On our way to Kandy, the road was lined with tiny villages against the backdrop of a spectacular mountainous landscape. Each village was distinct from the others. We passed by many street vendors selling papayas, mangoes, dragon fruit, watermelons, and pineapples. We also passed by stores where tasty fresh river fish was being sold. We then arrived to the Five Star Mahaweli Beach Hotel located at the Mahaweli river bank, from where guests get a nice view of the surrounding mountains.

Kandy is a major city in Sri Lanka located in the central province. It is the second largest city in the country after Colombo. It was the last capital of the ancient kings of Sri Lanka. Like all the Sri Lankan people, the inhabitants of this city are very kind-hearted and helpful, especially to tourists.

We remained in Kandy for three days. During this time we visited Perandiyar Garden which is situated about 5.5 km to the west of Kandy and attracts 2 million visitors annually.

We also visited the Kandyan Cultural Show where we enjoyed watching traditional dance performances and fire games. We visited Kandy Lake and the famous Sigirya Rock, which is an ancient palace located in the central Matale District near the town of Dambulla.

Watching the monkeys and the spectacular lakes with people bathing in them during buffalo-pulled carriage rides was another memorable image. After the Sigirya Rock visit, we went back to the hotel, had a delicious dinner and tucked in to prepare for the following morning. The next day, we had to backup and head to the Nuwara Eliya City through plantations, tea factories and waterfalls. There we stayed at the Araliy Green Hills Hotel. Nuwara Eliya is a city in the hill country of the central province, Sri Lanka. The city’s name comes from the City of Plain or City of Light; home of the famous Ceylon tea.

Nuwara Eliya is a mountain station situated at an altitude of 1868 m (6128 ft.) in a splendid landscape. The climate is cool and pleasant all year round. We stayed here for one night after which we headed to the marine Beruwala area, our last destination in Sri Lanka.