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UK travel agents see Lanka by air

On their recent visit to Sri Lanka, 16 Kuoni agents from the United Kingdom were flown by Deccan Aviation Lanka for an aerial view of the coastal belt of Sri Lanka.

“Deccan Aviation is committed to invest in promoting tourism in Sri Lanka and by showcasing the beauty of the country as seen by a helicopter is part of our contribution so that the agents can better inform their clients on the wonders of the destination”, a Favourite Group spokesperson speaking on behalf of Deccan said.

Kuoni were warmly welcomed by Deccan staff at the beach of the Heritage in Ahungalla and a famil-

iarisation was conducted aboard the helicopter in the form of several scenic flights for the visiting agents. During the flights, the agents were given a bird’s eye view of the coastal belt, nearby temples, coconut plantations with the mountains including Adams Peak visible in the distance.

Deccan Aviation Lanka who is the only helicopter operator permitted by the government represents a niche market and is a key provider of transport solutions to most of the upmarket properties in Sri Lanka including Aman Resorts and other luxury brands in the country.

“Our unique ability to



Kuoni team in Sri Lanka

transfer guests directly to the beach or grounds of their hotel from the international airport makes our services essential for attracting high spending tourists who are too impatient to spend hours on the road. This applies to corporate travellers also who can visit their project sites with ease in our limo in the sky”

Deccan Lanka also positions itself as a niche market product offering air transport services which give travellers a “limousine in the sky” experience. Deccan Aviation Lanka is the country’s only airline offering both helicopters and aircraft, operating a Bell Jet Ranger helicopter and a Beechcraft 1900 air-

craft. More recently the company has commenced twice weekly international flights to the Maldives, in addition to cargo and passenger flights throughout Sri Lanka.

John Topham from Kuoni, East Grinstead said “Thank you for an excellent experience! The opportunity to have seen Sri Lanka, its coast and inland from such an advantageous point was superb!”

Kuoni Travel Ltd is one of the leading travel agents in the world employing over 7,500 staff in 300 offices around the world. Kuoni is represented by Whittall Boustead (Travel) Limited in Sri Lanka, which is a part of John Keels Holdings.