TOUR REFERENCE
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Sea, Sand & Marine Life from Colombo (2 Days)

2 days · 1 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This two-day tour runs south from Colombo along Sri Lanka's southern coast, combining tea country, colonial history and marine life in a single private-vehicle itinerary with a chauffeur guide. It covers a low-country tea estate, the old fortified city of Galle, the stilt fishermen of Koggala, whale watching off Mirissa and a boat safari on the Madu River, with an overnight stay on the coast.

Travellers get a varied slice of the south in a short time: a working tea factory and tasting, a walk through Galle Fort's Dutch-era streets, a sunset view of traditional stilt fishing, an early-morning whale watching trip, and a river safari through mangroves with crocodiles, water monitors and birdlife.

The tour is run with an air-conditioned vehicle and chauffeur guide throughout, starting and ending in Colombo.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Colombo → Ahangama → Koggala → Galle

You are collected from your Colombo hotel by chauffeur guide and driven south, with stops for tea, stilt fishing and the historic city of Galle.



Handunugoda Tea Factory

Visit the Handunugoda Tea Factory, also known as the Virgin White Tea Factory, and learn how its Virgin White Tea is plucked and processed without being touched by human hands. A tasting session with tea and chocolate cake follows, with the chance to buy tea leaves as a souvenir.

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Stilt Fisherman in Koggala

Watch fishermen perched on stilts in the waters off Koggala and hear from them how this style of fishing came to Sri Lanka and how it is done. It is a good spot for photographs, particularly with the fishermen silhouetted against the shoreline at sunset.

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Old Colonial City of Galle

Explore Galle, once a Portuguese and Dutch headquarters, including the well-preserved Galle Fort, the Maritime Museum, the Galle National Museum and the lighthouse. Walk the cobblestoned streets that still carry their old Dutch names.

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Day 2 Ahangama → Mirissa → Balapitiya → Kosgoda → Colombo

An early start takes you to Mirissa for whale watching, followed by a boat safari on the Madu River before the drive back to Colombo.



Whale Watching

Reach Mirissa Fishery Harbour by 0600 hrs for a whale watching tour, with the chance to see blue whales, sperm whales and fin whales in the waters off southern Sri Lanka, guided by a qualified naturalist.

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Madu River Boat Safari

Take a boat ride through the Madu River's mangrove channels, spotting basking crocodiles and water monitors, visiting an island where cinnamon is harvested, watching waterbirds and trying the local fish massage, before returning to Colombo.

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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.