TOUR NUMBER GTT – 02

THE GENTLE GIANTS AND ORPHANED BABIES FEEDING AND BATHING IN REFRESHING WATERS
FULL DAY EXCURSION PINNAWALA ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE WITH WESTERN AND ORIENTAL BUFFET LUNCH

08:30 Hrs  Depart from Seaport of Colombo to Pinnawala. Enroute drive through beautiful Countryside seeing Rice Paddy Fields, growing of fruits and vegetables and pineapples passing through very scenic Villages and colourful Towns.

11:00 Hrs  Arrive at Pinnawala and witness Elephants bathing in the River including the Orphaned Babies.

12:00 Hrs  Lunch at Hotel Pinnalanda with a beautiful view overlooking the scenic river.

13:00 Hrs  Thereafter, visit the Elephant Orphanage and witness the feeding of the baby Elephants with milk in bottles fixed with large teats.

14:00 Hrs  Depart to Seaport. Enroute visit a Spice Garden

16:30 Hrs  Continue journey and arrive at the pier, Ship side.

“Excursion Ends”

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- 3 to 10 years Children will be charged 50% from Adult Rate.
- 15 Pax and above group, TOUR LEADER will be on FOC

SERVICE INCLUDES

Approximate Duration : 08 Hours
Activity Level (Easy, Moderate, Strenuous) : Moderate
List of Sites Visited : Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Hotel Pinnalanda and a Spice Garden
Meals : Included Western Oriental Buffet lunch (Please inform us if GLUTEN FREE Meals are Required)
Refreshment : Included (Either a bottle of 500ml Mineral Water or a Bottled Soft Drink)
Meal / Refreshment Venue : Hotel Pinnalanda overlooking the scenic river
Entrance Fee : Included in Tour Cost
Accompanying Tour Guide Suppliment Where applicable : Included in Tour Cost
Porterage & Tips : Not included (Optional)

PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS

Dress Code : Casual
Min Age to Participate - | Max Age to Participate | Nil
Min Height to Participate - | Max Height to Participate | Nil
Min Weight to Participate - | Max Weight to Participate | Nil
Medical Restrictions (if applicable) : No
Wheelchair Access : Not recommended

REMARKS

Please note that feeding of fruits and other foods purchased from numerous vendors at the site will cause animals to fall sick and not recommended
PINNAWELA ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE
This Elephant Orphanage is located at Pinnawala in the Kegalle district. The main access is from the Colombo - Kandy main road on the turn towards Rambukkana. The Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage was established in 1975 as a place for the shelter and care of wounded Elephants fallen into ditches or abandoned baby elephants found in the jungle.
The Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage is under the administration of the National Zoological Gardens. The main daily activities taking place in the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage are Feeding of Milk to baby elephants and the river bathing sessions. This area is not a jungle, but a 24 acre garden with Coconut Trees. Elephants are taken for their daily bath in nearby Ma-Oya (a river) at 10.00 am and 2.30 pm in the afternoon. Elephants lie down on riverbeds and allow the Mahout who look after them to scrub and clean their body. In the bathing time, visitors can see Elephants walk one followed by the other, then cross the road and go down to the river.
The orphanage was established to feed, nurse and house young Elephants found abandoned by their mothers. Young elephants sometimes fall into pits and ravines in their quest for water during the drought. Other orphans have been displaced from their wild habitat by development projects. There are 48 mahouts [handlers] who take care of the elephants. The female and young elephants in Pinnawala roam freely as a herd during the day in an area of a few acres. They are herded about twice a day to drink water and be bathed in the river. At night, the females are individually confined to stalls. Adult males are given some light work such as transporting the food for the Elephants. Calves born in Pinnawala are not bottle fed, but a few from the Elephant transit home are kept at Pinnawala and bottle fed as a tourist attraction. The elephants are fed in their respective stalls. There is very little food they can gather from the premises of the orphanage except some grass. Large quantities of Jackfruit, Coconut, Kitul (sugar palm), tamarind and grass are brought in daily to form the bulk of the Elephants food. Each adult animal is given around 76 kilograms (170 lb) of this green matter per day and around 2 kg (4.4 lb) from a food bag containing rice bran and maize.

SRI LANKA SPICE
Spice Gardens offers tourists, memorable visits to various spice plantations in Sri Lanka. During early historical times, Sri Lanka known as Taprobane, was world renowned for its Quality Spices. During ancient times, the Greeks Romans and the Arabs maintained their links with Sri Lanka through the spice trade. In the 16th century, Ceylon as it was then known, was discovered by the Portuguese who soon began trading in cinnamon and other spices.

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