

2020 BESPOKE RALLIES 2020

SRI LANKA

THE LAND OF LIMITLESS BEAUTY

1,755 KMS IN 23 DAYS

JANUARY 17 TO FEB 8, 2020

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Marco Polo called Sri Lanka the most beautiful island in the world and he was right. Here there are stunning views from high peaks, tropical rainforest teeming with fantastic and prolific animals, a delightful people now reunited after a gruelling 20 year war.

The cultural triangle between Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Dambulla is a jungle-covered plain strewn with granite boulders 200m high, with a profusion of wildlife, exotic plants and World Heritage Sites. The forests are mostly teak, mahogany, ebony and names like rosewood and satinwood that you only come across in antique shops. On the outskirts of villages are mangoes and papayas, cloves and cinnamon and profusion of wild flowers, animals and birds.

It's a country of rare beauty and diversity and is a jewel in our crown of rallies.



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Day 01 Arrive at COLOMBO Airport

Hotel: MT. LAVINIA HOTEL

You will be met at Colombo Airport and taken to your hotel.

Day 02 COLOMBO

Hotel: MT. LAVINIA HOTEL

Accimatise with a city tour of Colombo.

Day 03 COLOMBO – MILLANIYA – SINHARAJA – 100kms

Hotel: BOULDER GARDEN RESORT

After breakfast we take to the roads for the first time to Millaniya, a remote village just outside Colombo. Changing wheels to Tuk-Tuks we drive past paddy fields to see traditional village life. On show is Cinnamon production, rubber tapping in a small plantation and a local oil making process.

Day 04 SINHARAJA – GALLE – 170kms

Hotel: CLOSENBERG HOTEL

From the hotel we take a small trek in the Sinharaja Rainforest. Declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and biosphere reserve, Sinharaja is a treasure trove of both flora and fauna and includes potted deer, hog deer, golden palm civet, stripe necked mongoose as well as countless butterflies and reptiles.

Day 05 GALLE

Hotel: CLOSENBERG HOTEL

In the morning we drive to Mirissa beach for a spot of whale watching. In the evening take a tour of Galle including the famous Galle Fort. The narrow streets of are lined with Dutch merchant villas, pillared verandas, carved doors and windows.

Day 06 GALLE – UDAWALAWE – 130kms

Hotel: GRAND UDAWALAWE SAFARI RESORT

After Breakfast we start to get into the hills and drive to Udawalawe. There's time after arrival for a jungle trek and to drive around Udawalawe National Park. Udawalawe is one of the best elephant sanctuaries in the world.

Day 07 UDAWALAWE – WAVULPONE – BELIHULOYA – 146kms

Hotel: BELIHULOYA REST HOUSE

Today we drive to Belihul Oya via Wavulpone Cave which is estimated to be approximately 500 million years old and contains many staggering stalactites and stalagmites. In the 100m high cave it feels like a prehistoric

world with an indoor 85ft waterfall.

Day 08 BELIHULOYA

Hotel: BELIHULOYA REST HOUSE

We have an early rise to visit the Devil's Staircase. On this trail through one of the oldest tea plantations in Sri Lanka - Non-Peril Estate - we will climb 1250m over 18km with 32 impressive hair-pin bends.

Day 09 BELIHUL OYA – HORTON PLAINS – NUWARA ELIYA – 75kms

Hotel: GRAND HOTEL

Today we drive to Horton Plains, one of the most iconic areas of Sri Lanka. We visit the World's End which has the finest view in all of Sri Lanka where the awesome escarpment drops vertically for about 4,000 feet.

Day 10 NUWARA ELIYA – ADAM'S PEAK – NUWARA ELIYA – 75km

Hotel: GRAND HOTEL

We drive to Adam's Peak. At 2243m it is regarded as sacred by a number of religions including Muslims who believe it to be the place where Adam first set foot on earth; Buddhists who believe it is where Buddha placed his sacred footprint on this sanctuary and Hindus who believe it has the sacred footprint of God Siva.

Day 11 NUWARA ELIYA – KANDY – 98kms

Hotel: OZO KANDY

Today we have a leisurely drive to Kandy home of the last ruler, King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe. Kandy is now a World Heritage Site being the last royal capital of Sri Lankan kings.

Day 12 KANDY – KNUCKLES – KANDY – 80kms

Hotel: OZO KANDY

We drive to Knuckles Mountain, which resembles knuckles of a clenched fist – with an amazing diversity of flora and fauna. Here you have a spectacular view of surrounding dense forests, tea plantations, terraced paddy fields and waterfalls.

Day 13 KANDY – SIGIRIYA – 120 Km

Hotel: HERITNACE KANDALAMA

After Breakfast we drive to Sigiriya which is a mere 90kms away on the direct route but as you would expect we don't go straight there. En route we visit the Spice Garden at Matale, Dambulla Cave Temple and the gigantic golden Buddha.

Day 14 SIGIRIYA

Hotel: HERITNACE KANDALAMA

A rest day and a chance to visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Step through the gigantic 'Lion Paws' overlooking the symmetrical royal gardens below. A truly colossal masterpiece of the age.

Day 15 SIGIRIYA – POLONNARUWA – TRINCOMALEE – 100 Km

Hotel: TRINCO BLU BY CINNAMON

After breakfast we drive to Polonnaruwa the medieval capital and crown jewel of King Parakramabahu I.

Day 16 TRINCOMALEE

Hotel: TRINCO BLU BY CINNAMON

At leisure to enjoy the beach or simply take a rest.

Day 17 TRINCOMALEE – JAFFNA – 254 Kms

Hotel: JETWING JAFFNA

Drive to Jaffna. En route visit War Monuments of Sri Lanka Civil War. Evening at leisure.

Day 18 JAFFNA – NAGADEEPA – JAFFNA

Hotel: JETWING JAFFNA

We take an excursion boat to Nagadeepa (aka Nainativu), one of the smallest islands in the Gulf of Mannar. It is both a place of religious significance and beauty.

Day 19 JAFFNA – ANURADHAPURA – 200kms

Hotel: FOREST ROCK GARDEN

After Breakfast proceed to Anuradhapura via the northwest coast road. Evening at leisure.

Day 20 ANURADHAPURA

Hotel: FOREST ROCK GARDEN

Anuradhapura is one of the greatest and oldest civilizations in the world spanning more than 1,300 years and 113 kings. See the 2200 year old sacred Bo sapling extracted from the tree under which Lord Buddha attained.

Day 21 ANURADHAPURA – COLOMBO – 200 Kms

Hotel: GALLE FACE

After breakfast proceed to Colombo. Gala Dinner

Day 22 COLOMBO

Hotel: GALLE FACE

Day Off

Day 23 COLOMBO

Depart

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DAY	DATE	TOWN	NOTES	KMS	HOTEL
Day 1	Jan 17	Colombo	Arrive	0	Mount Lavinia Hotel
Day 2	Jan 18	Colombo	Sightseeing/collect cars	0	Mount Lavinia Hotel
Day 3	Jan 19	Colombo - Millaniya - Sinharaja	Village Life	100	Boulder Garden Resort
Day 4	Jan 20	Sinharaja to Galle	Sinharaja Rain Forest	170	Closenberg Hotel
Day 5	Jan 21	Galle day off	Sightseeing/Whales	0	Closenberg Hotel
Day 6	Jan 22	Galle to Udawalawe	Udawalawe Elephant Park	126	Grand Udawalawe
Day 7	Jan 23	Udawalawe to Belihuloya	Wavulpone Cave	146	Belihuloya Rest House
Day 8	Jan 24	Belihuloya	Devils Staircase	0	Belihuloya Rest House
Day 9	Jan 25	Belihuloya to Nuwara Eliya	Horton Plains	75	Grand Hotel
Day 10	Jan 26	Nuwara Eliya day off	Adam's Peak	0	Grand Hotel
Day 11	Jan 27	Nuwara to Kandy	via Welimada	98	Ozo Kandy
Day 12	Jan 28	Kandy day off	Knuckles Mountain Range	0	Ozo Kandy
Day 13	Jan 29	Kandy to Sigiriya	Dumballa Rock Temple	202	Heritnace Kanalama
Day 14	Jan 30	Sigiriya day off	Lion Paws	0	Heritnace Kanalama
Day 15	Jan 31	Sigiriya to Trincomalee via Polonnaruwa	Polonnaruwa city ruins	186	Trinco Blu by Cinnamon
Day 16	Feb 1	Trincomalee day off	Beach day/Town tour	0	Trinco Blu by Cinnamon
Day 17	Feb 2	Trincomalee to Jaffna	Civil War Monuments	234	Jetwing Jaffna
Day 18	Feb 3	Jaffna day off	Nagadeepa Island	0	Jetwing Jaffna
Day 19	Feb 4	Jaffna to Anuradhapura	Via the coast road	220	Forest Rock Garden
Day 20	Feb 5	Anuradhapura day off	Town excursion	0	Forest Rock Garden
Day 21	Feb 6	Anuradhapura to Colombo	via Puttalam	198	Galle Face
Day 22	Feb 7	Colombo day off	Day off	0	Galle Face
Day 23	Feb 8	Depart			
Total Kms				1,755	

INCLUDED IN THE RALLY

- The ultimate Sri Lankan adventure
- A 4x4 Included with each entry
- 5 star and colonial style hotels
- Airport Transfers
- City tours
- Breakfast and most evening meals
- Tours and Excursions
- Elephant Safaris
- Local Guides
- The Bespoke Rallies Team
- The finest cuisine
- Forts and ancient ruins
- Film of the event
- Incredible wildlife
- Stunning views and mountain tops
- Island visits
- Whale watching
- And more...

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WHY GO WITH BESPOKE RALLIES?

We are a very experienced rally organisation with notable events past and present, including the Tiger Rally in South East Asia, the Himalaya Classic Rally, The Great Amazon Adventure, The Maya Classic Rally, The Cuba Classic Rally, The PanAm Classic, The Royal Rajasthan, The Trans Himalaya Rally, Slartibartfast, Magical Madagascar and the Grand Prix of South America. We have pioneered rallies into Vietnam and were the first to get permission to take a rally to Bhutan which we visited twice. We have a great team in the office and on the road which means you are in good hands from start to finish.

WHAT TYPE OF EVENTS DO YOU RUN?

Our events are either a Tour or a Competition or an Endurance event. Our Tours are designed to give you time to enjoy the scenery as well as the journey. Our Competition events are based on regularity. Our Enduro events are tougher and generally include dirt and/or graded roads. All events have a Touring class.

WHAT SUPPORT DO YOU GIVE?

On most events we provide mechanical assistance using one of our teams of experienced 'bush' mechanics who are used

to keeping cars on the road in all conditions.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE?

Apart from great driving, exceptional routes and our fantastic team, the entry fee always includes all your accommodation on rally days, breakfast and most evening meals including a welcome and final gala dinner. On Competitive events we include trophies and comprehensive results. On every event there is a rally bag containing a detailed roadbook, some clothing appropriate to the event, pens, clipboards etc. We also include car decals, rally plates and on Touring events we provide a GPS to make sure you get round with ease.

WHAT ARE YOUR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

For most events we like to have pre-1980 cars as around this time they started to become more complicated and include computers. However, if you have a later classic and are prepared to accept that we cannot repair the electronics, then give us a call and if we like the sound of it, you are welcome to join us.

WHAT DO I NEED TO NAVIGATE ON A COMPETITION RALLY?

You need a trip meter from Brantz, TerraTrip, Monit or similar. We suggest you

have a couple of clocks in the car and read the rules and regulations carefully.

HOW DO I ENTER?

Complete an entry form as far as you can at the time and send it with a deposit to Bespoke Rallies. We will write back and confirm you have been successful. The entry form should be accompanied by a deposit as specified. If you have any queries please feel free to call the rally office. Our T&Cs are on the website.

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