuk-tuks and bicycles, safaris into lesser-known national parks, exploring the less trodden North, not missing out on the highlights of the cultural

triangle. Stay in a cosy bungalow in a functioning tea estate and a farewell seafood dinner at a local home-prepared with love to wrap things up; this itinerary makes you go slow but exquisitely smart. In the end, you will notice that you still have experienced a lot within these three weeks and have more lasting memories to take home.



Day 1

Airport – Dunagaha

Ayubowan! Welcome to Sri Lanka!

Day 2

Dunagaha – Exploring the Village of Dunagaha on a Tuk Tuk

One of the unique ways of discovering a country is through its people. Begin the exploration of the small villages around Dunagaha with a local guide on a Tuk Tuk. This tour is also helping local guides and people in the community to work and make a living.

Along the way you will encounter a pineapple farm, a family making wonderful textiles using wooden looms and also a small brick factory. You will have a chance to visit a local house to experience local cooking such as rice and curry.





Day 3

Dunagaha – Puttalam – Wilpattu – Meet The Manjas: Music of the Ceylon Africans

Today we stopped by a little secret village in Puttalam which is home to a community of Ceylon Africans. The Sri Lankan “Kaffirs” are those descendants that we will meet today to see a short musical performance. Although their distinctive “Creole” native language has faded away and is now almost extinct, in an attempt to keep the traditions going, the local villagers form a band named ‘Ceylon African Manja’. Take your opportunity to join the dance floor whenever you are ready.

Day 4

Wilpattu – Full Day Safari at Wilpattu National Park

Wilpattu National Park is the largest national park in Sri Lanka. Since the park is relatively bigger and you need a bit of time to get into the inlands of the park, you ideally need a full day safari instead of two half day safaris. Patience is the key when exploring Wilpattu, take your time and be surprised by what it offers. The lower volume of visitors in Wilpattu makes sightings all the more exclusive, you won't regret it.

Day 5

Wilpattu – Anuradhapura– Jaffna; The Last Frontiers of Sri Lanka

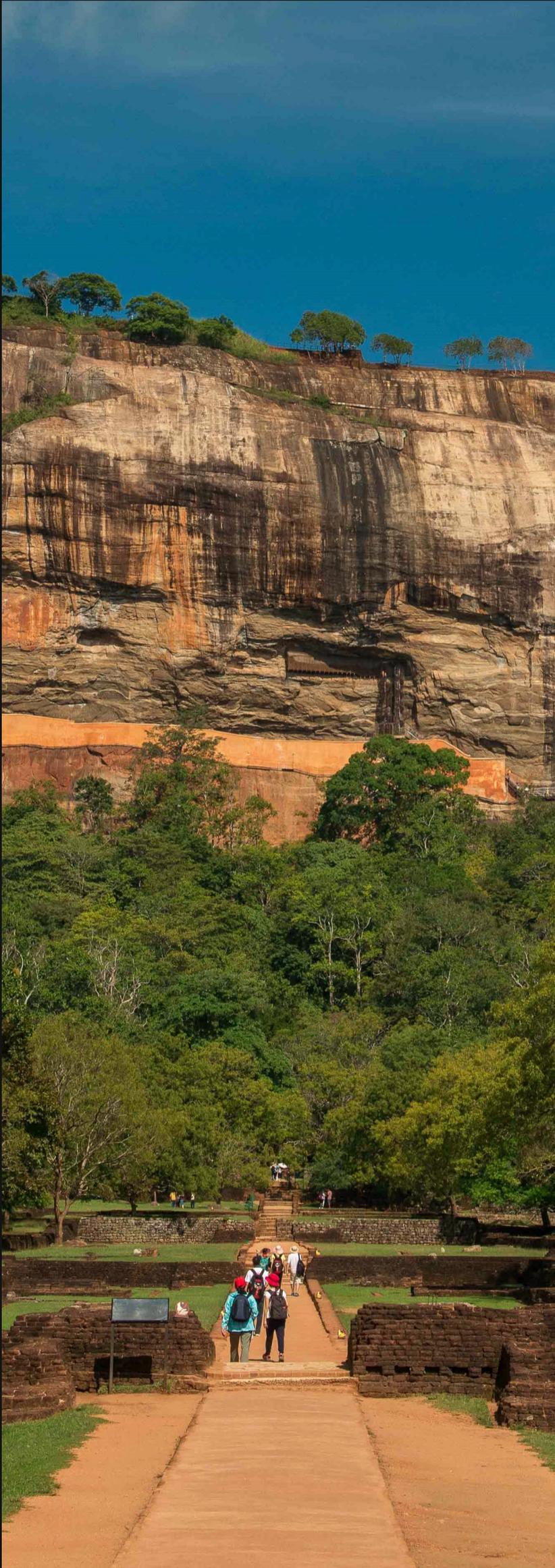
Boarding the train to Jaffna located in the North of Sri Lanka with a beautiful natural surrounding along the way. You will have a chance to experience traditional Jaffna cooking and here you will have the opportunity to exchange cultural values and understand the lifestyle of an ordinary family. Then take a bicycle and drive around the village for a little bit of exercise.

Day 6 - 7

Jaffna – Delft

There are only a few places in the world that capture the imagination of travelers like Delft Island. On arrival, a special vehicle will be waiting to show us the wild horses, the huge Baobab Tree, the Dutch Fort, Pigeon Cage, Coral Fences and more. The atmosphere of Delft is hard to put into words and you have to experience it to believe it, as simple as that.





Day 8

Jaffna – Ritigala - Habarana Ritigala Archaeological Monastery

Elephant Watch Hut, your home for the next couple of nights is a rustic yet charming lodging that will bring you close to the adventure of staying closer to nature. The property is a community based tourism venture and is run by villagers who might not speak perfect English but the best part is that you will get to experience the genuine local hospitality with a smile on their faces. Language will on be a barrier if you let it be.

Day 9

Habarana – Sigiriya – Habarana Sigiriya Rock Fortress

Next stop, Sigiriya Rock Fortress. The marvelous rock fortress also known as Lion Rock is a rare jewel among the many treasures in Sri Lanka. The tough climb of 1200 footsteps up this flat-topped monodon ends with the most scenic bird's-eye view of the emerald plains and leafy villages beneath. The best view comes after the hardest climb.



Day 10

Habarana – Polonnaruwa – Habarana

Pedal Through Polonnaruwa's Back Roads
Lordly Lunch: A Rice & Curry Feast
Ancient City of Polonnaruwa

Day 11

Habarana – Elkaduwa Trails of Matale

On your way from Habarana to Elkaduwa, break the drive in Matale for a short walk through a scenic hidden village. Observe the daily village life while being guided by a villager and finally end with a traditional rice and curry lunch.

Day 12

Elkaduwa The Story of Ceylon Tea A High Tea with a View

Starting the day off by joining tea class including the history and story of the tea, learning the art of picking tea alongside tea pickers who hand pick the best shoots. Give it a try on your tea tasting experiences with a Slurp, Roll, Twist, Spit, an interesting experience to do while you taste teas to identify its various grades grown in different altitudes of the country ranging from Low country, mid country to up country. Enjoy the view on top of the One Tree Hill.

Day 13

Elkaduwa – Ududumbara – Gal Oya

Weavers of the Kandyan Kings Exploring Gal Oya; The Forgotten National Park

This tour is to help and support the local community to make their living. We visit a village tucked away in the lush Dumbara Valley, where an ancient craft from the days of the Kandyan Kings is still alive. This is one of the few villages in Sri Lanka where handloom textile weaving is a living heritage. You will also

have the opportunity to visit one of the very few local houses where the art is still being practiced. While you get to see how they go about the arts, you also get the chance to delve into the simple daily lifestyle of these traditional hand weavers.



Day 14

Gal Oya National Park

Today, enjoy a boat safari at the Gal Oya National park. Just when you tend to think that Jeep safaris are too mainstream, Gal Oya Lodge presents you a very rare shot at observing wildlife on a boat safari and it is one of the very few places in Sri Lanka where you could do that. Among the chances of seeing many other species like Crocodiles, deer and endemic birds, you may also be lucky enough to see elephants swimming between islands

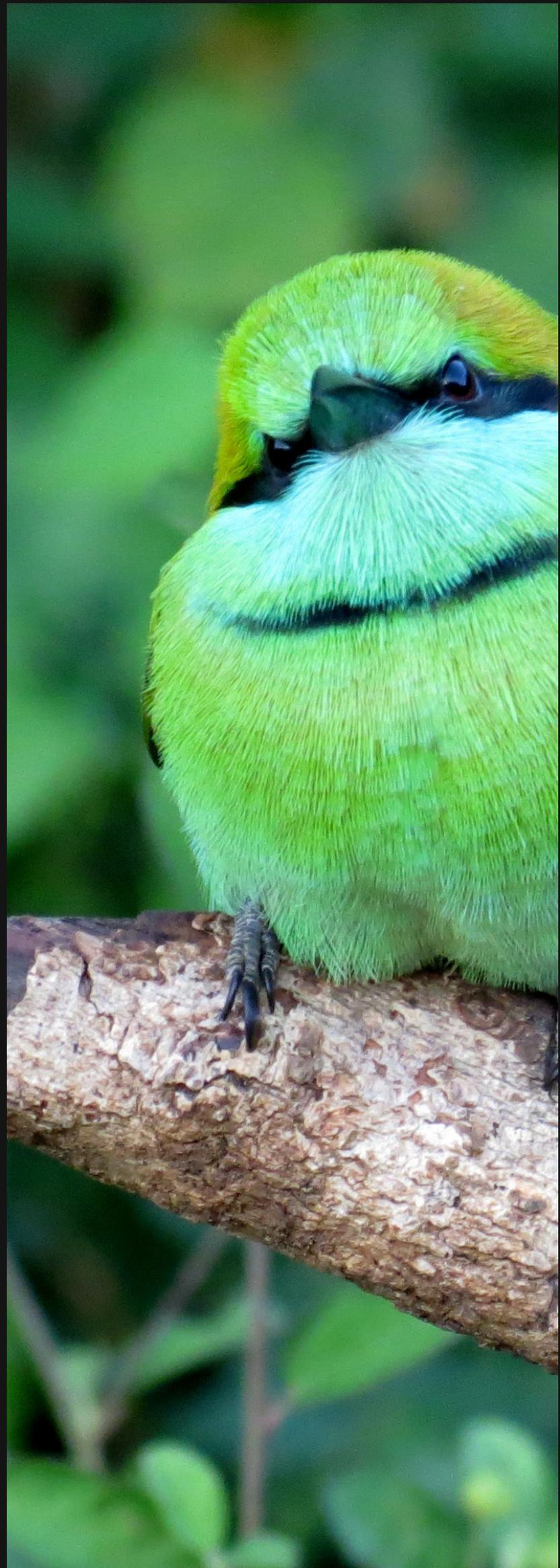
or bathing at the lake's edge. A picnic on a remote island within the national park comes in as the cherry on top. While cruising over the lake make sure to keep a sharp eye out for the wildlife!

Day 15 - 16 
Gal Oya – Koslanda

Koslanda; The Forest of Gods

Day 17
Koslanda – Yala – Weerawila
Yala Safari

Yala National Park is Sri Lanka's most famous National Park and with good reason it is home to an amazing range of wildlife. Its magnificent sights of majestic elephants, fine-feathered peacocks, great black bears and agile leopards that steal away into the shadows of the thick foliage are unparalleled to any of the national parks in the country.





Day 18 - 19

Weerawila - Galle

After a relaxed breakfast, heading towards Galle, the highlight of the southern part of the island. Explore the Galle Fort on a walk with your chauffeur guide. This place bring back the history and heritage of another era with cobbled streets that have seen four hundred years of history from Arab merchants to the adventurous Portuguese and the industrious Dutch, with colonial homes complete with their red tiled roofs, an impressive rampart surrounding a small peninsula jutting out to the Indian Ocean and you begin to get an idea of the Fort in Galle.

Day 20

Galle



Supper with a Southern Blend

We head towards a local home where a quintessentially southern family awaits to host you for a dinner that is prepared with love, care and hospitality. The dishes are being cooked and served by the local chef and authentic styles. Apart from Fish (baked or curried) and the Kadey Paan (Bread), Coconut will be the star player of the menu ranging from the Coconut Roti and the Coconut Sambol to the desert which will be stuffed crepes with Pani Pol (mix of Coconut & Treacle).



Day 21 Galle – Airport

Have a safe flight back home!



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