



Sri Lanka Wildlife And Beach Tour - 8 Days

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Trip Highlights

Colombo - Yala - Galle - Bentota

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

DAY 01: Airport – Colombo

On arrival you will be blessed to get your first taste of warm Sri Lankan hospitality. A representative will welcome you at the Airport and will guide you to the transportation arranged for you for transfer to your first destination.

Colombo a drive through the city taking you to the busy commercial areas as well as the tree lined residential, Cinnamon Gardens, Visit Fort, the former British administrative center and military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmiths quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area, where is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, and the Dutch Church of Wolfe



dhal dating back to 1749. Also visit the BMICH, see the replica of Avukana Buddha & the Independence Square.

Day 02**DAY 02: Colombo – Yala (5 hrs Drive Approx)**

After breakfast drive to Yala. (Optional) (Optional) Yala (National Park)- the Ruhunu National Park covers 126,786 hectares Including the Strict Natural Reserve (Block II). The most familiar is Block I (14,101 hectares) and this block was established in 1938. Yala is famous for its big herds and large number of Elephants, Leopards, Spotted Deer, Sambhur, Crocodiles, Mongoose, Wild Boar, Wild Buffalo, and many other animals. More than 130 bird species are recorded which includes the resident and winter visitors with an over night stay in Yala.

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After breakfast day is at leisure for independent activities.

Relaxing Day (No Transportation / No Guide)

Overnight stay in Yala.

Day 05**DAY 05 Yala – Galle 4 hrs drive**

After breakfast drive to Galle . Galle - Sri Lanka's most historically interesting town is Galle. It was a major port until about 100 years, but today still handles shipping and sailing boats in the natural harbor. Stroll around the lighthouse and harbor or visit the old town where you can see the traditional lace makers and wood carver sand purchase some the finest souvenirs.

(Optional) The Dutch Fort - Galle - The South Coast's major city is Galle, whose oldest landmark is the massive Portuguese and Dutch Fort which is a "World Heritage Site" in which the central city is contained. But the city may be much older. Some scholars believe it to be the "Tarshish" of the Old Testament, to which King Solomon sent his merchant vessels, and to which Jonah fled from the Lord. Today, the 90-acre Galle Fort shows no evidence of the Portuguese founders. The Dutch incorporated the Portuguese northern wall in a great rampart in 1663. A second, taller wall was built inside of it. Between the two walls, a covered passage connected the central bastion with the Fort's two half bastion's overlooking the sea. The Dutch also installed a sophisticated drainage system, complete with brick-lined underground sewers that were flushed twice a day by the high and low tides. The original gate to the fort was by the harbour. It is still there, marked by the British Coat-of-arms on the front and the Dutch V.O.C. (Vereenigde Oost Indische Compagnie) with the Coat-of-arms with a rooster crest, is on the inner side of the Fort with an overnight stay at Galle.

Day 06**DAY 06: Galle – Bentota 1hr Drive**

After breakfast drive to Bentota. (Optional) Mirissa Whale watching. Alternatively you can relax in Bentota. Overnight stay at Bentota.

Day 07**DAY 07: Bentota**

After breakfast . You have optional tours of Marine Turtle Conservation in Kosgoda... Globally, all seven species of marine turtles are endangered. Of these seven, five come ashore to nest in Sri Lanka. The process of marine turtles nesting, hatchlings being born, and swimming back to sea is fascinating to observe. The Kosgoda Conservation Project is an ideal way to learn and observe this endangered species.

(Optional) MADU RIVER BOAT RIDE in the 915 hectare Maadu Ganga Estuary is connected by two narrow channels to the Randonbe Lake, forming a complex wetland system encompassing 64 mangrove islets. In the year 2000, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) undertook a detailed biodiversity survey of the region & revealed the existence of no less than 10 major wetland vegetation types supporting over 300 plant species & 248 species of vertebrates. This remarkable diversity has led to its being classified under RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands in 2003. Overnight stay at Bentota.



Day 08**DAY 08 : Bentota Airport**

After breakfast you depart back home. Though it will be difficult to say goodbye, all good things come to an end. Your representative will meet you on time at the hotel lobby to return you by way of a scenic drive to the international airport for your departing flight and a safe journey home.

Inclusions

Accommodation in hotels category specified or similar.

Meals on Bed & Breakfast.

Transportation in PRIVATE A/C Car or Micro Van with a service of an English speaking chauffer guide.

All the government taxes.

Compliments

02 500ml Mineral water bottles per person, per day

Discounted Shopping Vouchers

Free Wi-Fi in all the vehicle

Exclusions

International / Domestic Airfare/Visas

Optional activities

Meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Entrance Fees to Archeological sites , museums, national parks any outdoor activity.

Personal expenses

Tips & Portorage

Note

Optionals at an additional costs on request.



Entrance fees for below places

- Yala National park AUD 89 per person
- AUD 122 per jeep ride at Yala national park (max 06 pax)
- Dutch Fort AUD 44 per person
- Sea Turtle farm & hatchery AUD 33 per person
- AUD 78 per boat ride at Bentota river
- Dolphin & Whale watching AUD 122 per person (price may increase at the time of confirmation)

Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Departure Period**01 Sep, 2024 to 31 Oct, 2024**

5 star

AUD 1,667 P P twin share

AUD 2,567 P P single

AVAILABLE

4 star

AUD 1,522 P P twin share

AUD 2,407 P P single

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