

Ceylon: From the Welcome of Colombo, the modern Capital, the tour moves inland, to the ancient centre of this Royal Kingdom - with its known history of over 2,500 years.

At Polonnaruwa (the capital of the early Sinhalese Kings) the Queen saw the rock sculpture of Potgul Vihare - believed to be <sup>THE</sup> likeness of a ruler 12th-century ~~king~~ of legendary fame.

At the remains of an ancient monastery, the Royal Visitors studied the carvings of Buddha <sup>One reclining figure was founder of the religion that bears his name.</sup> ~~One figure, over forty-four feet in length, showed the founder of the religion that bears his name in a recumbent position~~

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The last visit - made as the sun was setting - was to the <sup>time worn</sup> ~~ancient~~ Palace ruins. Here, in the fading light, Kandyan dancers and drummers, ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, recaptured the traditional glories of a bygone age.

From Polonnaruwa, the journey was made to the Sigiriya Rock - towering four hundred feet above the countryside. It was on the summit, that a fortress city was built in the fifth century. A strongpoint to withstand the Tamil invaders. /s.

On now to the ancient Capital, Kandy, where the Queen inspected a Guard of Honour of the Ceylon Light Infantry. <sup>Her majesty</sup> ~~she~~ received a <sup>flowers</sup> ~~floral~~ tribute from the City which was seeing its rightful Sovereign for the first time for 140 years. <sup>To mark this historic day -</sup> ~~And in view of this,~~ fifty five chiefs (resplendent in magnificently-embroidered costumes) paid homage to the Queen in the Audience Hall of the Kings of Kandy.. It was in this building, six years ago, that Ceylon celebrated her independence.

Seated on the Throne, <sup>the Majesty</sup> ~~the Queen~~ ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ listened to the loyal Address of Welcome.

The Queen had come to Kandy and the <sup>old</sup> ~~ancient~~ hill-Capital celebrated with a Royal Procession over two miles long. A glittering pageant of decorated elephants and troupes of musicians and dancers. Scenes of splendour <sup>unknown</sup> ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ since the days of the proud Sinhalese Kings. / SOUND.

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ The Queen and the Duke visited the "Temple of the Tooth" - the most venerated of all Buddhist Shrines. After removing their shoes, they were taken to the Inner Chamber, where they saw the sacred <sup>Tooth</sup> ~~relic~~ in its glass casket.

*the people*

And throughout the night, the festivities continued, as ~~all~~

~~the people~~ honoured the first visit of their Queen.

Back to Colombo, where the Queen celebrated her birthday, by presenting new Colours to the Ceylon Light Infantry.

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~~Her Majesty~~ Her Majesty inspected men of the Regiment, amid happy birthday greetings - voiced by ~~the~~ loyal people of ~~the island~~

~~in~~ in their beautiful island home.