The Emerald Isle
A gentle pace, amazing beauty and the unexpected in the land of serendipity.

Explore the glorious ruins of Sri Lanka's ancient civilizations, spend time observing the wildlife or immerse yourself in the culture of the country. There is always something in the country for you to gain new and real experiences. Why on earth would you not want to visit Sri Lanka!
PINNAWALA
Pinnawela is home to some 60 or more elephant orphans. A place you will really enjoy and never forget. Most orphans are accustomed to their curious human visitors are harmless. See baby jumbos wondering around their foster home or bottle fed and bathed by their human foster fathers.

SIGRIYA
Sigiriya is an ancient rock fortress and palace ruin in the central Matale District of Sri Lanka, surrounded by the remains of an extensive network of gardens, reservoirs, and other structures. A popular tourist destination, Sigiriya is also renowned for its ancient paintings and is one of the seven World Heritage Sites of Sri Lanka.

NUWARA ELIYA
Nuwara Eliya, in the central highlands of Sri Lanka, is a picturesque landscape and temperate climate. It is located at an altitude of 1,868 m (6,128 ft) and is considered to be the most important location for Tea production in Sri Lanka. The town is overlooked by Pidurutalagala, the tallest mountain in Sri Lanka.

WHAT, WHEN, WHERE

Best time to travel
West coast, the south coast and the Hill Country: December to March.
Ancient cities region and the east coast: April to September.

Distances
Colombo - Habarana: 173km/107miles.
Habarana - Kandy: 96km/60miles.
Kandy - Nuwara Eliya: 72km/45miles.
Nuwara Eliya - Colombo: 163km/101miles.

Weather
Colombo and the low-lying coastal regions average 27°C. Kandy, at an altitude of 500m, averages 20°C. Nuwara Eliya, 1889m high, averages 16°C.

A plethora of names
In ancient times, Sri Lanka was known in India as Lanka or Singhala; ancient Greek geographers called it Taprobane and Arabs referred to it as Serendib (the origin of the word "serendipity"). Ceilão was the name given to Sri Lanka by the Portuguese which was transliterated into English as Ceylon. In Sinhala the country is known as Shri Lamka, and the island itself as Lamkava. The name derives from the Sanskrit Sri (venerable) and Lanka (island).

Sri Lanka, the Pearl of the Indian Ocean
The country is famous for the production and export of tea, coffee, coconuts, rubber and cinnamon, the last of which is native to the country. The natural beauty of Sri Lanka has led to the title The Pearl of the Indian Ocean. The island is laden with lush tropical forests, white beaches and diverse landscapes with rich biodiversity. The country lays claim to a long and colorful history of over three thousand years, having one of the longest documented histories in the world.