

# EMERALD TOURS

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## WILD LIFE

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### LET'S GO WILD

Protected areas in Sri Lanka accounts for 26.5 percent of total land mass, which is a high percentage for a country of the size of Sri Lanka in comparison to all of Asia and much of the World.

#### Day 01

##### **AIRPORT / NEGOMBO**

You will be met & assisted upon arrival at the International Airport and be transferred to Hotel in Negombo.

[Overnight stay in Negombo](#)

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#### Day 02

##### **NEGOMBO / ANURADHAPURA**

After breakfast leave for Anuradhpura. Rest for the day.

[Overnight in Anuradhpura.](#)

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#### Day 03

##### **ANURADHAPURA / WILPATTU / DAMBULLA**

After breakfast proceed to Wilpattu for jeep safari. The unique feature of the Wilpattu National Park is the existence of "Willus" (Natural lakes) - Natural, sand-rimmed water basins or depressions that fill with rainwater. Nearly sixty lakes (Willu) and tanks are found spread throughout Wilpattu. Wilpattu is among the top national parks world renowned for its Leopard population.

Thereafter leave for Dambulla

[Overnight stay in Dambulla](#)

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#### Day 04

## **DAMBULLA/ MINNERIYA / DAMBULLA**

After breakfast spend morning at leisure enjoying the nearby area.

Therafter proceed to Minneriya for Safari. Minneriya National Park is a dry season feeding ground for the elephant population dwelling in forests of Matale, Polonnaruwa, and Trincomalee districts. Some reports account number of elephants to as high as 700. Tourists visit Minneriya largely because of elephants, especially in dry season.

[Overnight stay in Dambulla](#)

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### **Day 05**

## **DAMBULLA / KANDY**

After Breakfast leave for Kandy. En route visit a spice garden in Matale to see the different spices.

[Overnight stay in Kandy](#)

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### **Day 06**

## **KANDY / KNUCKLES / NUWARA ELIYA**

After breakfast proceed to Knuckles Mountain range. The Knuckles Mountain range takes its name from a series of recumbent folds and peaks in the west of the massif which resemble the knuckles of clenched fist when viewed from certain locations in the Kandy District. At higher elevations there is a series of isolated cloud forests, harboring a variety of flora and fauna, some of which cannot be found anywhere else in the world. Bird life abounds in this forest. Seventeen of the 23 endemic species of Sri Lanka birds are found here among the 128 species recorded so far in this area. Thereafter leave for Nuwaraeliya.

[Overnight in Nuwaraeliya](#)

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### **Day 07**

## **NUWARA ELIYA / HORTON PLAINS / NUWARAELIYA**

After breakfast proceed to Horton Plains and commence walking inside the Park. Horton plains national park is undoubtedly one of the world's best nature reserves. The park is also home to a wide variety of flora and 24 species of mammal such as elk, deer, giant squirrel, wild boar, wild hare, porcupine and leopard. For bird enthusiasts, there 87 species (14 of which are endemic), including many migratory birds. The Plains also feature many interesting attractions such as 'Bakers Falls', 'Chimmini Pool' and the famous 'World's End'. On completion return to hotel.

[Overnight stay in Nuwara Eliya](#)

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### **Day 08**

## **NUWARAELIYA / YALA**

After breakfast leave for Yala.

[Overnight stay in Yala](#)

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## Day 09

### **YALA / KUMANA / YALA SAFARI / YALA**

After breakfast proceed to Kumana National Park in Sri Lanka is renowned for its avifauna, particularly its large flocks of migratory waterfowl and wading birds.

Evening proceed on an exciting Jeep safari in Yala. Yala National Park is the most visited and second largest national park in Sri Lanka. The park is best known for its variety of wild animals. It is important for the conservation of Sri Lankan Elephants and aquatic birds. It has also one of the highest leopard densities in the world.

[Overnight in Yala/ Tissamaharama](#)

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## Day 10

### **YALA / SINHARAJA**

After breakfast leave for Sinharaja. Check into hotel and enjoy the rest of day at leisure.

[Overnight stay in Sinharaja](#)

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## Day 11

### **SINHARAJA**

After breakfast trek to Sinharaja Rain Forest. A large rain forest south of Rathnapura, one of the best remaining in the Island. Black Eagle, Mountain and Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagles, Besra Sparrowhawk, Crested Goshawk, Pompadour Green Pigeon, Indian Cuckoo, Red winged Crested (Chestnut-winged) Cuckoo, Ceylon frogmouth, Ceylon (Malabar) Trogon, Brown –throated Spinetail Swift (Brown –backed Needletail), Edible-nest Swift (Indian Swiftlet), Lesser Yellow-naped Woodpecker, Indian Blue Chat (Robin), Green and Large-billed Leaf Warblers, Scaly thrush, Layard's (Brown-breasted) Flycatcher, Paradise Flycatcher, Indian Scimitar Babbler, Gold – fronted Chloropsis, Ceylon Crested Drongo. Among other animals, very likely to be seen here are the endemic Purplefaced Leaf Monkey and the Giant Squirrel

[Overnight stay in Sinharaja](#)

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## Day 12

### **SINHARAJA / GALLE**

After breakfast proceed to Galle.

[Overnight stay in Galle](#)

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## Day 13

## **GALLE / MIRISSA / GALLE**

Mornings take the boat from the Mirissa Fishery's Harbor and go sea bird watching & Dolphine/ Whale watching  
Evenings, take a birding visit to nearby forest reserves or pamper your senses with signature treatments at the hotel spa.

[Overnight stay in Galle](#)

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**Day 14**

## **GALLE / COLOMBO**

After breakfast leave for Colombo. Evening at leisure.

[Overnight stay at Cinnamon Lakeside – Colombo – 5\\*](#)

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**Day 15**

## **COLOMBO / AIRPORT**

After breakfast leave in time to connect with departure flight