



## **Birding Tour Of Sri Lanka - 12 Days** **(#19766)**

**Note:** Price printed on this PDF is valid until **08-09-2024** and is subject to change without notice due to Partner changes and currency fluctuations

### **Overview**

Muthurajawela Marsh Boat Ride.

Birding tour around in Kitulgala.

Birding at Kitulgala Makandawa forest reserve.

Birding Tour in Victoria Park.

Birding tour in Horton Plains national park.

Birding tour at Wetlands in Tissamaharama.

Jeep safari at Bundala national park.

Birding arounds Tissamaharama Tanks.

Jeep safari at Yala National park.



Jeep safari at Udawalawa national park.

Birding tour around Singharaja.

Full day birding tour in Sinharaja Rain Forest.

## Trip Highlights

Wattala-Kitulgala-Nuwara Eliya-Tissamaharama-Udawalawa-Singharaja-Wattala

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

**Day 1 | Airport – Wattala (Travel Time - Approx. 30 Minutes | 25 kms)**

A Warm Welcome await you at the arrival lounge of the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA), Katunayake.

Your personal guide will give you a brief introduction and commence the trip to Wattala.

Check in to the hotel and leisure.

Dinner and overnight stay.

**Meal:** Dinner

### Day 02

**Day 02 | Wattala - Kitulgala (Travel Time -Approx. 2 1/2 Hrs | 88 kms)**

Early Morning Proceed to Muthurajawela and Marsh boat ride at Muthurajawela.

The vertebrate fauna documented included 40 species of fish, 14 species of amphibians, 31 species of reptiles, 102 species of birds and 22 species of mammals. Among the total vertebrate species documented, 17 are endemic, while 26 are nationally threatened. A total of 36 species of vertebrates are new records to Muthurajawela.

Return to the hotel for the breakfast.

Thereafter proceed to Kitulgala. Check in to the hotel and leisure.



Afternoon birding in Kitulgala, possible Species ORANGE - BILLED BABBLER, HILL-MYNA, SERENDIB SCOPS-OWL, BROWN HAWK-OWL, SRI LANKA FROG MOUTH, YELLOW-FRONTED BARBET, BLACK-NAPED BLUE MONARCH, BLACK-CAPPED BULBUL, DARK-FRONTED BABBLER, BLACK-THROATED MUNIA, BLACK-HOODED ORIOLE, SRI LANKA CHESTNUT-BACKED OWLET, SRI LANKA GREY HORNBILL.

Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 03**

**Day 03 | Kitulgala**

After breakfast full day birding tour in Kitulgala Makandawa forest reserve.

Possible Species

SRI LANKA CRESTED DRONGO, BLACK EAGLE, RUFOUS-BELLIED EAGLE, SRI LANKA SPUR FOWL, SRI LANKA JUNGLE FOWL, SRI LANKA GREEN-PIGEON, SRI LANKA HANGING-PARROT, LAYARD'S PARAKEET, GREEN-BILLED COUCAL, SERENDIB SCOPS-OWL, CHESTNUT-BACKED OWLET, BROWN HAWK-OWL, SRI LANKA FROG MOUTH, BLACK-BACKED DWARF KINGFISHER, SRI LANKA SWALLOW, SRI LANKA GREY HORNBILL, SRI LANKA YELLOW-FRONTED BARBET, SRI LANKA BLACK-CAPPED BULBUL, GOLD-FRONTED LEAF BIRD, SRI LANKA SPOT-WINGED GROUND-THRUSH, LEGGE'S FLOWERPECKER, BROWN-CAPPED BABBLER, CEYLON RUFOUS BABBLER, HILL-MYNA,

Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 04**

**Day 04 | Kitulgala - Nuwara Eliya (Travel Time - Approx. 2 1/2 Hrs | 72 kms)**

After breakfast proceed to Nuwara Eliya. Check in to the hotel and leisure.

Afternoon birding tour in Victoria park.

Possible species:

FOREST WAGTAIL, GREY WAGTAIL, YELLOW-EARED BULBUL, INDIAN BLUE ROBIN, PIED GROUND-THRUSH, INDIAN PITTA, KASHMIR FLYCATCHER, SRI LANKA WHITE-EYE, SRI LANKA DUSKY BLUE



FLYCATCHER, COMMON SANDPIPER, INDIAN POND HERON.

Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 05**

**Day 05 | Nuwara Eliya**

With packet of breakfast birding tour at Horton Plains National Park.

Possible Species:

SRI LANKA JUNGLEFOWL, BLACK EAGLE, SRI LANKA WOOD PIGEON, SRI LANKA YELLOW-EARED BULBUL, PIED BUSH CHAT, SRI LANKA WHISTLING THRUSH, COMMON BLACKBIRD, SRI LANKA BUSH-WARBLER, SRI LANKA SCIMITER BABBLER, GREY-HEADED CANARY, KASHMIR & DUSKY BLUE FLYCATCHER, VELVET-FRONTED NUTHATCH, CEYLON WHITE-EYE. PURPLE-FACED LEAF MONKEY, SAMBAR.

Return to the hotel and leisure.

Dinner & overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 06**

**Day 06 | Nuwara Eliya - Tissamaharama (Travel Time – Approx. 3 1/2 Hrs | 144 kms)**

After breakfast proceed to Tissamaharama.

Check in to the hotel and leisure.

Afternoon birding around wetlands in Tissamaharama.

Possible Species:

Purple Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Grey Heron, Yellow Bittern, Black Bittern, Brahminy Kite, Shikra, Purple Swamphen, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Little / Intermediate and great Egret, Paddy field Pipit, Grey Wagtail, Streaked & Baya Weaver.

Return to the hotel for Dinner & overnight stay.



**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 07**

**Day 07 | Tissamaharama**

Early morning Jeep safari at Bundala National park.

Possible Species:

Brown-Headed Gull, Caspian, Great-Crested, Lesser-Crested, Gull-Billed, Whiskered, White-Winged, Saunders & Little Tern, Greater Flamingo, Northern Pintail, Garganey, Watercock,

Black-Winged Stilt, Eurasian Stone Curlew, Great Thick-Knee, Small Pratincole, Yellow-Wattled & Red-Wattled Lapwing Pacific Golden Plover, Grey Plover, Little-Ringed, Kentish,

Mongolian & Greater Sand Plover, Marsh, Wood, Terek & Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint, Jerdons Bushlark, Oriental Skylark, Ashy-Crowned Sparrow lark, Black-crowned Night Heron, Yellow Bittern, Black Bittern, Brahminy Kite, Shikra, Purple Swamphen, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Paddy Field Pipit, Grey / Yellow Wagtails, Streaked & Baya Weaver.

Return to the hotel and leisure.

Afternoon birding around Tissamaharama Tanks.

Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 08**

**Day 08 | Tissamaharama - Udawalawa (Travel Time – Approx. 1 1/2 Hrs | 62 kms)**

Morning game drive at Yala National Park.

Possible Species:

Brown-Headed Gull, Caspian, Gull-Billed & Whiskered, Tern, Spot-Billed Pelican, Oriental Darter, Painted & Black-Necked Stork, Lesser Adjutant, Black-Winged Stilt, Eurasian Stone Curlew, Great Thick-Knee, Small Pratincole, Yellow-Wattled & Red-Wattled Lapwing Pacific Golden Plover, Grey Plover, Little-Ringed, Kentish, Mongolian & Greater Sand Plover, Marsh, Wood & Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint, Jerdon's Bushlark, Ashy-Crowned Sparrow-Lark,.

Thereafter proceed to Udawalawa and check in to the hotel.

Afternoon jeep safari at Udawalawa National Park.





Possible Species:

Spot-Billed Pelican, Oriental Darter, Cormorants, Lesser Adjutant, Montagu's Harrier, Pied Harrier, Crested Hawk-Eagle, White-Bellied Sea-Eagle, Grey-Headed Fish-Eagle, Barred Button Quail, Ceylon & Orange-Breasted Green-Pigeon, Plum-Headed Parakeet, Blue-Faced Malkoha, Sirkeer Malkoha, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Jungle/ common /Ashy/Grey breasted Prinia. Toque

Monkey, Grey Langur, Golden Jackal, Mongoose, Asian Elephant, Spotted Deer, Water Buffalo, Sri Lanka Giant Squirrel.

Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 09**

**Day 09 | Udawalawa - Sinharaja (Travel Time - Approx - 2 1/2 hrs | 90 kms)**

After breakfast proceed to Sinharaja. Arrive, check into hotel and leisure.

Afternoon birding tour around Sinharaja.

Possible Species.

SRI LANKA LAYARD PARAKEET , ROSE RINGED PARAKEET , SRI LANKA HANGING-PARROT, PLUM-HEADED PARAKEET, SRI LANKA SMALL BARBET, SRI LANKA YELLOW-FRONTED BARBET, SRI LANKA SWALLOW, FOREST WAGTAIL, ASIAN PARADISE FLYCATCHER, GOLD-FRONTED LEAF BIRD, LOTEN'S SUNBIRD , PURPLE-RUMPED SUNBIRD, BLACK EAGLE.

Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 10**

**Day 10 | Sinharaja**

After breakfast full day birding in Sinharaja Rain Forest Reserve.

Possible Species:

SRI LANKA SPUR FOWL, SRI LANKA JUNGLE FOWL, SRI LANKA WOOD PIGEON, SRI LANKA RED-FACED MALKOHA, SRI LANKA GREEN-BILLED COUCAL, CHESTNUT-WINGED CUCKOO, SERENDIB SCOPS-OWL, SRI LANKA CHESTNUT-BACKED OWLET, SRI LANKA FROG MOUTH, MALABAR TROGON, YELLOW-BROWED BULBUL, HIMALAYAN BLACK BULBUL, SRI LANKA SPOT-WINGED GROUND



THRUSH, SRI LANKA SCALY THRUSH, SRI LANKA ORANGE BILLED BABBLER, SRI LANKA ASHY-HEADED LAUGHING THRUSH, ASIAN PARADISE FLYCATCHER, SRI LANKA BLUE MAGPIE, SRI LANKA WHITE-FACED STARLING, HILL-MYNA. PURPLE-FACED LEAF MONKEY, SRI LANKA GIANT SQUIRREL, LAYARD'S STRIPED SQUIRREL, INDIAN PALM SQUIRREL, CRESTED GOSHAWK, BESRA SPARROWHAWK, RUFOUS-BELLIED EAGLE, MOUNTAIN HAWK-EAGLE, CRESTED SERPENT EAGLE, BLACK EAGLE,

Return to the hotel.

Dinner & overnight stay in Sinharaja.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 11

**Day 11 | Sinharaja- Wattala (Travel Time – Approx. 3 hrs | 126 kms)**

After breakfast Birding tour around Sinharaja.

Thereafter, proceed to Colombo.

Arrive, check into the hotel.

Dinner & overnight stay in Hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 12

**Day 12 | Colombo - Airport (Travel Time – Approx. 30 Minutes | 25 kms)**

After breakfast proceed to the airport to connect with departure flight.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

Accommodation sharing Double room on Half board basis commencing with dinner on Day 1 and ending with Breakfast on Day 12.

Transport in a private a/c vehicle with an English speaking Naturalist.

Entrance fees at places (Jeep for Safari) of sightseeing as per the program.



Daily supply of 02 Bottle of mineral water during excursions (500 ml) / sightseeing.

Meet and Greet at the Airport.

First Aid box in the Vehicle.

Map and Note book with pen.

Government Taxes.

## **Exclusions**

Extras of a personal nature such as liquor, tips, laundry etc.

Lunches.

Early Check-In & Late Check out.

Airfare, Visa & Travel Insurance.

Services not included in "Price Includes".

## **Note**

### **Hotels Used OR Similar**

Wattala - Pegasus Reef or similar

Kitulgala - Royal River Retreat or Similar

Nuwara Eliya - Mirage kings Cottage or Similar

Tissamaharama - Chaarya Resort or Similar

Udawalawa - Centuria Wild or Similar

Singha raja - Blue Magpie Lodge or Similar

### **Birders Equipment - Have to Bring**

Pair of Binoculars, Suitable Clothing, Warm Clothing, Hat or Cap, Sun Glass, Rain Gear, Leach Shock, Comfortable walking Shoes etc.

Cameras, Extra Batteries, memory Cards, Cables and charges.

Insect repellent, Sun Cream.

Small Backpack, Bird Book and Flash light or Headlamp.

### **Kindly Note**

The standard check-in time is 14:00 hrs. The standard check-out time is 12:00 hrs.

Every month we celebrate Poya Holiday which is the Full Moon day. On this day, no alcohol will be sold or can be purchased. It is not a good day for shopping as most shops are closed.





The above mentioned hotels will be confirmed on availability at the time of booking. In the event of unavailability of rooms a suitable alternative will be suggested prior to confirmation.

The Travel Time & Distance mentioned are approximate time and distance from point A to B. This is not considering the enroute stops, traffic & weather conditions.

X'Mas Eve Dinner supplement - AUD 148 per person.

New Year Gala Dinner Supplement - AUD 179 per person.

Peak Period Supplement:

21.12.2024 - 10.01.2025 - AUD 67 per Room per night

11.01.2025 - 31.03.2025 - AUD 53 per Room per night

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Periodic Departure

**01 Nov, 2024 to 30 Apr, 2025**

02 pax

AUD 2,945 P P twin share

AUD 3,833 P P single

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03 pax

AUD 2,603 P P twin share

AUD 3,491 P P single

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04-06 pax

AUD 2,368 P P twin share

AUD 3,256 P P single

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