



ISLAND GLAMOUR

THROUGH ARTRAVELE

7 Nights 8 Days



ARTRAVELE

Day 01

As you land in the tropical isle, be met and welcomed by the airport officials who will lead you through the silk route to the lounge where you will make acquaintances with your travel host before you indulge in your welcome snack. Your luggage will be cleared for you and then you will depart towards your first destination in the south.

You will drive through the busy commercial hubs to reach the coastal towns and the historical fortified city of Galle. Your first hideaway has been handpicked so that you could relax and unwind while walking the cobble stone streets of the fort of Galle. Be led by our signature personality to explore the fort through the tales of the past which makes this a destination rich in historical wonders.



Overnight: Taru Villas, Rampart Street

Distance: 155km | Time: Approx. 3 hours

Day 02

Today you will explore a unique story of the southern gem industry of Sri Lanka. Meet with a local host who will walk you through 5 generations of stories of gem merchants. Explore the Blueshine moonstones which is a rare stone which is only found in the south of Sri Lanka and be marveled by the olden day's cutting technologies which gave these rare stones much glamour and character.

After a rich fulfilling experience learning of the gems of the south you will then sit alongside the host for a scrumptious locally prepared meal. Authentic Sri Lankan cuisine along with Sri Lankan entertainment to top off the experience in grand style.

Afterwards you will have the rest of the day to relax at your hideaway at your own pace.



Overnight: Taru Villas, Rampart Street

Day 03

Leave behind the coastal pleasures of the fortified city and you will head towards the hills. En route stop over in Ratnapura for an exhilarating experience of a lifetime. Get down and dirty to a gem mine as you excavate to explore the earth in search of stones that would make you a fortune.

For centuries, Nature has washed minerals from their original mountain locations to the lowland and valleys. This Precious cargo of gems has been deposited in coarse waterborne gravel called illama which ancient streams buried beneath a layer of alluvial Clay. after a brief demonstration you will be taken to open gem pit where the guest will descend with the local miners to dig for gems, which are only found in special strata Earth. You will be taught to cut and polish the stones until they glitter in shine. After a heavy session at work you will be treated for a Sri Lankan meal until its time for you to head towards your mysterious hideaway.



Overnight: Ahaspokuna

Distance to Ratnapura: 150km | Time: Approx. 03 hours
Ratnapura to Ahaspokuna : 75km | Time: Approx. 02 hours

Day 04

Wake up early morning and set out after your morning tea / coffee to set out on a unique adventure to be closer to the authentic form of Sri Lanka. Hop on board a 4 wheel drive as the sun rises and head off to the Udawalawe National Park through an interesting drive through a village track. En route meet with a local host and learn the art of making buffalo curd. Afterwards enter the national park and discover the early settlements of the pre historic "Balangoda man" who lived 40,000 years ago and the ruins of the forgotten kingdom. Enjoy a picnic breakfast set against the beautiful Walawe river, which is famous for the precious gems that have been found hidden in the sand. Afterwards set in to the national park and as you exit the park visit the locals and it will be time for a scrumptious lunch. You will head back to your hideaway and enjoy a night of star gazing at your private villa open to the skies.



Overnight: Ahaspokuna

Day 05

Today you will set out to Haputale to hop over a scenic rail journey to reach the city famously known as "little England". After reaching Nuwaraeliya you will spend some quality time learning of the art of "leaf to cup" where you visit a tea plantation which will be lead by one of the signature personalities of ArTravele.

Afterwards you will head out to Kandy the last kingdom of Sri Lanka. You will settle in to your hideaway in the last kingdom and relax and unwind overlooking the great city of Kandy whilst enjoying and experience of High Coffee.



Overnight: Coffee Bungalow

Distance (Ahaspokuna - Haputale): 55km | Time: Approx. 01 hour 30 mins

Train Journey : Approx. 01 hour 30 mins

Nuwaraeliya to Kandy : 90km | Approx. 03 hours

Day 06

Today you will wake up to learning the art of designing your own masterpiece. Take a tour through a gem store and meet with one of the Signature personalities of ArTravele who will guide you through designing your own piece of jewelry. As a designer you will be inspired by the latest methods of designing coupled with the knowledge you have gained of the varying methods of excavating, cutting, polishing and designing used throughout the generations of the industry. Afterwards you have the option to go through many different varieties of stones available in Sri Lanka and the varying stories which speaks of its properties.



Overnight: Coffee Bungalow

Day 7

Your final day in Sri Lanka can be organised based on your time of departure. Bid your goodbyes as you make your way to Colombo to the Katunayake International Airport for your flight back home.



Distance: 120km | Time: Approx. 03 hours 30 minutes