



### Majestic whispering giants

The Esala Perahera in Kandy is one of the oldest and grandest of all Buddhist festivals in Sri Lanka, consists of traditional local dances such as fire dances, jugglers, musicians, fire-breathers, and lavishly decorated elephants. The most important item, the sacred tooth relic was carried by a royal and magnificent tusker. This is considered as one of the most beautiful pageants in the Asia.



A THOUSAND LIGHTS, A MILLION DREAMS

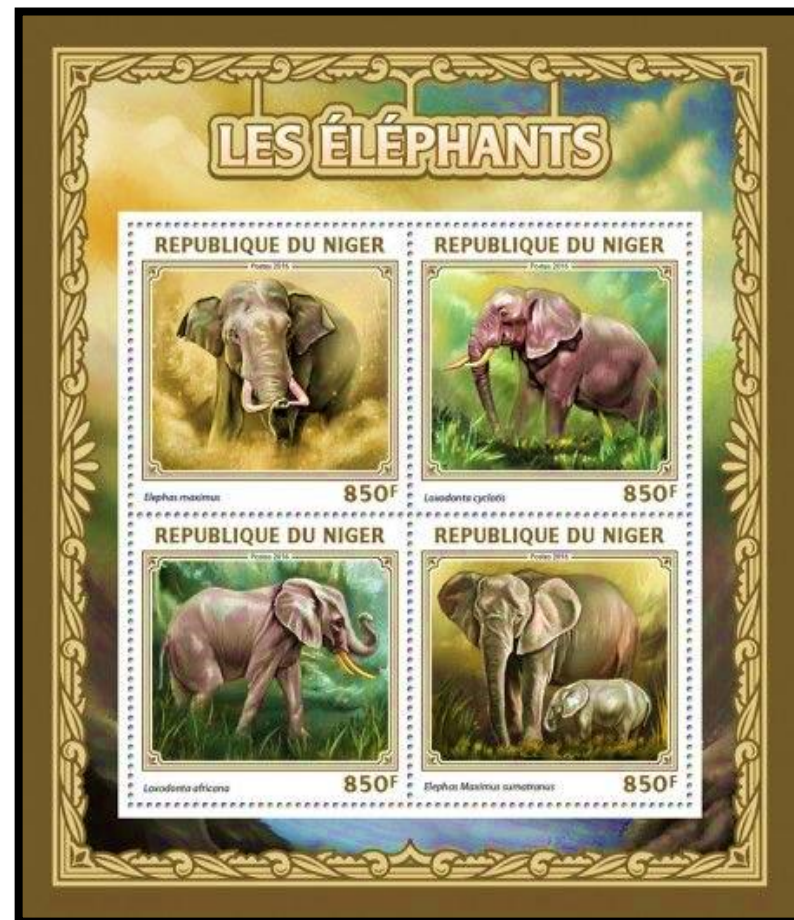
## Kandy's enchanting heartbeat of Esala perahera

**D**alada Perahera, which was based on Buddhist respect and kindness, combined with rituals of Devala, prioritizing the ultimate humanity. The Kandy Esala Perahera Casket which is considered as living Lord Buddha which parades the streets is worshipped by the divinity, mortality and elephants. This is considered to be the oldest cultural event in the world and continues with its colorful, glamorous splendor making it an out of this world experience.



### Symphony of Kandy's sacred dance

This historical procession is a unique symbol of Sri Lanka celebrated to honor the Sacred Tooth Relic and the four 'guardian' Gods Natha, Vishnu, Kataragama and Goddess Paththini. The purpose of the Kandy Esala Perahera Procession is to beseech blessings of the gods to obtain rain for the cultivation of crops and to enrich the lands of the kingdom.



This is the World's second longest stamp on the theme Kandy Esala perahera.