

WILDLIFE & BIRD WATCHING  
TOUR IN SRI LANKA IN SRI LANKA  
IN 10 DAYS 9 NIGHTS



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# Custom designed Itinerary

## wildlife & bird watching tour in Sri Lanka - 9 nights

This 10-night itinerary is designed for dedicated nature enthusiasts, offering an immersive experience that covers nearly all the key national parks and reserves in Sri Lanka. While this trip focuses solely on exploring wildlife and natural landscapes, it can easily be extended for those seeking a balance of adventure and relaxation. This extension creates the perfect blend of exploration and relaxation during your stay in Sri Lanka.

### Day 1

- Meet with our driver at the Airport
- Transfer to the hotel in Colombo

### Day 2

Transfer to Yala National Park. In the afternoon, delve deeper into the cultural history of the region with a visit to the ancient Sithulpawwa monastery, tucked away in the heart of Yala. Dating back to the 2nd century BC and built by King Kavantissa, this remarkable monastery is a lesser-known treasure that offers insight into Sri Lanka's rich Buddhist heritage. The journey to Sithulpawwa is equally fascinating, as it combines cultural exploration with wildlife sightings, making this a truly unique experience that blends history, spirituality, and the raw beauty of nature. Day 3

### Day 3 -Yala National Park

Full day safari in Yala National Park, renowned for its rich biodiversity, is home to one of the highest densities of leopards in the world, along with majestic elephants, sloth bears, and an incredible variety of bird species. Begin your day with an early morning safari led by an experienced guide, as you set out in search of the elusive leopards and other wildlife that roam this vast wilderness. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

## **Day 4 -Nuwaraeliya**

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to Nuwara Eliya, a journey that takes approximately 2 ½ hours. Upon arrival, enjoy an evening stroll through the charming town of Nuwara Eliya. During your walk, you'll have the opportunity to explore the vibrant local market and bustling clothing bazaar. In addition, you'll encounter several fascinating colonial-era landmarks, Hotels built in colonial era, the historic Nuwara Eliya Post Office, the prestigious Hill Club.

## **Day 5 - Horton Plain National Park**

In the morning, head to Horton Plains National Park to experience Sri Lanka's rich biodiversity and wildlife in the misty mountain forests. Leopards roam along the roads through the savanna grasslands, and rare birds adapted to the unique mountainous ecosystem are highlights of the journey.

## **Day 6 - Kandy**

Transfer to Kandy from Nuwaraeliya in approximately 3hrs drive. In the evening explore the historic city of Kandy, the last capital of the ancient kings of Sri Lanka. Discover the sacred Temple of the Tooth, which houses the revered relic of the Buddha's tooth. Stroll around the scenic Kandy Lake, visit the Royal Botanical Gardens, and immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage and traditional arts of this UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy a cultural dance performance and explore the vibrant markets, where you can find local crafts and souvenirs.

## **Day 7,8,9**

Transfer to Sigiriya for three nights. No visit to Sri Lanka is complete without experiencing the rich heritage of this region. During your stay, you'll have the chance to explore some of the country's most iconic historical sites, such as the ancient Dambulla Cave Temple and the UNESCO-listed ruins of Polonnaruwa.

A guided cycling tour will take you through rural villages, past serene irrigation lakes, lush rice fields, and traditional chena cultivation lands, offering you an intimate glimpse into the everyday life of a Sri Lankan village.

Visit the ancient rock fortress, often referred to as the Eighth Wonder of the World, and marvel at its architectural ingenuity. Explore the surrounding gardens and frescoes, Visit the cave temple at Pidurangala for a stunning view of Sigiriya Rock. After that visit Anuradhapura ancient city full of marvelous architectural monuments and sculptures allied with Buddhism. In the evening Visit Minneriya National Park, located about a 45-minute drive away, to observe wild Asian elephants. Drive through herds of majestic elephants and observe them in their natural habitat. This unforgettable experience will leave you in awe of these magnificent creatures and the park's stunning scenery.

## **Day 10 - End of the tour**

Transfer to Katunayake Airport

### **Price includes:**

- Accommodation sharing double / Twin on Half board basis in hotels as specified above.
- Entrance Fees to all the tourist sites that are included in the program - Jeep hire & entrances fees
- Lunch on the way
- Private air-conditioned Vehicle with an English-speaking Chauffer Guide
- Local government taxes & service charges

### **Tour excludes:**

- Airfare
- Lunches
- Visas (required to apply before the arrival date)
- Compulsory Christmas & New Year Supplements
- Insurance (Travel)

- Optional tours and activities
- Camera & Video permits at Cultural sights
- All expenses of personal nature such as Telephone Calls, Laundry and Tipping etc.
- Meals not stated in the itinerary
- Tipping for driver guide
- All beverages, Tips and Portages.
- Any supplements that may occur due to events taking place in those localities

### **Reservation, Cancellation Policy & Notes:**

- The quoted price is based on current availability of rooms and may change due to tax adjustments, price fluctuations, or peak season supplements.
- Prices are based on cash payments. A service charge will apply for payments made via cheques, drafts, credit cards, or debit cards.
- Cancellations made within 45 days of the arrival date will incur a 100% charge of the total holiday cost.
- The standard check-in time is 2:00 PM, and the check-out is at 11:00 AM, though some hotels may have slightly different policies.
  
- All travel times mentioned are estimates and may vary depending on conditions.