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Wild Wonders (8 Days)

5 days · 4 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This eight-day tour follows Sri Lanka's wildlife corridor from the rainforest of the south-west through open savannah parks to the south coast. It begins at Sinharaja Forest Reserve, moves on to Yala National Park for safari, then continues to Mirissa and Galle, combining dense jungle, dry-zone grassland and coastline within a short overall distance.

Travellers get a close look at the island's biodiversity: a trek through virgin rainforest with its endemic birds, monkeys and reptiles, a full-day jeep safari in search of leopard, elephant and sloth bear, a stop at a bird sanctuary, a whale-watching excursion off Mirissa, and a walk through the old colonial quarter of Galle Fort.

The tour runs as a private itinerary with a chauffeur guide, so the pace through each park and town is set by the traveller rather than a fixed group schedule.

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Sinharaja

On arrival at Colombo International Airport travellers are met by a chauffeur guide and driven to Sinharaja to check in and rest.

Transfer to Sinharaja

After arrival formalities at the airport, travellers are escorted to an air-conditioned vehicle for the drive to Sinharaja, with check-in and time to relax on arrival.

Day 2 Sinharaja

A full day is spent trekking through the Sinharaja Forest Reserve, exploring its dense rainforest and rich endemic wildlife.

Sinharaja Forest Reserve

This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a tract of virgin rainforest with dense evergreen vegetation. The trek brings encounters with troops of monkeys, colourful endemic forest birds and, with luck, a green pit viper coiled in the foliage, making it a strong destination for those wanting to see the island's wildlife in an untouched setting.

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Day 3 Sinharaja → Yala

After a morning trek in the rainforest, the tour continues to Yala for a two-night stay that includes a full-day safari.

Sinharaja morning trek

A further walk through the rain forest in the morning before checking out and heading south to Yala.

Yala National Park safari

A full-day safari covers Yala, the island's second-largest national park on the south-eastern coast. The park holds Sri Lankan leopards, indigenous wild water buffalo, Sri Lankan sloth bears and large herds of Sri Lankan elephants, along with numerous other mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates.

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Day 4 Yala → Mirissa

The drive to Mirissa includes a stop for bird watching at a coastal sanctuary, followed by a relaxed afternoon at the beach.

Kalametiya Bird Sanctuary

This sanctuary sits around a brackish mangrove lagoon close to Kalametiya beach, an area known for its scenic spots. It shelters over 150 species of birds, including 54 migratory species, as well as around 20 species of mammals, 41 species of fish and 38 species of reptiles, and is a particular haven for weaver birds and their nests.

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Mirissa beach

On arrival in Mirissa, travellers check in and spend the rest of the day enjoying the beach and hotel facilities.

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Day 5 Mirissa

The day combines a whale-watching excursion out of Mirissa with an afternoon exploring the old quarter of Galle.

Whale watching

A packed-breakfast excursion heads out in search of the ocean's largest mammals, with the chance to see blue whales, sperm whales and fin whales in the waters south of Sri Lanka. A qualified naturalist on board shares knowledge on identifying the species, and the tour is run with a minimal impact on the animals and their habitat.

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Galle Fort and the Old Colonial City

Built up under Portuguese and later Dutch rule, Galle Fort is one of the best-preserved fortifications in Asia. The visit takes in the Maritime Museum, the Galle National Museum and the lighthouse, with a walk through cobblestoned streets still bearing their Dutch names.

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What's included

INCLUDED

- Transport in a Private Vehicle, Fuel, Parking & Highway tolls.
- Service of English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide.
- All prevailing taxes and service charges.

NOT INCLUDED

- Hotel Accommodation and Meals.
- Entrance fees to the respective sites.
- Chauffeur Guide's Accommodation.
- Expenses of personal nature.
- Visa and Related Expenses.
- Tips & Portages.