

**TOUR : WILD LIFE & NATURE SRI LANKA**  
**DURATION : 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS**

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### **Tour Itinerary**

**DAY 01 : AIRPORT / NEGAMBO**

Meet & on arrival & proceed from Airport to Negambo.

Rest of the day leisure at the hotel

Overnight stay at hotel

**DAY 02 : NEGAMBO / WILPATTU**

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer from Negambo to Wilpattu.

**Proceed for a Jeep Safari at Wilpattu National Park in the Evening.**

Wilpattu Park is situated between the North Western and North Central provinces of Sri Lanka. It is one of the biggest and first parks to be opened to the public. It is supposed to be one of the best national parks in the world noted for leopard breeding. Due to 16 years of civil war and the park being closed for public, the density of the forest has increased. However it was reopened recently and visitors are able to tour only quarter of the area. It is the ideal location for safari trips in February and October.

Overnight stay at Camping Tent

**DAY 03 : WILPATTU / ANURADHAPURA / HABARANA**

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer from Wilpattu to Anuradhapura.

**Visit to Anuradhapura Ancient City.**

Anuradhapura is an ancient city, located at a distance of 206 km from Colombo. The city is in northern Sri Lanka and is the capital of North-Central province. Anuradhapura was established in 4th century BC. It was the first capital of Sri Lanka and remained so until 8th century AD. Anuradhapura is an archaeologist's delight and contains several monuments of historical importance. The city is considered very sacred by the Buddhists and is home to the largest dagobas in Sri Lanka. A dagoba is a dome enshrining sacred relics or the bodily remains of the Buddha, or articles used by him like the alms bowl and other objects of veneration. It is built in different sizes on a pedestal with a spire on top crowned with a pinnacle. The Sacred Bo tree; Jaya Sri Maha Bodhiya of Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka is the oldest living tree in documented history of the world. It is a sapling from the historical Bodhi tree under which Buddha enlightened. It was planted in 288 BCF and is the oldest living human-planted tree in the world with a known planting date.

Transfer from Anuradhapura to Habarana

Overnight Stay at hotel

**DAY 04 : HABARANA / SIGIRIYA / MINNERIYA / HABARANA**

Breakfast at Hotel

Transfer from Habarana to Sigiriya.

**Climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress.**

Sigiriya, which is a world heritage site, built by King Kashyapa (477-495 AD). The 'Lion Rock' is a citadel of unusual beauty rising 200 metres from the scrub jungle. The rock was the innermost stronghold of the 70 hectare fortified town. A moat, rampart, and extensive gardens including the renowned water gardens ring the base of the rock. Visit the world-renowned frescoes of the 'Heavenly Maidens' of Sigiriya, which are in a sheltered pocket of the rock approached by a spiral stairway. These frescoes are painted in earth pigments on plaster. Wander into the well-fabricated museum downstairs for an epic journey of yesteryears to realize how the citadel floated above citizens with the castle, ponds and irrigation systems that pumped water right onto its summit with an ingenious hydraulic system describing a colossal masterpiece of the great king which remained a wonder in Asia for centuries.

Transfer from Sigiriya to Minneriya.

**Proceed for a Jeep Safari at Minneriya National Park.**

If you're up for a serious rumble in the jungle, then Minneriya is your Colosseum! Spreading over 8800 hectares, this is a sanctuary for elephants. Minneriya is home to herds of deer and ample birdlife, but its spotlight remains between swaying trunks & flapping ears. Park your jeep on the bank of the reservoir and switch off its engine. Watch carefully as herds of elephants - one by one - roll on to the grass-covered banks, to feed on tender shoots. In fact, this is the largest elephant gathering in the world - over 300 at a time - which has garnished the park to become a magnet for wildlife enthusiasts across the globe.

Transfer from Minneriya to Habarana.

Overnight Stay at hotel

**DAY 05 : HABARANA / MATALE / KANDY**

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer from Habarana to Matale

**Visit to a Spice Garden in Matale.**

Matale is situated in the central province in close proximity to Kandy. This area is very famous for its spices which are considered to be the best on the island. Gardens are open to visitors and its atmosphere is superb to stroll in fragrant greenery and learn more about the spices. The spice gardens attract tourists as well as locals who visit this area. These spices are used for culinary, cosmetic and indigenous medicinal purposes. Entrances to these gardens are free and children could learn to about the origin of spices and identify each spice by its individual fragrance.

Transfer from Matale to Kandy.

**Visit to the Kandy.**

Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings and is a World Heritage Site. The name "Kandy" conjures visions of splendour and magnificence. Many of the legends, traditions and folklore are still lovingly kept alive. Drive around the Kandy Lake built by the last Sinhala king, Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1798. Visit the Kandy town and bazaar, the arts and crafts centre, a gem museum and a lapidary. Also visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy, and in the evening you can witness a cultural show.

Overnight Stay at hotel

**DAY 06 : KANDY / UDAWATTAKELE / PERADENIYA / KANDY**

Breakfast at hotel.

Transfer from Kandy to Udawattakele.

**Proceed for a Nature Trek at Udawattakele.**

Udawattekele is a forest reserve on a hill in Kandy, close to the Dalada Maligawa, temple of the tooth relic. The catchment areas of this forest provides water to the Kandy Lake. Normal people were not allowed to enter this forest by the ruler of that era. However, with the fall of the kingdom, the forest deteriorated due to human invasion and thereafter, Government declared it a forest reserve sanctuary. This is the only jungle in the universe found adjoining a city.

Transfer from Udawattakele to Peradeniya.

**Visit to Peradeniya Botanical Garden.**

Peradeniya Botanical Garden is situated in the Central Province of Sri Lanka and visited approximately 02 million people annually. The unusual name is Sinhalese translation of guava plain. The garden is notable for its collection of a variety of Orchids. It is home to various species of plants, spices, medicinal plants and palm trees. It is also one of the largest botanical gardens of Sri Lanka, An artificial lake with water plants including giant water lily and papyrus seeds is found in the centre of the garden.

Transfer from Peradeniya to Kandy

Overnight Stay at hotel

**DAY 07 : KANDY / TEA PLANTATION / NUWARA ELIYA**

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer from Kandy to Tea Plantation

**Visit a Tea plantation and a tea factory**, where the best tea in the world is produced. Here you could observe all about the process of manufacturing tea. You can also see how tea is graded. Taste a cup of pure Ceylon tea in the factory.

Transfer from Tea Plantation to Nuwara Eliya

**Visit to Nuwara Eliya City.**

Nuwara Eliya, because of its invigorating mountain climate and scenery, is Sri Lanka's most popular hill resort. Nuwara Eliya is also the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country producing a significant share of the world's best tea. Sri Lanka's highest mountain Pidurutalagala (8282 feet) is located here. Nuwara Eliya also has one of the finest 18 hole golf courses in South Asia.

Overnight Stay at hotel

**DAY 08 : NUWARA ELIYA / HORTON PLAINS / NUWARA ELIYA**

Take Picnic Breakfast from hotel & transfer from Nuwara Eliya to Horton Plains.

**Proceed for a Trek at Horton Plains.**

Horton Plains, UNESCO World Heritage Site, trekking paradise & Eco-tourism hideout in the heart of the isle, painted with unending stretches of green pastures marks one of the healthiest wet montane evergreen forests in Sri Lanka. With an altitude above 7000ft, the plateau sweeps to a robust 3169 hectares sheltering flora and fauna varieties that may be found nowhere else on earth. As the tributary of Belihul Oya - Bakers Falls - thunders down rocks head along the 9km trekking path - across frost-covered grass - to feel the icy-cold wind against your face. You may even gaze down World's End, a head-spinning 3700ft drop towards the Southern end or drive carefully through herds of sambar deer, shy to human touch & birdlife chirping across the plains. If you're cautious enough you may be greeted by the sights of a grunting wild boar, a pouncing fishing cat, otters or even the 'Spotted-Ghost' that haunts the plains', the Sri Lankan Leopard!

Transfer from Horton Plains to Nuwara Eliya.

Rest of the day leisure at the hotel

Overnight Stay at hotel

**DAY 09 : NUWARA ELIYA / ELLA / YALA/ THISSAMAHARAMA**

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer from Nuwara Eliya to Ella.

**Carryout a Trek to Little Adams Peak, Ella**

A quaint hill side village offering the most amazing view in all of Sri Lanka, Ella is ideal for leisurely treks. Trudge through tea plantations, temple sites and waterfalls through the day. Welcome the night with clear skies, twinkling stars and the distant glow of light houses in the Southern Coast. Though there are just a handful of guesthouses and hotels here, Sri Lanka's warm and friendly signature hospitality is more than available at every place.

Transfer from Ella to Yala

**Evening Proceed for a Jeep Safari at Yala National Park.**

Spreading into a vast 1259 Km<sup>2</sup> Yala - with its glory spinning around vast grasslands, shrubs, tanks and dunes - rightfully is the heartland of wildlife in Sri Lanka. As your jeep rumble through the giant gates of Yala, you are not only stepping into the most visited national park in the country, but also the lands of a civilization which thrived during the reign of Sri Lankan kings. You name it, and Yala has it! Its usual inmates cover herds of elephant, sloth bear, spotted deer, jackal, extensively populated birdlife as well as the highest density of leopards in the world that garnish the park to be one of the finest destinations in the country. Feel the rough track as your jeep thunders over rocks and swish passing narrow bends for an exhilarating experience blended with the cries of wilderness under the tropical sun.

Transfer from Yala to Thissamaharama.

Overnight Stay at hotel

**DAY 10 : THISSAMAHARAMA / GALLE / COLOMBO**

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer from Thissamaharama to Galle.

**Visit to Galle City.**

Galle the beautiful colonial town along the Southern Coast of Sri Lanka is a city that cannot be missed. Galle is popular for the 300 year old fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The 36 hectare fort was built by the Dutch in 1663, surrounded on three sides by the ocean. The streets within the fort are crammed with colonial remnants from the Dutch clock tower, Reformed church and the commander's house to the British coat of arms on the outer wall. You can enjoy the beautiful colonial architecture; visit the Galle Maritime Museum, the Galle lighthouse, Bodhi tree and the reclining Buddha Statue in the temple. It is also home to one of the most popular cricket stadium in the world.

Transfer from Galle to Colombo.

Overnight Stay at hotel

**DAY 11 : COLOMBO / AIRPORT**

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer from Colombo to Airport for departure flight.

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