



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Sri Lanka Culture and Wildlife

12-Day, 11-Night Journey

Colombo, Anuradhapura, Sigiriya, Dambulla, Kandy, Udawalawe National Park, Yala National Park, Galle

Immerse yourself on this 12-day tropical paradise where there's plenty of enjoyable wildlife action and culture for everyone. Sri Lanka has two of the top wildlife parks in the world and with the help of our local expert guides, expect to get closer to the action. Catch a glimpse of its elusive leopards and watch majestic elephants roam free in the national parks. Travel back in time to witness ancient legacies, the European influences, UNESCO Heritage Sites, the British colonial, Buddhist heritage and more. This journey is packed with plenty to admire and the appreciation of its local offerings will surely have you coming back for more!

♦ Customizable Private Tour

Trip Overview (*UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

- ▶ **Ruins of Anuradhapura***
- ▶ Kaludiya Pokuna Archeological Forest
- ▶ Sri Mahabodhi (one the world's oldest trees)
- ▶ **Sigiriya Rock*** (Lion Rock)
- ▶ **Rock Cave Temple of Dambulla***
- ▶ Spice Plantation Tour
- ▶ Kandy City Tour
- ▶ **Temple of Tooth Relic of Buddha***
- ▶ Sri Lankan Style Tapas
- ▶ Guided Indigenous Walking Tour
- ▶ Udawalawe National Park Jeep & Boat Safaris
- ▶ Yala National Park Jungle Safaris
- ▶ Galle Old Town Tour
- ▶ **Galle Fort***

Why You'll Love This Tour



UP CLOSE WILDLIFE ACTION

Embark to one of the world's best places to see hundreds of wild elephants in their natural habitat. The tropical low grass land makes it easy for both dedicated naturalists and casual observers to spot elephants, leopards, sambar deer, crocodiles and many other wildlife. Get your camera ready!



SOARING SIGIRIYA AND ANCIENT RUINS

Transport yourself back in time as an ancient warrior. Climb to the top of the iconic 1000 ft tall Sigiriya Rock Fortress and survey the jungle below for foes. Visit the past in the ruins of Anuradhapura and ancient monasteries.



SUN, SEA & COCONUTS

Soak in the brilliant sunshine and chill out on the endless miles of golden sand beaches in the Dutch colonial town of Galle. Life is good on this paradise island.

Inclusions

- ▶ Airport Transfers, Meet and Greet
- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ English-speaking Local Guide
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

Exclusions

- ▶ Air Fare
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee
- ▶ Gratuity
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Colombo- Bandaranaike International Airport (CBM)

Itinerary

(B)-Breakfast, (L)-Lunch, (D)-Dinner

DAY 1: MEET UP AT COLOMBO (D)

Upon arriving at **Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB)** in **Colombo**, you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

The legacies of colonial Colombo's garden roots are still very much intact along its often-shady boulevards. Colombo's cosmopolitan streak supports ever-more stylish eateries, galleries and shops.



DAY 2: COLOMBO - DAMBULLA | ANURADHAPURA, KALUDIYA POKUNA (B, L D)

After breakfast, depart to Dambulla. Enjoy an excursion to **the ruins of Anuradhapura**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Anuradhapura is an ancient city founded in the 5th century BC, and home to the largest number of monuments of the Sinhala civilization. Visit ancient royal palaces, shrines, dagobas and **Sri Maha Bodhi** (one the world's oldest trees). Visit **Kaludiya Pokuna Archeological Forest**. Continue to Dambulla for an overnight stay.

DAY 3: DAMBULLA | SIGIRIYA (B, L D)

After breakfast we visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Sigiriya Rock**, built by King Kassapa in the 5th century AD. Today the rock is a treasure trove of rare art. It is also called the 'Rock Fortress' or 'the Lion Rock' because of the huge crouching lion image that is carved at the entrance to the fortress. This citadel rises more than 1,000 ft. from the jungles below. Return to Dambulla for an overnight stay.

DAY 4: DAMBULLA - KANDY | DAMBULLA ROCK CAVE TEMPLE, SPICES OF KANDY (B, L D)

After breakfast, embark on your drive to **Kandy**. En route we visit the iconic **Rock Cave Temple of Dambulla** which dates to the first century BC, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The temple is a series of 5 caves filled with statues and paintings, including a 47 ft. long statue of Lord Buddha. This is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka.

Herbs and spices are tasty and yet healthy treats. At a **spice plantation** you will find cocoa, vanilla, cinnamon, coffee and more! Upon arrival in Kandy, check in at your hotel for an overnight stay.

DAY 5: KANDY | KANDY CITY TOUR, TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH RELIC (B, L D)

After breakfast, visit the **Temple of Tooth Relic of Buddha**, located in the royal palace complex which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Since ancient times the relic has played an important role in local politics because it is believed that whoever holds the relic holds the governance of the country. This afternoon we relax and enjoy **Sri Lankan style tapas** at the venerable Royal Bar.

DAY 6: KANDY - UDAWALAWE NATIONAL PARK (B, L D)

Depart for **Udawalawe National Park**.

DAY 7: UDAWALAWE NATIONAL PARK | JEEP SAFARI, BOAT SAFARI (B, L D)

Hundreds of elephants, herds of buffalo, sambar deer, crocodiles and masses of birds inhabit the **Udawalawe** national park. The park does not have dense vegetation hence making game-watching easy. Search for wildlife on a **jeep safari** and on a **walking tour** in the morning. Followed by a **wildlife boat safari**.

DAY 8: UDAWALAWE NATIONAL PARK - YALA | AFTERNOON JUNGLE SAFARIS (B, L D)

After breakfast, embark on a leisurely drive to Yala, the most visited and second largest national park in Sri Lanka. Upon arrival, check in for 2 nights stay at the resort.

Enjoy your **afternoon jungle safaris**.

Yala National Park is spread over an area of 979 sq. km (378 sq. miles). Yala was one of the first two officially designated national parks in Sri Lanka. This game park is famous for having one of the highest densities of leopards in the world. Yala Park has 3 of Sri Lanka's Big Five: Leopards, Asian Elephants and Sloth Bears. Unfortunately, the remaining 2 of the Big Five (Blue Whales and Sperm Whales) are unavailable on land. 44 other species of mammals and other wildlife are found in the park including wild bears, peacocks, wild buffalo, sambar and spotted deer, in addition to 130 species of birds.

DAY 9: YALA NATIONAL PARK | MORNING AND AFTERNOON JUNGLE SAFARI (B, L D)

Enjoy **morning and afternoon jungle safaris** in Yala National Park. On these interesting safaris you are likely to see spotted deer, wild boars and wild elephants in addition to a wide variety of birds. There are also high chances of spotting sloth bears and leopards. With an average 1 leopard per sq. km Yala has the highest density of leopards in Asia!

DAY 10: YALA – GALLE | MORNING SAFARI (B, L D)

In the morning we begin with a **Jungle Safari**. Then depart for the Indian coastal town of **Galle**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a thriving beach destination in Sri Lanka. En route you will witness a curious feature - the stilt fishermen of Weligama who carefully balance themselves before casting their fishing lines.

DAY 11: GALLE | SCENIC SEAFRONT AND GALLE FORT (B, L D)

Galle was the most ancient and important harbor of Sri Lanka. The Galle Old Town was founded by Portuguese colonists in the 16th century with architecture reflecting Portuguese, Dutch and British rule. The old town is known for stunning beaches and **Galle Fort**. The fort is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a special treat with authentic Sri Lankan cuisine.

DAY 12: GALLE – COLOMBO (CMB) (B)

Enjoy your breakfast, after which the tour ends. We drive back to **Colombo** for your departure flight.

Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

