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Adventure with A Twist (12 Days)

12 days · 11 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This 12-day private tour is built around Sri Lanka's outdoor adventures, linking hikes, a pilgrimage climb, white-water rafting and a wildlife safari with a stretch of beach at the end. It moves from the west coast through the central highlands and hill country down to the southern coast, with a chauffeur guide and private vehicle covering every transfer.

Highlights include a hike to Bible Rock, a trek through the Knuckles Mountain Range, a night ascent of Adam's Peak, rafting and canyoning at Kitulgala, the viewpoints and colonial-era sights around Haputale, a safari in Yala National Park, and whale watching off Mirissa. Travellers get a mix of physical activity, tea country scenery and a chance at wildlife sightings, with two nights set aside purely for rest on the beach at the end.

Each day's driving and activities are arranged in sequence, so the pace eases from the more demanding hikes in the highlands towards the slower, beach-based final days in Mirissa.



Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Negombo

On arrival at Colombo International Airport you are met by your chauffeur guide and driven to Negombo to check in and rest.



Negombo

After airport formalities, a short drive brings you to Negombo, where you check in to your hotel and relax.

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Day 2 Negombo → Elkaduwa

After breakfast you check out and head inland towards Elkaduwa, breaking the drive with a hike to Bible Rock.



Bible Rock

Known locally as Bathalegala, this square rock rises above the Kadugannawa Pass on the Kandy road. A hike to the top gives a 360-degree view over Asupini Ella, Kadugannawa Pass and Ura Kande, and the surrounding area is good for spotting birds.

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Elkaduwa

After the hike, continue on to Elkaduwa and check in to your hotel.

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Day 3 Elkaduwa → Knuckles Mountain Range → Elkaduwa

While based in Elkaduwa, spend the day hiking in the Knuckles Mountain Range.



Knuckles Mountain Range

This massif offers a challenging trail across varied terrain, with views from its fist-shaped peaks and a chance to see some of the many bird and other wildlife species that live in the range.

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Day 4 Elkaduwa → Nuwara Eliya

Check out after breakfast and drive to Nuwara Eliya, with a tea factory visit in the evening.



Nuwara Eliya

On arrival, check in to your hotel and relax before the evening's activity.

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Tea Factory and Estate Tour

A guided walk through a tea estate shows how Ceylon tea is picked, fermented, rolled, dried, cut, sieved and graded, finishing with a tea tasting and an explanation of why Ceylon tea is so highly regarded.

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Day 5 Nuwara Eliya / Hatton (Adam's Peak)

A very early start takes you to the Nallatanniya trailhead at Delhouse for the pilgrimage climb up Adam's Peak, before returning to the hotel to rest.



Adam's Peak

This pilgrimage climb leads to the summit's footprint-shaped indentation, regarded by Buddhists as Lord Buddha's, by Hindus as God Shiva's, and by Muslims and Christians as Adam's.

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Day 6 Nuwara Eliya → Kitulgala → Haputale

After breakfast, check out and head to Kitulgala for a morning of river and rainforest adventure activities before continuing on to Haputale.

Kitulgala Adventure Activities

Options here include canyoning down a waterfall, abseiling with panoramic views, and hiking through the rainforest to learn about its wildlife.



White-water Rafting

Raft a stretch of the Kelani River, riding its rapids with safety measures in place.

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Haputale

From Kitulgala, continue on to Haputale and check in to your hotel to relax.

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Day 7 Haputale

A day exploring Haputale on foot, taking in viewpoints, a hike and some of its colonial-era landmarks.

Ella Rock

This hike leads up to one of the area's highest viewpoints, passing the distant Namunukula Range and Little Adam's Peak, with early morning views taking in the Bandarawela Range, Poonagala Hills, Narangala, the Ella Gap and the Badulla train tracks.



Lipton's Seat

One of Sri Lanka's best-known observation points, giving views over the Uva, Sabaragamuwa, Central and Eastern Provinces.

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Adisham Bungalow

A Tudor-style mansion built in the early 1900s, open to walk around its grounds.

St Andrews Church

A neo-gothic church with a graveyard that is the resting place of many British tea planters.

Day 8 Haputale → Yala

A relaxed morning precedes the drive to Yala, taking in scenic views along the way.



Yala

Check out after breakfast and drive to Yala, arriving in time to settle in for the safari to follow.

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Day 9 Yala

A safari day in Yala National Park, the island's second largest, on the southeastern coast.



Yala National Park Safari

The park is known for its leopards, wild water buffalo and sloth bears, along with large herds of elephants and many other mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish.

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Day 10 Yala → Mirissa

After a relaxed morning, check out and drive to Mirissa for a two-night beach stay.



Mirissa

Arrive in Mirissa and settle in for two nights by the coast.

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Day 11 Mirissa

A day given over to whale watching off the southern coast.



Whale Watching Tour

This tour offers a chance to see blue whales, sperm whales and fin whales in the waters south of Sri Lanka, with a qualified naturalist on hand to help identify them responsibly.

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Day 12 Mirissa → Airport

After a relaxed morning, check out and drive to the airport for your flight home.

What's included

INCLUDED

- Transport in a Private Vehicle, inclusive of all chauffeur accommodation.
- Service of an English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide throughout the tour.
- All prevailing taxes and service charges.

NOT INCLUDED

- Hotel Accommodation.
- International / Domestic Airfare.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Entrance fees to the respective sites.