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## Galle Face Green



Galle Face is located in the heart of Colombo, the financial and business capital of Sri Lanka. It was a notable place for historical events. Today, 5 hectare strip of land between Galle Road and the Indian Ocean is the largest open space in crowded Colombo city. It is a popular destination for children, local vendors, teenagers, lovers, kite flyers, merrymakers and all those who want to indulge in their favorite pastimes next to the sea under the open sky. On Saturday & Sunday evenings and full moon Poya days, the land is crowded with day trippers, picnickers and food vendors who sell cooked crabs prawns and sea foods, tasty local varieties slices of mango with pepper & salt other local foods. The site is used as the venue for Sri Lanka's national day celebration held annually on 4 February. It hosted the Guinness recorded world's tallest artificial Christmas tree on 25 December 2016. The old parliament building lies near the Gall Face Green which is Neo-Baroque-style, build in 1930. Also, old and new famous hotels are found in this area.

Gangaramaya Temple is one of the most important temples in Colombo, Sri Lanka, being a mix of modern architecture, cultural essence and eclectic mix of Sri Lankan, Thai, Indian, and Chinese architectures. Today, it serves not only as a place of Buddhist worship. Most notable for tourists is the architecture of the Simamalaka Shrine. It includes several imposing buildings such Pagoda, Bodhi tree, Vihara Mandiraya, and relic chamber. Also, it has museum, library, residential hall, educational halls and an alms hall. Closer to Gangaramaya, Seema Malaka (assembly hall for monks) is located. Seema Malaka temple is mainly used for meditation and rest, rather than for worship. It is situated in the beautiful Beira Lake. Golden building with blue roof gives additional beauty. It attracts many tourists and it features as Colombo landscape in many photographs.



Gangaramaya Temple & Seema Malaka

# **Independence Memorial Hall**

Independence Memorial Hall is a national monument in Sri Lanka built for commemoration of the independence of Sri Lanka that happened on February 4, 1948. It is located in Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo, It also has Independence Memorial Museum on the basement. Today, it is the venue for religious events and annual national celebrations. The design of the building is based on the "Celebration Hall", the Royal audience hall of the Kingdom of Kandy - the last native kingdom of the island.





**National Museum** 

National Museum of Colombo (Sri Lanka National Museum) is the largest museum in Sri Lanka. It holds contains a collections of much importance to Sri Lanka such as the regalia of the country, including the throne and crown of the Kandyan monarchs as well as many other exhibits telling the story of ancient Sri Lanka. The museum was established on 1 January 1877 by its founder Sir William Henry Gregory, the British Governor of Ceylon. It built as Italian architectural style and add beautiful landscape to Colombo city.

### Viharamahadevi Park

Viharamahadevi Park (formerly known as Victoria Park) is a public park located in Colombo, next to the National Museum in Sri Lanka. It is the oldest and largest park of the Port of Colombo. Situated in front of the colonial-era Town Hall building, the park is named after Queen Viharamahadevi, the mother of King Dutugamunu. The park was built on land donated to the Colombo city by Charles Henry de Soysa during the British rule of Sri Lanka, and used to be named "Victoria" Park" after Queen Victoria. During World War II it was occupied by the British Army with Australian 17th Brigade based at Victoria Park. After the war the park was restored and opens to the public in 1951. At the edge of this park, Commonwealth War I Memorial momentum is built. Also, Town hall landmark is found in front of the park.





**Nelum Pokuna Theatre** 

Nelum Pokuna Theatre (aka Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre) is a performing arts center in Colombo, and it was opened on 15 December 2011. The architecture of the building is inspired by the 12th century lotus pond (Nelum Pokuna) in Polonnaruwa. Nelum Pokuna of Polonnaruwa built by King Parakramabahu the Great. Polonnaruwa's Nelum Pokuna is shaped as a stylized eight-petal lotus flower. It was previously known as National Performing Arts Theatre.

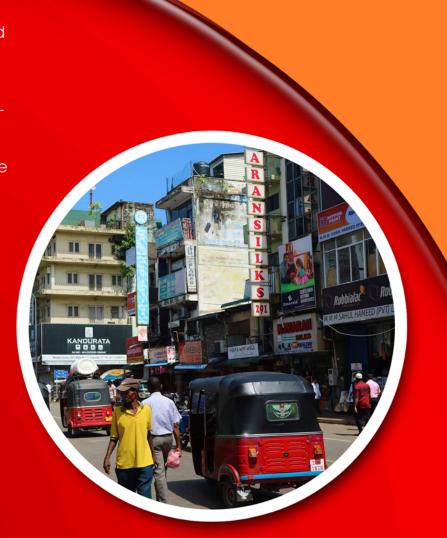
# **Arcade Independence Square**

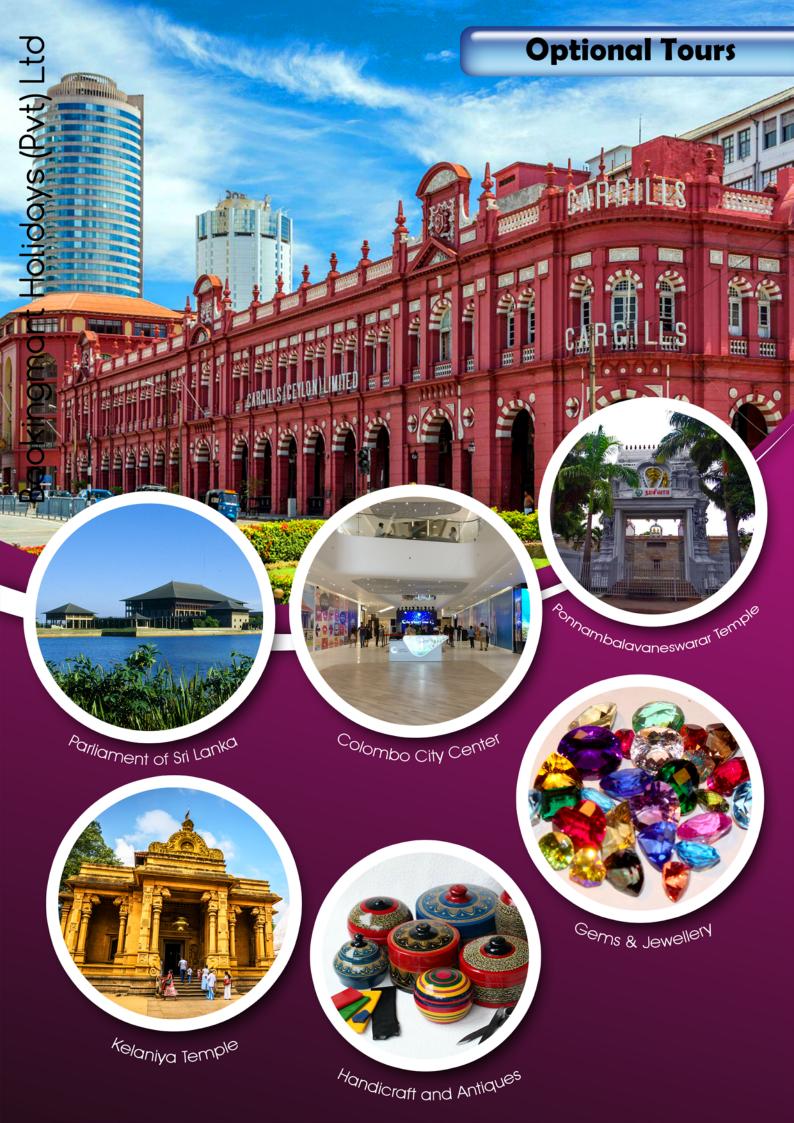
The Arcade Independence Square is a shopping complex in the city of Colombo in Sri Lanka, housed in a group of renovated buildings including the former Jawatta Lunatic Asylum (later known as the Auditor General's building) and the former Western Provincial Council Building. It was built as a part of the Independence Square Redevelopment program initiated by the Sri Lankan Government. In 2012 the Urban Development Authority commenced the renovation of the buildings and special care was taken to preserve their original architectural features whilst adding modern technological features and amenities.



Pettah is famous for the Pettah Market, a series of open air bazaars and markets and landmarks. It is one of Sri Lanka's busiest commercial areas, where a huge number of wholesale and retail shops, buildings, commercial institutions and other organizations are located. The main market segment is designed like a gigantic crossword puzzle, where one may traverse through the entire markets from dawn till dusk, but not completely cover every part of it. Pettah has some notable landmarks such as Wolvendaal Church, the Jami Ul-Alfar Mosque, Kayman's Gate, Old Colombo Town Hall, Colombo Dutch Museum, Khan Clock Tower, flooding market, etc. Pettah has neighborhood city, Fort which is famous for modern and historical landmarks such as Cargill's building, Colombo World Trade Center, Bank of Ceylon, Fort railway station, Sambodhi Chaithya, Colombo Lighthouse, former Dutch Hospital (now Shopping Precinct), etc.

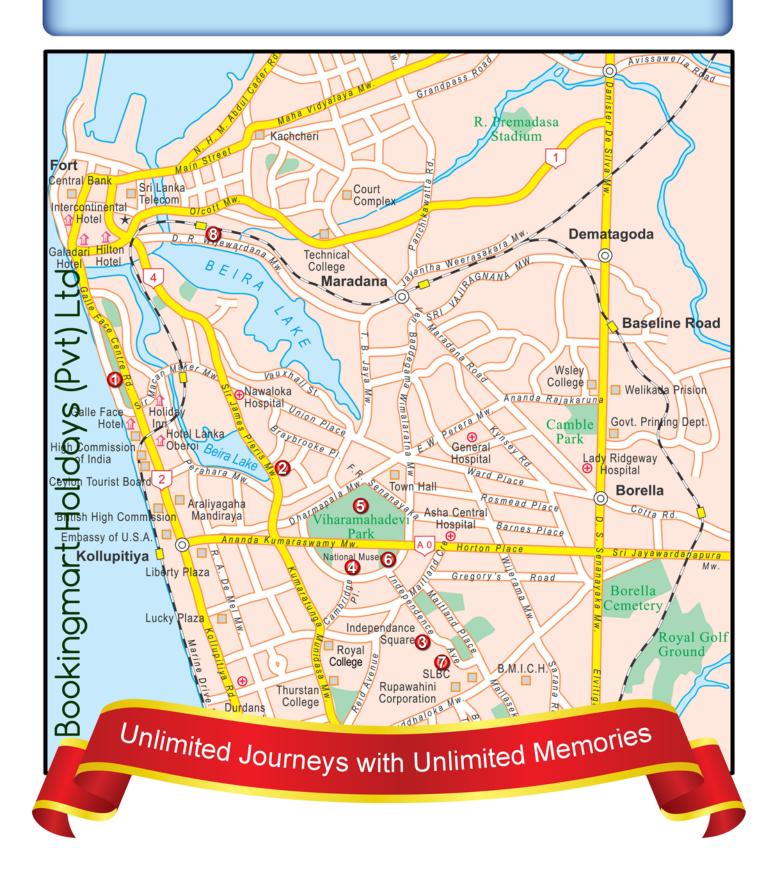
Pettah Street





- 1. Galle Face Green
- 2. Gangaramaya Temple
- 3. Independence Square
- 4. National museum

- 5. Vihara Maha Devi Park
- 6. Nelum Pokuna Theatre
- 7. Independence Arcade
- 8. Pettah Streets



# Some Packages

#### Relax Tour: 6D/5N (Adjustable)

Sandy beaches, greenery hill country and natural atmospheres are ideal for relaxing. If you like to spend your holiday by relaxing, Sri Lanka has plenty of places. Galle beaches and ancient forts areas are wonderful locations. In Galle district, Unawatuna is a major tourist attraction in Sri Lanka and known for its beach and corals. Closer Galle, Hikkaduwa is another ideal spot where you can experience calm beach which has lovely corals, and more beauty. Kandalama is a total natural place where you can enjoy archeological forest and ego friendly 5-star hotel facility. Also, Kandalama has two ideal travel destinations such as Sigiriya (ancient rock palace) and Dambulla (cave temple). Nuwara Eliya is another place major tourist attraction for it greenery hills, cool atmosphere, waterfalls, English architectures, etc.

#### Romance Tour: 8D/7N (Adjustable)

The honeymoon package is designed for local and foreign couples. If you are foreigner, your memorable journey would start from your arrival at airport, and you can enjoy sunny side of Sri Lanka from Negombo. Sigiriya – a natural forest where king had built beautiful palace for his consort. Kandy – a place to enjoy ideal cool atmosphere and lovely hill country scenery. Nuwara Eliya – another beautiful scenery and picturesque hill country and ideal for couples. Colombo - Sri Lanka's commercial capital and full of hotels and shopping places. During this tour, you would experience lovely sandy beaches, greenry hills, local foods, etc.

#### Culture Tour: 7D/6N (Adjustable)

Sri Lanka has 8 World Heritage sites that inscribed by the UNESCO. The ancient city of Polonnaruwa, the ancient rocky city Sigiriya, the Golden Temple of Dambulla, the old town of Galle and its fortifications, the sacred city of Anuradhapura, the sacred city of Kandy, Sinharaja Forest Reserve and the Central Highlands of Sri Lanka are listed as World Heritage site in Sri Lanka. Among these sites Sinharaja Forest Reserve and the Central Highlands are natural sites, and rests of them are Cultural sites.

#### Adventure Tour: 7D/6N (Adjustable)

Sri Lanka offers wide range of adventures from the top of the mountains to the depths of the oceans. Kitulgala is a wet zone rain forest area that has a river with the climactic scene and also it is base for white-water rafting. Yala National Park is ideal place to watch wild life and natural scenery. Horton Plains National Park is UNESCO World Heritage Site for nature. This site is ideal for hiking while watching beautiful landscape. Udawalawe has National Park where you can watch water birds and Sri Lankan elephants. Knuckles Mountain Range is one of the best places for hiking adventures. Also, Sigiriya is good place to fly from hot balloon.

#### Business Tour: 6D/5N (Adjustable)

Sri Lanka provides a wide range of business starting from a tea business to a high profile business such as gem, tourism, etc. The island plays an important role in tea business as well as gemstone business since the country has variety of gems. You can experience the business travel in Colombo, the main network and business hub in the country as well as commercial capital. Beruwala is main spot to gem business while Ratnapura is best place to gem mining and business. Kandy & Nuwara Eliya is major places for tea business.

# Sri Lanka

Administrative Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

Commercial Capital: Colombo

Official languages: Sinhala & Tamil

Ethnic groups: Sinhalese 74.9%, Sri Lankan Tamils 11.2%,

Sri Lankan Moors 9.2%, Indian Tamils 4.2%,

Others 4.2%

Religions: Buddhism 70.2%, Hinduism 12.6%, Islam 9.7%,

Christianity 7.4%, Other/None 0.1%

Area: 65,610 km2 (25,330 sq miles)

Population: 21,670,000

Literacy Rate: 91.8%

Currency: Sri Lankan rupee (LKR)

Time Zone: UTC+5:30 (SLST)

Topography: Coastal, hills & mountains

Temperature (Average): 30.60° – 24.10° in Colombo,

29° - 11.50° in Kandy,

20.20° - 11.50° in Nuwara Eliya

Rainfalls: March – April: Inter monsoonal

May – September: South West monsoonal October – November: Inter monsoonal

December – February: North East monsoonal

Average rainfalls: 39" – 197"



# National Symbols

National Flag

National Emblem



National Flower

(Blue water lily)



**National Tree** 

(Ceylon ironwood)



National Bird

(Sri Lankan junglefowl)



National Butterfly

(Sri Lankan birdwing)



National Gemstone (Blue sapphire)



National Sport

(Volleyball)



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