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Culture of the Hills from Colombo (2 Days)

2 days · 1 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This two-day private tour takes you from Colombo into Sri Lanka's central hill country, centred on Kandy and its surrounding temples and gardens. A chauffeur guide collects you in Colombo and drives you up through Pinnawala before settling in Kandy for the night, with the second day given over to the city's temples and the Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya before the return to Colombo.

Travellers get a compact introduction to Kandyan culture: an evening cultural dance show, the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage en route, and a cluster of historic temples around Kandy including the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic. The Peradeniya gardens round off the trip with a walk through a huge collection of tropical plants and trees before heading back to the coast.

The tour runs as a private arrangement with an air-conditioned vehicle and chauffeur guide throughout, allowing the pace and stops to be adjusted to the travellers in the car.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Colombo → Pinnawala → Kandy

The tour begins in Colombo at 0800 hrs, where a chauffeur guide meets you and drives you in an air-conditioned vehicle towards Kandy, stopping along the way at Pinnawala.



Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

A home in Sabaragamuwa province for young elephants displaced or lost from their natural habitat, giving visitors a close encounter with the world's largest land mammals.

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Kandyan Cultural Show

An hour-long evening show of traditional Sri Lankan performing arts, featuring fire dancers, sword dancers and Kandyan dancers performing to drumming.

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Day 2 Kandy → Peradeniya → Colombo

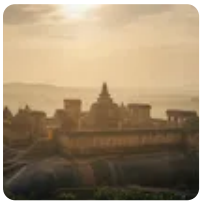
The second day is spent visiting Kandy's cluster of historic temples and the botanical gardens at Peradeniya before the drive back to Colombo.



Embekke Temple

Known for its wood carving, considered a masterpiece of the craft.

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Gadaladeniya Temple

A historic temple with notable paintings and sculptures to wander through.

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Lankatilaka Temple

A temple noted for architecture that was advanced for its time.

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Degaldoruwa Cave Temple

A cave temple whose interior walls carry painstakingly restored paintings.

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Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic

An internationally known temple with cream and gold interiors, housing the sacred tooth relic.

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Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya

Gardens formed in the early 19th century covering a vast area with over 4000 plant species, including orchids, spices and medicinal plants, rare trees, a cannonball tree, a suspension bridge and hedge mazes.

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What's included

INCLUDED

- Transport throughout the private air-conditioned vehicle.Service of an English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide throughout the tour.

NOT INCLUDED

- Accommodation for the overnight stay.Food and beverages.Entrance fees to visiting sites. (Temple of Tooth Relic, Peradeniya Botanical Garden, Temples)Any expenses of personal nature.Gratuities.