

SRI LANKA RAMAYANA CIRCUIT

27 Jan to 6 Feb 2023

(10 Nights & 11 Days)

LIMITED SEATS ONLY



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DAY 1: AIRPORT (BIA) | NEGOMBO

Arrival and transfer to Negombo



Overnight in Negombo: Amagi Aria

DAY 2: NEGOMBO | CHILAW | ANURADHAPURA

Visit Manavari Temple and Munneshwaram Kovil. Visit Divrumpola Temple (Agni Pariksha place). Drive to Anuradhapura



Overnight in Anuradhapura: Alakamanda Hotel

DAY 3: ANURADHAPURA | MANNAR | ANURADHAPURA

Day excursion to Mannar to visit

Thiruketheeshwaram Temple & Rama's Bridge



Overnight in Anuradhapura: Alakamanda Hotel

DAY 4: ANURADHAPURA | TRINCOMALEE

Drive to Trincomalee. Enroute visit Thiru Koneshwaram Temple



Overnight in Trincomalee: Trinco Blu

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DAY 5: TRINCOMALEE

Day at leisure to enjoy the beach



Overnight in Trincomalee: Trinco Blu

DAY 6: TRINCOMALEE | MATALE | KANDY

Drive to Matale. Visit Sri Muththumari Amman Kovil and Matale Spice Garden. Later drive to Kandy



Overnight in Kandy: Amaya Hills

DAY 7: KANDY | NUWARA ELIYA

Morning visit to Temple of the Tooth Relic. Drive to Nuwara Eliya. Enroute visit Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple at Ramboda & Ramboda Waterfalls



Overnight in Nuwara Eliya: Araliya Red

DAY 8: NUWARA ELIYA

Visit Sita Amman Temple (Ashok Vatika) followed by Hakgala Botanical Garden.

Later city tour of Nuwara Eliya



Overnight in Nuwara Eliya: Araliya Red

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DAY 9: NUWARA ELIYA | ELLA

Scenic train ride from Nuwara Eliya to Ella. Later visit Ravana Falls & Ravana Caves



Overnight in Ella: Ekho Ella

DAY 10: ELLA | COLOMBO

Drive to Colombo. Colombo city tour including Colombo National and Dutch period museums, old and new parliament houses, Gangarama Buddhist Temple, Town Hall, and the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall



Overnight in Colombo: Cinnamon Red

DAY 11: FLY HOME

Packed with wonderful memories, it's time to fly back home

Please click on the hotels' names to be redirected to their website.

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Manavari Temple

It is the first place where Lord Rama installed and prayed the Shiva lingam after the end of the war with Ravana to liberate Sita. It is said to be the only lingam which is named after him other than the one in Rameshwaram.



Munneshwaram Kovil

This temple is located where Lord Rama prayed to Shiva after committing the worst crime named as Brahmahasti after killing Ravana, who was a Brahmin.

There is also a belief that Rama stopped his Vimana at Munneswaram as he felt that Brahmahasti Dosham was not following him at this place. So he ascended from vimana and prayed to Shiva and asked for a remedy to get rid from his dosham.

Thiruketheeshwaram Temple

This is the second Siva Linga in Sri Lanka. The legend has it that it was built by Ravana's father-in-law, Mayan, the master architect. The Portuguese destroyed this temple and it was only restored in the early 1900s after the original Siva Linga was excavated. Before it was destroyed, it was supposed to be the largest of the Siva temples in Sri Lanka. The temple had multiple courtyards with various idols dedicated to gods. The entrances to these courtyards were all lined up perfectly. One could see the Siva Linga past the doorways from the entrance of the temple.



Rama's Bridge

It is the geographically closest point to India and the other end of Rama Setu. As per legend, once Hanuman had located Sita in Lanka, the Vanara army moved towards Lanka swiftly and arrived at the ocean. Under the guidance of Nala, the Vanara architect, they proceeded to build a bridge to Lanka using rocks which had Lord Ram's name written on it. A few of these floating rocks used in building the bridge to Lanka can still be seen at the Panchamukhi Hanuman temple in Rameshwaram. At certain places, where the water is shallow, the remnants of the bridge can still be seen.



Thiru Koneshwaram Temple

According to Ramayana in Sri Lanka, this temple is located on a rock promontory which is built by Rishi Agastya under the instructions of Shiva who was impressed by the devotion of Ravana.

It is also said in the epic of Ramayana that Lord Rama built the second lingam here to get rid of the Brahmahasthi Dosham which was caused by malediction of killing Ravana who was a Brahmin.

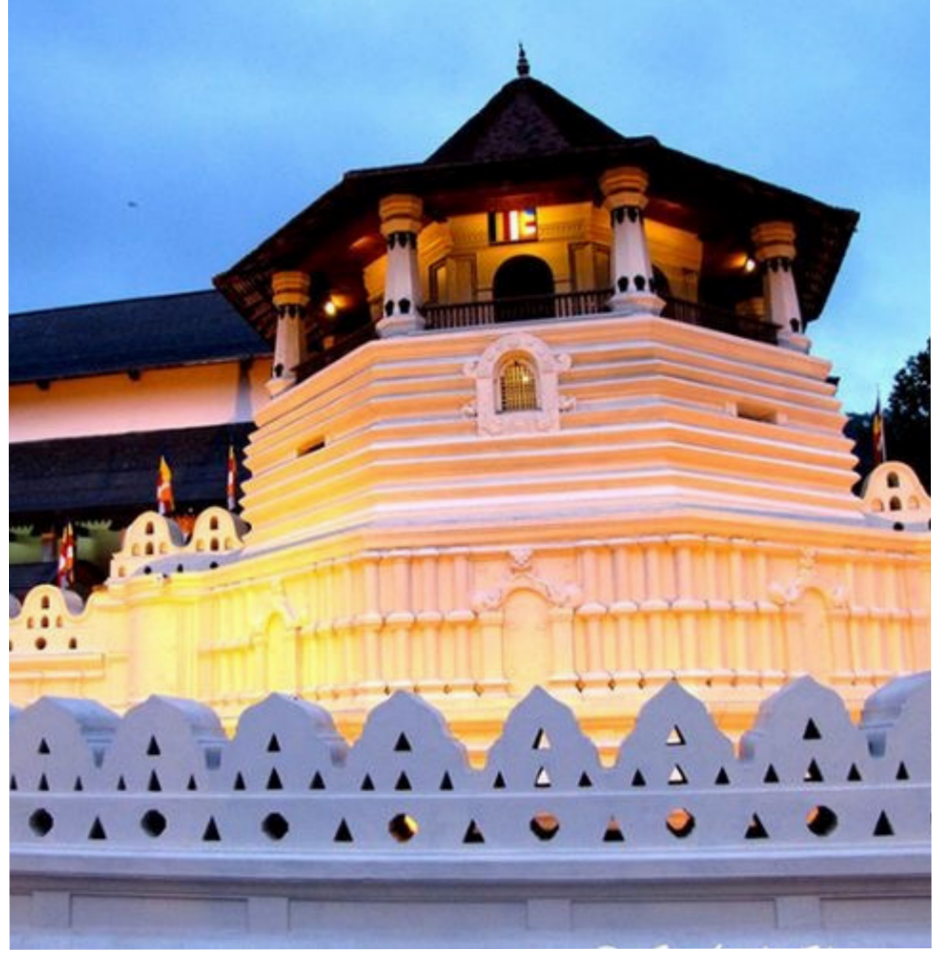
Sri Muththumari Amman Kovil

This is a popular Hindu shrine located in the middle of Matale town. This temple is dedicated to Mariamman, the goddess of rain and fertility. One of the most visually dominant features of this temple is its 55 m (180 ft) high Gopuram, called Raja Koburum and is one of the largest Gopurams in Sri Lanka. The 1008 statues of Hindu deities were done by the South Indian sculptor Nagalingam and his son Ramanathan with help of about 100 designers, painters and architects from Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka.



Temple of the Tooth Relic

Dalada Maligawa or the Temple of the sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy is the most venerated place of worship for Buddhists throughout the world. Built in the 16th century this temple houses the sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha brought to Sri Lanka from the Kalinga province in ancient India in the 4th century AD. Several buildings have been added to the temple complex by successive rulers, the latest being the Golden Canopy over the inner shrine where the Tooth Relic is placed.



Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple at Ramboda

Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple, set in a beautiful location in Ramboda village overlooking the valley of Kotmale is tied to the mythical legendary tale of Ramayana. It is at this location where Sitadevi was hidden by Ravana and where Hanuman Ji was searching for Mata Sita. This village and area of Ramboda was said to have been where Rama's forces had gathered against Ravana.

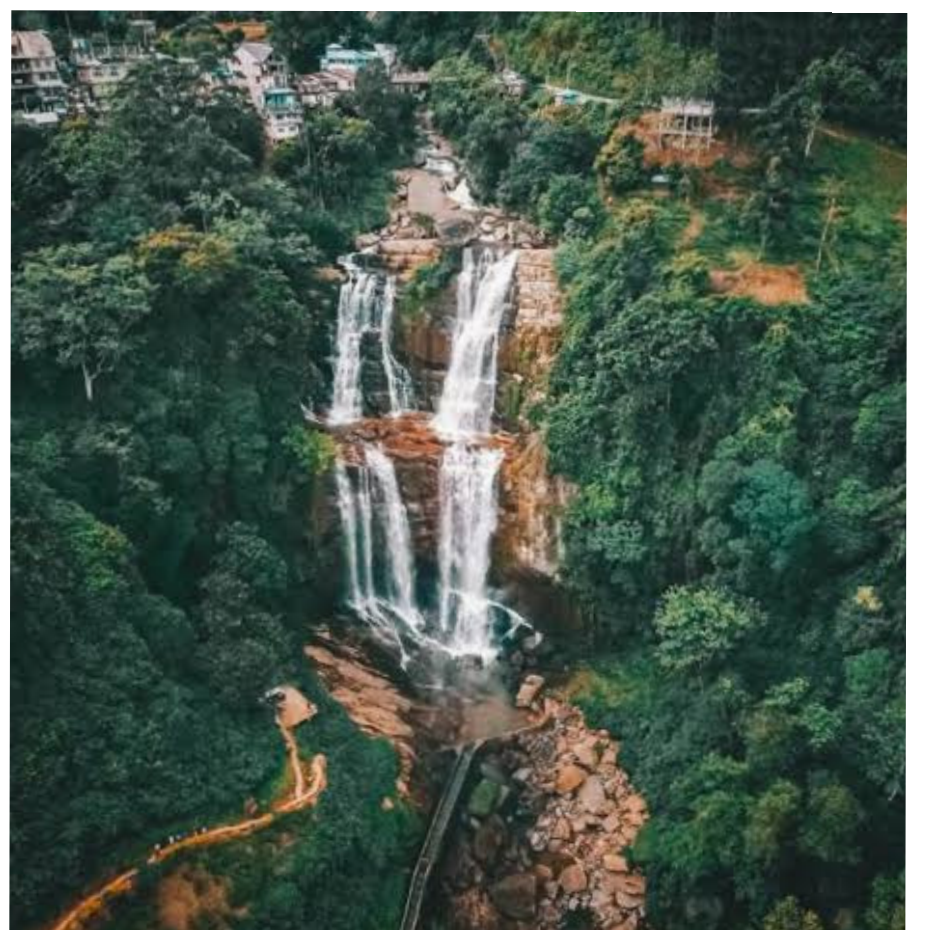
The Chinmaya mission of Sri Lanka built a temple with Hanuman as the presiding deity.



Ramboda Falls

It is 109 meters high and is the 11th highest waterfall in Sri Lanka. Also known as Puna Ella, it is formed by a tributary on the Kotmale River, namely Panna Oya.

Ramboda Falls is a spectacular tiered type of waterfall which falls into a large basin pool. This natural pool is a popular area for swimming.



Sita Amman Temple

Sita Amman Temple is believed to be the only temple in the world dedicated to Mata Sita, who was held captive by Ravana in that area. Sita ji is said to have prayed daily at the nearby river for Rama to rescue her.



Hakgala Botanical Garden

This is the exotic pleasure garden where Ravana kept the depressed Sita, insisting that she marries him. It was here where the heartwarming meeting took place between her and Hanuman ji, who brought her Rama's ring with the news that Rama was looking for her. He offered to carry her back, but she refused saying it would be an insult to Rama's honor if she did so. Part of this majestic garden still exists. It is also said that Hanuman ji nearly destroyed it in order to prove to Ravana of the forces against him.



Divurumpola Temple

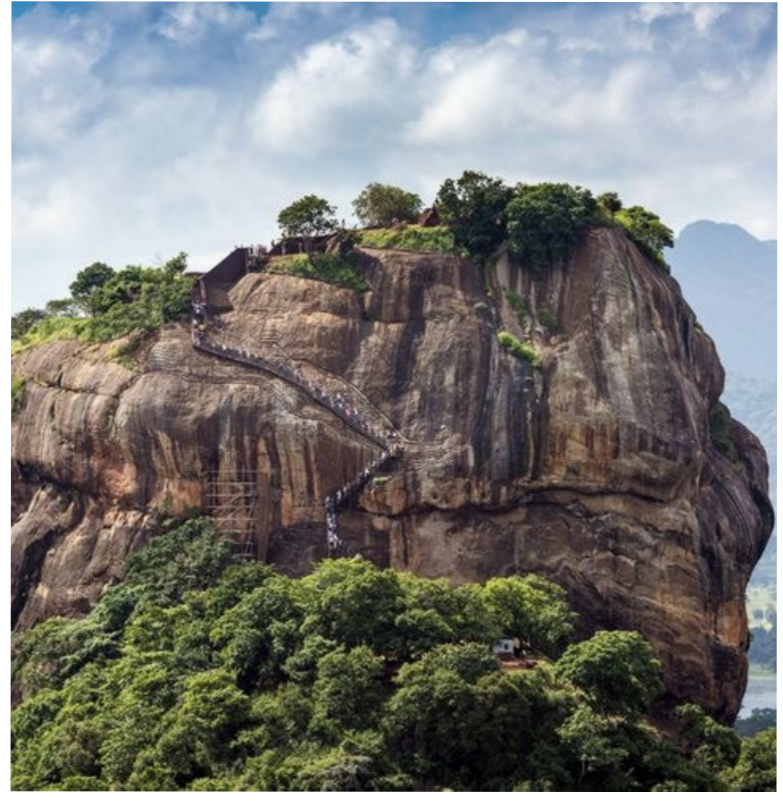
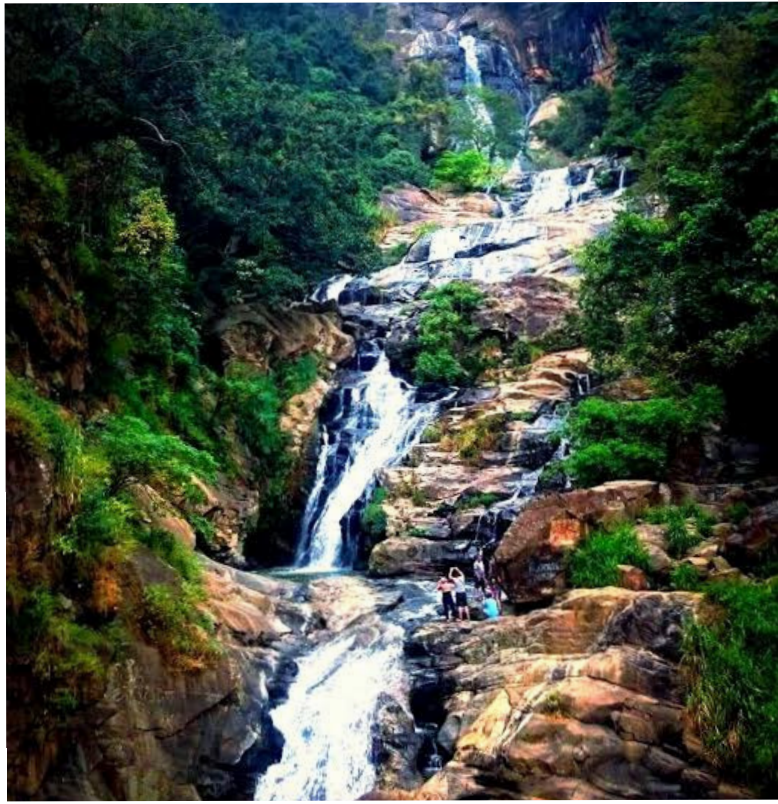
Divurumpola Temple still revered by thousands, this holy haven was the place where Sita performed her Agni Pariksha (proving her chastity) to her husband Rama. Continuing the practice for thousands of years, villagers still pledge their fidelity or take oaths there. This place has been respected and worshipped by people down the ages.

Divurumpola means place of oath in Sinhala. The legal system permits and accepts the swearing done at this temple while settling disputes between parties.

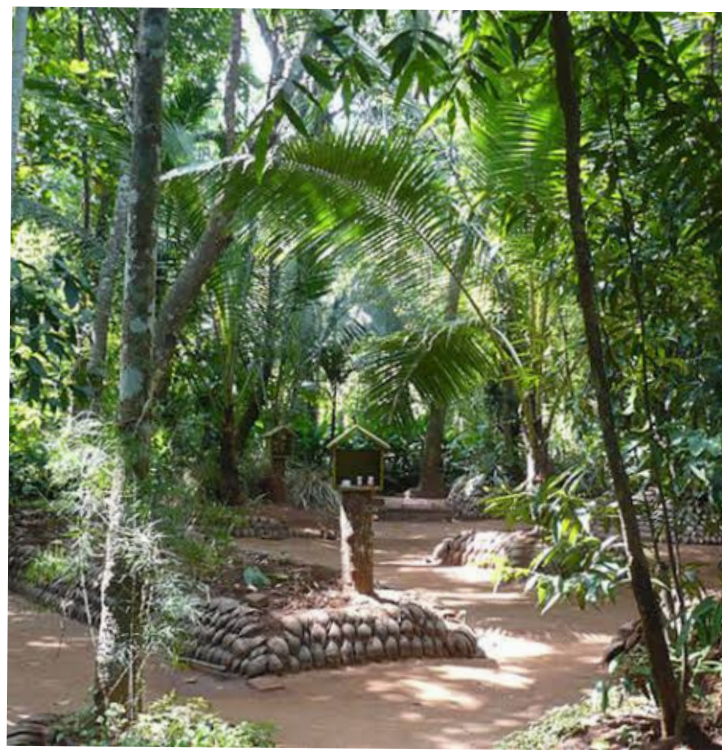


Ravana Falls & Ravana Caves

It is said that Ravana had kidnapped princess Sita, and had hidden her in the caves behind this waterfall, now simply known as the Ravana Ella Cave. At the time, the cave was surrounded by thick forests in the midst of the wilderness. It is also believed that Rama's queen bathed in a pool that accumulated the water falling from this waterfall. Ravana is said to have lived in one of the caves above the waterfall.



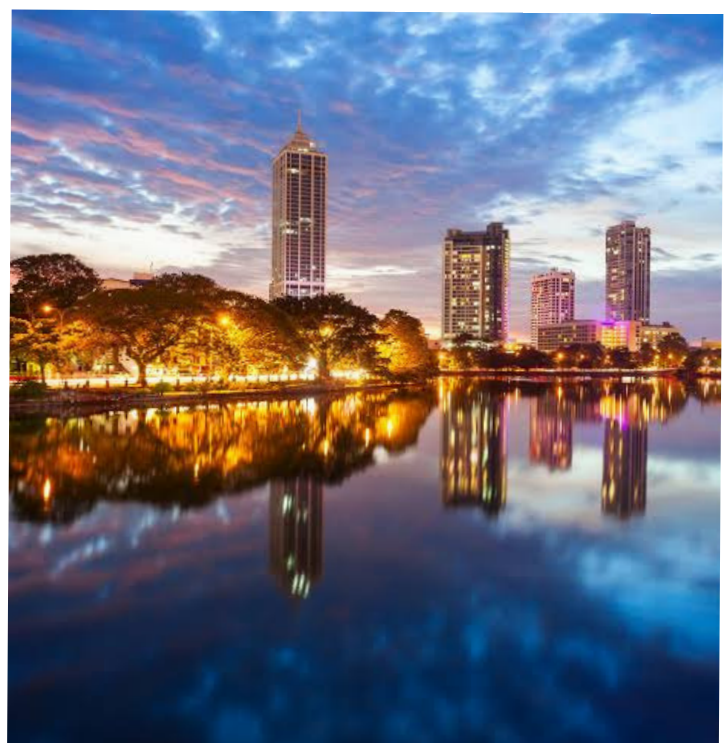
Matale Spice Garden



Nuwara Eliya City Tour



Colombo City Tour



LAND PACKAGE COST

- Per Person on Twin Sharing Basis: ₹93,340
- Per Person on Triple Sharing Basis: ₹89,340
- Child with Extra Bed: ₹62,220
- Child without Extra Bed: ₹52,884
- Single Room Supplement: ₹30,400

Cost mentioned above is on per person basis
(excluding GST & TCS)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- At the time of booking: ₹22,500
- By 9 Dec' 22: ₹34,500
- By 5 Jan' 23: Balance payment of the trip

CANCELLATION CHARGES AND POLICIES

- From the date of booking upto 9 Dec' 22: 10% of the total package cost excluding taxes and TCS
- From 10 Dec' 22 upto 4 Jan' 23: 15% of the total package cost excluding taxes and TCS
- From 5 Jan' 23 onwards: Full Cancellation will be applicable
- Bookings once made are non-refundable and non-transferrable. These are non-refundable deposits.
- Please note TCS once collected cannot be refunded in case of cancellation/modification. You can claim the TCS amount paid as an adjustment against Income Tax payable at the time of filing the return of income.
- Cancellation charges mentioned are exclusive of all taxes and taxes will be added as applicable.

INCLUSIONS

- Meeting and assistance at Colombo International Airport
- Accommodation for 10 nights on twin/double share basis in base category at above mentioned hotels or similar
- 10 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 10 Dinners (Vegetarian meals)
- Transportation in AC MINI COACH / COACH with services of an English-speaking chauffeur or national guide
- Entrance fee as per the itinerary
- VISA
- Travel insurance (Insurance age over 59 years, there will be an extra charge for insurance which will be subject to the duration of the trip)
- 2 x 500ml water bottles per person per day

EXCLUSIONS

- GST & TCS
- Airfare & excess luggage, unless specified by the airline
- Personal expenditure, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, camera fees, communications, postage, gratuities etc.
- Meals and services other than mentioned in the program.
- Drinks with meals
- Tips & Gratuities
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels, if not mentioned in the program
- Any medical expenses incurred during the trip
- Additional accommodation or services due to unforeseen circumstances

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Please note once your booking is confirmed, you will receive an e-mail as well as an SMS on your registered mobile number confirming your booking. However, if you would like to get in touch with us, please call us on +91 9179035188. We are available Monday to Saturday from 09:30 am to 06:30 pm.
- Please expect to receive your travel vouchers 72 hours before your departure date (subject to full payment of your package cost).
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, room service, alcoholic beverages, mini bar etc., are not included.
- In case your package needs to be cancelled due to any natural calamity, weather conditions etc. HackRoutes shall strive to give you the maximum possible refund subject to the agreement made with our trade partners/vendors.
- If payment is not made as per the schedule provided in the first booking confirmation e-mail, HackRoutes reserves the right to cancel the booking after attempting to get in touch with you.
- The passenger names in the booking form should be exactly as per the passports. HackRoutes will not bear any liability for the name change fee or for any incorrect information provided at the time of booking.
- Kindly be on time for your activities, tours and transfers. Most countries are quite strict about following a schedule.
- For queries regarding cancellations and refunds, please refer to our Cancellation Policy.
- The Booking Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India. Any litigation arising under or concerning these Booking Conditions shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Delhi.

- For any paid activity which is non-operational due to any unforeseen reason, we will process a refund & the same should reach the guests within 30 working days of processing the refund. Also, for any activity which is complimentary and not charged to HackRoutes & guests, no refund will be processed.
- The Standard check-in time at the hotel is 3:00 pm and check-out is 11:00 am.
- All requests (early check-in / late check-out / interconnecting or adjacent rooms / preferred floor) and room configuration (double or twin bed) are on subject to availability upon check-in
- In case the suggested hotel is unavailable for booking, an alternate arrangement will be offered to the customers in another hotel of a similar category.
- Certain hotels abroad may ask for a security deposit during check-in, which is refundable at check-out subject to the hotel's policy.
- Please note that "Day at Leisure" essentially implies that no sightseeing activities or transportation or any other service apart from accommodation have been included for that day.
- All tours are on SIC basis, so the company reserves the right to modify the days of tours without hampering the overall experience of the trip.
- Itinerary might get changed according to the availability of tours & services and it will be informed and updated to the guests once they reach.

DATE CHANGE POLICY

Changing of date is not possible for the current package as it is a fixed departure.

FORCE MAJEURE

In event of circumstances beyond control of HackRoutes including but without limitation, national or local disasters, accidents, strikes, labor disputes or suspension of supplies, governmental intervention, HackRoutes shall be entitled to cancel the booking without giving any written notice, only if no other options prevails.

TAX COLLECTED AT SOURCE (TCS)

- As per section 206CCA of Income Tax Act 1961, w.e.f. 01-Jul-21 onwards, TCS will be charged @10% on overseas tour packages in case you have not filed your income tax returns for two preceding years; and the aggregate TDS and TCS in each tax year is INR 50,000 or more.
- On validating the PAN if it is found that you have not filed your Income Tax Returns for two preceding years and aggregate TDS and TCS exceeds INR 50,000, an additional TCS @5% will be recovered from you or booking will get cancelled and cancellation charges will apply.

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