

2019 GROUP TOUR

Sri Lanka-India-Nepal

ADVENTURE TOUR 17 DAYS - 16 NIGHTS



SRI LANKA 7 - JAIPUR 4 - DELHI 2 - NEPAL 3

Travel with us on this amazing trip to explore the stunning scenery and historic lands of Sri Lanka, India, and Nepal, while experiencing first hand Animal Aid Abroad's Working Animal Projects. Join Founder, Janet Thomas, who will lead your personalised small group journey over 17 days on this once of a life time adventure. You'll have the opportunity to meet with and visit

Animal Aid Abroad's partner group animal sanctuaries, and with Janet as your guide, you'll see first-hand how your support directly enhances the lives of working animals every day. Stay at character-heritage accommodation 4 star+, visit temples and historic ruins while travelling by plane, train, and private air-conditioned coaches, this extended fundraising tour for Animal Aid Abroad, also will help directly fund the sanctuaries you will visit in January 2019.




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Trip Highlights and Inclusions

- ✓ Stay at character-heritage hotels 4 star and above including a palace in Jaipur.
- ✓ Visit Temple of the Tooth in Kandy, Anuradhapura ruins, Dambulla Caves and beautiful Mannar in the North and city tour of Colombo, Monkey Temple in Jaipur, walking tour to the Best Marigold Hotels in Jaipur.
- ✓ Experience Train Journey in Sri Lanka and India
- ✓ Experience firsthand AAA partner group animal sanctuaries in Sri Lanka, India [Jaipur, Faridabad, Delhi] and Nepal.
- ✓ Tag along with a mobile camel and equine clinics in India.
- ✓ Visit a working brick kiln in Nepal
- ✓ Enjoy shopping at local markets in Sri Lanka, Jaipur, Delhi, and Kathmandu
- ✓ Flexible free days to choose either volunteering at one of our partner Sanctuaries or relax and do as you please.
- ✓ Flights from Colombo to Jaipur and Delhi to Kathmandu
- ✓ Travel in Deluxe Air-Conditioned Comfortable Coach travel throughout trip
- ✓ Experienced local guides during city tours
- ✓ All breakfasts included
- ✓ AAA Supporter Pack and Life Membership to Animal Aid Abroad
- ✓ Free Daily Mineral water
- ✓ Free Gifts incl. souvenirs

Itinerary

05 January 2019 (Saturday): Arrive Colombo by Air

Upon arrival in 'Colombo' by flight (Flight details to be advised by guest) group will be met and transferred to Galle Face Hotel in Colombo for check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure and a chance to relax and meet your travel companions. Lunch and Dinner is not included; however, Janet will offer suggestions for local dining experiences or join in dinner with other guests at the hotel.

Overnight: 4+*Galle Face Hotel in Colombo (Superior Rooms)

<https://gallefacehotel.com>

Sri Lanka's iconic landmark, The Galle Face Hotel, is situated in the heart of Colombo, along the seafront and facing the famous Galle Face Green, one of the oldest hotels east of the Suez, The Galle Face Hotel embraces its rich history and legendary traditions, utilizing them to create engaging, immersive experiences that resonate with old and new generations of travellers alike. No visit to Sri Lanka is complete without staying at this majestic hotel, built in 1864 and recently restored back to its former glory.



06 January 2019 (Sunday): Colombo –Kandy (By train)

After breakfast, the group will be transferred to the Colombo train station for your journey by train to Kandy at 9.45am. Upon arrival at 1.50pm you will be met and transferred to your hotel before enjoying an evening visit to the temple. As the last capital of the ancient kings' era of Sri Lanka, Kandy is famed for sacred Buddhist sites, including the Temple of the Tooth (Sri Dalada Maligawa) shrine. Explore a guided tour of the temple, a pilgrimage site for many Asian Buddhists. The rest of the day you are free to relax, shop or explore beautiful Kandy. Kandy was the capital of the Sinhalese Kings from 1592 to 1815, fortified by the terrain of the mountains and the difficult approach.

Train leaves from Colombo 10.35am

Arrives Kandy at 1.50 pm

(Timing subject to change)

Overnight: 4*Earl's Regent in Kandy (Deluxe Rooms) <http://www.regentkandy.lk/>



07 January 2019 (Monday): Kandy- Dambulla (100 km, 3 hrs. drive)

This morning, after breakfast, the group departs Kandy to travel the approximate 3-hour journey to Dambulla. After checking the luggage into the Heritance Kandalama, the group will explore the Dambulla rock cave temple also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla, another World Heritage Site in Sri Lanka.

Overnight: 4+*Heritance Kandalama in Dambulla (Standard Rooms)

<http://www.heritance-kandalama-dambulla-sri-lanka.en.www.lk/index.html>

Heritance Kandalama, Dambulla located in a serene area of the mountainside overlooking the Kandalama Lake and the Sigiriya Rock Fortress, provides guests an ambience of luxury and sophistication. Heritance Kandalama, Dambulla set amidst the all green tropical landscape and providing a host of luxurious facilities, guests always prefer to wander back to this dreamy location. From timber panelled rooms to an infinity pool and restaurants to relish local and international cuisine as well as luxurious spa treatments, the service quality of the hotel will always make you feel relaxed.



08 January 2019 (Tuesday): Dambulla- Anuradhapura (80 km, 2 hrs. drive)

This morning after breakfast, the group will depart Dambulla for the two-hour journey to Anuradhapura before check-in at tonight's hotel- The Sanctuary at Tissawewa. After a free afternoon, this evening the group will experience the Archaeological site and the sacred city of Anuradhapura, which has a history dating back several centuries and is now considered a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Overnight: 3+*The Sanctuary at Tissawewa in Anuradhapura (Standard Rooms)

<http://www.tissawewa.com/>

The Sanctuary at Tissawewa is one of Sri Lanka's landmark colonial buildings. Set on 14 acres of lush gardens, this masterpiece of Raj architecture, one of the island's first purpose-built hotels, has been welcoming guests for over 100 years



9 January 2019 (Wednesday): Anuradhapura- Mannar (110 km, 2.5 hrs. drive)

After breakfast, the coach departs Anuradhapura for the 2.5-hour journey to Mannar, to The Gulf of Mannar for two nights. The rest of the day is free to relax or visit the surrounding area independently. After check-in and lunch at The Palmyrah House Hotel the group will be taken on a sightseeing tour of Mannar.

Overnight: 4* Hotel - The Palmyrah House, Mannar (Standard rooms)

<http://www.palmyrahhouse.com/>



10 January 2019 (Thursday): Mannar

This morning the group will enjoy a visit to the Mannar Donkey Sanctuary [Partner Group of Animal Aid Abroad]. Here you will see the clinic, funded directly by Animal Aid Abroad, the Donkey Sanctuary

where we sponsor 3 donkeys, a Disabled Riding and Therapy Centre plus Bridging Lanka's other programs involving the donkeys of Mannar.
In the afternoon, you are free to relax, explore, shop, or do some volunteer work at the Sanctuary.

Overnight: 4* Hotel- The Palmyrah House, Mannar (Standard rooms)

<http://www.palmyrahhouse.com/>

Palmyrah House is situated in the approximate centre of Mannar Island, with easy access to any place on the isle. We offer comfortable rooms, delicious food, a swimming pool, traditional well bath, recreational area, gym, library, bar, restaurant, and tours throughout the district. Palmyrah House covers 35 acres, hosting fourteen rooms, all manned by our friendly staff, making sure you have a comfortable and memorable stay.

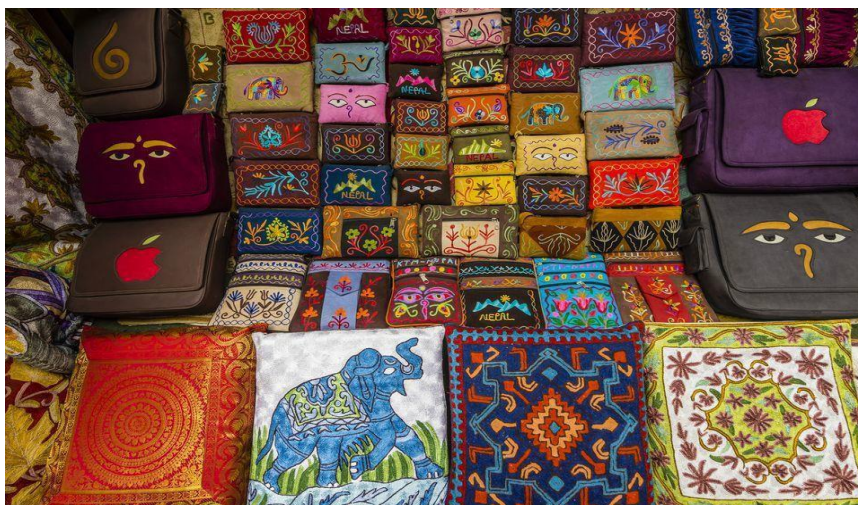


11 January 2019 (Friday): Mannar-Colombo (320 Km, 5 hrs. drive)

After breakfast and checking out of the hotel, the group returns to Colombo by coach for a five-hour journey. Along the way we will stop for lunch.

After check-in and a refresh, at Galle Face Hotel the group will be taken on a half day city tour of Colombo. The rest of the day you are free to relax, shop and/or eat out at one of Colombo's many restaurants

Overnight: 4+*Galle Face Hotel in Colombo (Superior Rooms) <https://gallefacehotel.com>



12 January 2019 (Saturday): Colombo-Jaipur by Air

Today you will be picked up from hotel and transferred to Colombo airport to catch Air India flight for Jaipur Via Delhi

AI-282 ETD Colombo 08.30am Arrive Delhi 12:05pm

(Air India airlines allows 20 Kg check-in and 7 Kg hand baggage allowance)

At Delhi airport catch Jet airways flight from the same terminal

9W-2787 ETD Delhi 03.25pm Arrive Jaipur 04:35pm

(Jet airways allows 15 Kg check-in and 7 Kg hand baggage allowance)

Upon arrival at Jaipur airport, our group will be met by representative and transferred to **Jai Mahal Palace, a 5 Star Character Hotel**. You will stay in a luxury Room.

Built in 1745, the Jai Mahal Palace is a stunning piece of Rajasthan's heritage, a great example of Indo-Saracenic architecture set amidst 18 acres of landscaped Mughal gardens. Jai Mahal Palace has been the residence of three Prime Ministers of the princely state of Jaipur. Painstakingly restored and recently refurbished, it is now a luxury five-star Taj heritage hotel equipped with all modern-day comforts. The 94 rooms and six suites offer you unbeatable views of the city and palace gardens.

Perfectly located downtown in the heart of the Pink City in Civil Lines, you are close to the main shopping areas and prime historical sites such as Amber Fort, Hawa Mahal and City Palace. The Jaipur International Airport is a mere 30 minutes away.

<https://taj.tajhotels.com/en-in/jai-mahal-palace-jaipur/>

Located on the main city road Tank Road. Only 5Km from city centre attraction and bazaar markets around palace of winds 'Hawa Mahal'. If you get a chance only 2Km away is a popular local coffee place Anokhi Café <http://www.anokhicafe.com> and also housing a 40Yr old conservation & development based textile store <http://www.anokhi.com>

13 January 2019 (Sunday): Jaipur

After breakfast, the group will visit Hanuman Temple home to hundreds of monkeys that live in protected residence. Lunch will be followed at Hotel Clarks Amer. After lunch, the group will visit Help in Suffering city shelter [Partner Group of Animal Aid Abroad] to meet the resident dogs, cats, monkeys, and other animals.

From here we head back to our hotel where you are free to do your own activities or relax. Overnight: 5 * **Jai Mahal Palace**



14 January 2019 (Monday): Jaipur

After breakfast, the group will travel to Bassi to visit the Camel Rescue Centre and tag along with the Mobile Camel clinic team on their rounds treating sick and injured working camels [Partner Group of Animal Aid Abroad]. Lunch will be on the road. After this we will return to our hotel in Jaipur to relax, shop and/or explore the beautiful city of Jaipur.

Overnight: **5* Jai Mahal Palace**



15 January 2019 (Tuesday): Jaipur

After breakfast, you are free to spend the whole day as you choose. You can either take yourself off sightseeing around the old city surrounds, shop, relax or spend the day volunteering at the Help in Suffering City Shelter.

In the late afternoon, we will meet up and go on a walking tour to the Best Marigold Hotels and find a place to eat.

Overnight: **5* Jai Mahal Palace**



16 January 2019 (Wednesday): Jaipur- Gurgaon (By train) & then to Delhi by Surface

This morning our group will be picked up early from our hotel and transferred to Jaipur train station to catch the train for Gurgaon.

12985 DEE DOUBLE DECKER ETD Jaipur 06.00am Arrive Gurgaon 09:36am (Air-conditioned Executive Chair Car Class)

Upon arrival at Gurgaon train station group will be met by a representative and taken to a restaurant to refresh & have breakfast and then transferred to visit Friendicoes Sanctuary

Here you will meet many of our Indian sponsored equines and be shown how the Sanctuary operates and how the animals are cared for.

Later our group will travel to Faridabad to visit partner group, People for Animals Faridabad where we will see our water program in operation- we will see the water locations, water pound with monkey feeding and PFA clinic and Sanctuary.

After this, we will be transferred to Delhi for check-in at The Grand.

The rest of the day/evening is yours to relax, shop and/or explore Delhi

Overnight: 5* Hotel -The Grand in Delhi (Normal Rooms) <http://www.thegrandnewdelhi.com>



17 January 2019 (Thursday): Delhi

After breakfast join the mobile clinic team in action treating the working animals on the streets of Delhi. After this we will head back to our hotel where you are free to have lunch and/or head out onto the streets of Delhi to shop and explore.

Overnight: 5* Hotel -The Grand in Delhi (Normal Rooms) <http://www.thegrandnewdelhi.com/>



18 January 2019 (Friday): Delhi-Kathmandu (by Air)

After breakfast, we will check out and leave at 9.30am to Delhi International airport for our flight to Nepal. You will be flying with Jet airways to Kathmandu.

9W-260 ETD Delhi 12.55pm Arrive Kathmandu 3:00pm

(Jet airways allows 20 Kg check-in and 7 Kg hand baggage allowance)

Upon your arrival at Kathmandu airport you will be met and transferred to Summit for check-in.

Rest of the day you are free to relax or to do your own activities. You can wander the hotel grounds or walk to Kupondale St [very close to the hotel] where you will find numerous Fair- Trade shops selling traditional Nepali arts and crafts.

Overnight: 4* Summit in Kathmandu (Standard Rooms)

<http://www.summit-nepal.com/home>

The Summit is a very special Nepali style hotel with western comfort.

Terraces set in spacious flower gardens give views north across the Kathmandu valley to the snow-clad Himalayan range beyond.

Open balconies with handmade tile floors and carved wooden pillars connect to the rooms.

The Summit has a famous bar and restaurant, beautiful gardens and terraces, an outdoor pool, beauty salon, business centre, conference and meeting facilities, room service, wireless internet, and telephones from all rooms.



19 January 2019 (Saturday): Kathmandu

After breakfast, our group will be taken to the Animal Nepal Donkey Sanctuary where you will meet many donkeys sponsored by Animal Aid Abroad supporters. You will also be given a tour of the Sanctuary and meet the local staff caring for the donkeys.

Lunch will be at Godavari Village Resort. The restaurant is about 7 minutes' drive from the Sanctuary.

After lunch, visit a working brick kiln on the outskirts of Kathmandu where you will see working donkeys and mules carrying bricks to and from the kiln.

20 January 2019 (Sunday): Kathmandu

Today group is free to relax or to do own activities

Overnight: 4* Summit in Kathmandu (Standard Rooms) <http://www.summit-nepal.com/home>



21 January 2019 (Monday): Depart Kathmandu

After breakfast and checking out of our rooms [bags can be left at the hotel], you have the day free to do many activities:

- Everest Flight [Weather permitting] *
- Volunteer at the Donkey sanctuary or City Shelter
- Shop at the local markets and Fair-trade shops
- Do a Nagarkot sunrise view and day hike from Kathmandu*
- Do Chandragiri to Taudaha Nature day hike from Kathmandu*
- Explore Boudhanath Stupa, Pashupatinath and Swayambhunath Temple

[Please note activities listed above with an * are not included in your tour cost]

At approximately, 7.30pm you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to Kathmandu airport to catch onward flight for Australia or beyond (Flight details to be advised)

Bon Voyage

Our services terminate here.

What's Included

- 16 Nights' accommodation - character-heritage hotels (4 star and above) including very unique accommodation at the following
 - Kandalama, Dambulla, Sri Lanka <http://www.heritage-kandalama-dambulla-sri-lanka.en.www.lk/index.html>
 - The Sanctuary at Tissawewa, Sri Lanka: <http://www.tissawewa.com/>
 - Taj Mahal Palace, Jaipur: <https://taj.tajhotels.com/en-in/jai-mahal-palace-jaipur/>
- All local transfers and transport in Sri Lanka, India, and Nepal.
- Train Journeys in Sri Lanka and India
- One-way air-fare Colombo to Jaipur
- All Breakfasts
- Travel in Deluxe A/C Comfortable Coach
- Fully escorted by experienced guide
- Personal tour of Partner Sanctuaries- Mannar Donkey Sanctuary, HIS City Shelter, Camel Rescue Centre, Friendicoes Gurgaon Sanctuary, People For Animals in Faridabad, Animal Nepal Donkey Shelter, and City Shelter includes visit to a working brick kiln.
- Up close and personal with mobile clinic teams in action in Jaipur and Delhi.
- Entrance and guide for Temple of the Tooth, Dambulla Rock Cave Temple, Anuradhapura Archaeological site, Half Day City Tour Colombo, Monkey Temple Jaipur, Walk tour to best Exotic Marigold Hotels
- Pre-departure briefing and meet up [Perth based travellers]

- AAA Supporter Pack and Life Membership to Animal Aid Abroad
- Daily water and gifts [souvenirs]

All applicable and current taxes

What's Not included

- International Flights to/from Australia.
- Travel Insurance (mandatory)
- Lunch and Dinners and incidentals
- Visa's
- Camera and Video permits
- Tips and Gratuities
- Sightseeing and visits other than specified in the itinerary
- Expenses incurred due to train cancellation or delay

Tour Costs

\$4172 p/p based on

twin share + airfare

Single Supplement \$2315

International Airfares: [Please arrange your own with your travel agent but you are very welcome to contact us if you need assistance]

+ SPONSORSHIP DONATION

Once you have booked and paid your deposit, you will receive a fundraising and tour pack including an AAA pen, wrist band, bumper sticker, fridge magnet, lanyard, and t- shirt. It will include a few tips and ideas from us on how to raise funds for your sponsorship donation.

One idea is to join our annual challenge event on August 19th [Walk a Mile Challenge] that you might like to participate in to raise your sponsorship amount and even help towards your main trip cost. For this trip we are offering two donation options. See below for these amounts.

SUMMARY OF TOTAL TOUR COST

Payment Option A – Tour Cost and Sponsorship Challenge: \$ 5172

Includes:

- \$500 [Non- refundable and to be paid by May 31st, 2018]
- Remainder Tour balance = \$3,672 [To be paid by October 30th, 2018]
- Sponsorship Challenge Donation for Animal Aid Abroad = \$1,000 [To be paid by 20th

December 2018]

OR

Payment Option B - Tour Cost and Donation: \$ 4672

Includes:

- \$500 [Non-refundable and to be paid by May 31st, 2018]
- Remainder Tour balance = \$3,672 [To be paid by October 30th, 2018]
- Donation for Animal Aid Abroad = \$500

Booking your Trip with us

Space on this tour is limited and due to the nature of the region, there may be some minor changes to the itinerary prior to departure. There may also be some added inclusions which will not incur any extra cost to you.

To register or ask any questions about the trip contact Janet at info@animalaidabroad.org or call Janet on +61 0 400 107 399.

A registration form will be emailed to you that you can post or email back.

Our postal address is: AAA, PO Box 121, Floreat, WA, Australia, 6014

Email: info@animalaidabroad.org

Our bank details are: BSB: 066 103 Acc. No. 1023 2438 [Please note your name with your deposit].

This is a wonderful opportunity to do something truly special in 3 of the most beautiful and welcoming countries in the world whilst raising funds for Animal Aid Abroad!

