

**Tour Of Sri Lanka
 With A Driver Guide In Your Own Exclusive Air-Conditioned Vehicle.**

SRI LANKA OFF THE BEATEN TRACK – WINTER SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Location	Featured Hotels	Daily Schedule
01		Depart UK		
02		Arrive Colombo To Anamaduwa	The Mudhouse	>Pick Up From Colombo Airport
03		Anamaduwa	The Mudhouse	>Relax In Idyllic Rural Countryside Of Sri Lanka
04		Dambulla	Kassapa Lion Rock	>The Colossal Aukana Buddha >The Sigiriya Rock Fortress, One Of The Wonders Of The Ancient World
05		Kandy	Serene Garden	>The Golden Cave Temples At Dambulla >Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth
06		Kithulgala	Royal River Resort	>White Water Rafting At Rafter's Retreat GRADE 2 + 3
07		Kithulgala	Royal River Resort	>Hike Through The Lush Tropical Kithulgala Rainforests With Local Guide
08		Dalhousie	Slightly Chilled Guest House	>Night Time Ascent Of Adam's Peak To View The Awe Inspiring Sunrise And Fabulous Views
09		Haputale	Kelburne Cottages Aerie Cottage	>By Train Through The Hill Country To Haputale
10		Yala	Yala Village	>Leopards And Wild Elephants At Yala National Park – Exclusive Private PM Jeep Safari
11				>Drop Off At Beach Hotel Or Colombo Stopover Night
		Depart Colombo Arrive UK		>Transfer To Airport

Yellow=Beach



Reclining Buddha At Kandy



Sri Lankan Fruits And Spices

Day 02 – Anamaduwa



Beautiful Surroundings Of The Mudhouse

Anamaduwa And The Mudhouse

An idyllic location to sample rural **Sri Lanka** at its best. The village of **Anamaduwa** lies in the interior of the island, surrounded by paddy fields and coconut estates but away from the well-trodden tourist routes. **The Mudhouse** is a very unique and comfortable property built out of natural materials located in a large 50 acre area of forest and jungle.



Authentic Sri Lankan Cuisine At The Mudhouse



Day 03 – Anamaduwa



Idyllic Lake Near The Mudhouse

Anamaduwa And The Mudhouse

There is a lovely lotus filled lake where you can safely swim or take a cycle and tour the local village and temple. Rustic living in **Sri Lanka** at its very best!



Lake Picnic At The Mudhouse



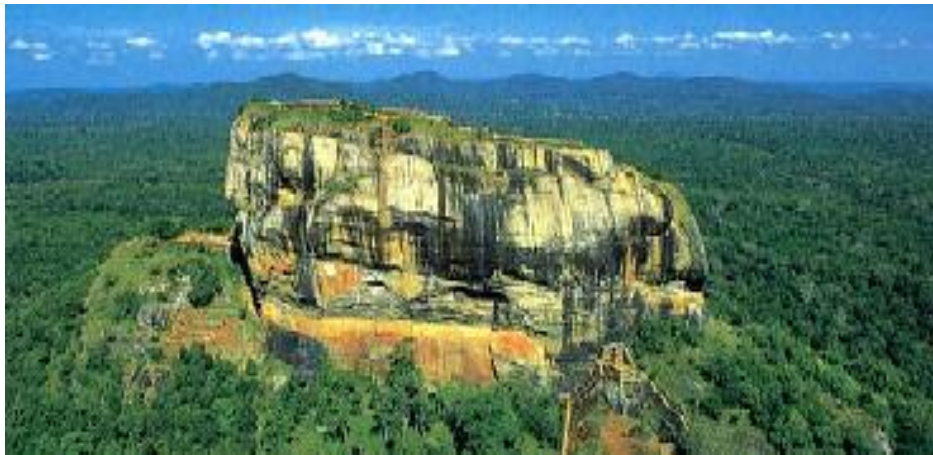
Day 04 – Dambulla



Colossal Buddha's Of Aukana And Sasseruwa

Colossal Buddha Statue at Aukana (5thC AD)

A remarkably beautiful 42ft high standing statue of the **Buddha** carved out of a single rock is the most perfectly preserved in **Sri Lanka**.



Sigiriya Rock Fortress

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The remarkable 'fortress in the sky'. A magnificent rock citadel with beautiful frescoes hidden in a natural cave dating from 470 A.D. The climb to the top from the huge stone **Lions Paws** is a dizzying experience with superb views over surrounding forests and distant hills. The newly excavated **Royal Pleasure Gardens** at the foot of the rock are some of the earliest from antiquity. Thought by many to be the **8th Wonder Of The Ancient World!**



Day 05 – Kandy



The Golden Cave Temple At Dambulla

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An extremely ancient series of 5 cave temples containing thousands of **Buddhist** images and paintings, which date back 2000 years. **Sri Lanka's** artistic masterpiece and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** of prime importance.



Inside The Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth

Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth

Arrive in **Kandy**, the island's prettiest town and the last capital city of the **Sri Lankan** Kings. The best time to visit its world famous shrine, containing the revered tooth of the **Buddha** is the evening 'pooja' ceremony when the temple is illuminated with flickering lamps - a magical experience.

A beautiful view of **Kandy** can be seen from **Lake Drive** above the pretty **Kandy Lake**. You may also visit the **Old Town** area adjacent to the temple, which contains some very early **British** colonial and **Kandyan** period buildings in a narrow maze of streets. **UNESCO** has designated the whole area as a **World Heritage Site**.

Lake Drive View

A road high above **Kandy Lake** leads to a viewpoint giving a spectacular panorama of the town and the distant **Dumbara Hills** covered in mist.

Day 06 – Kithulgala



White Water Rafting At Kithulgala

White Water Rafting At Rafter's Retreat

Try some exhilarating White **Water Rafting** in the gushing **Kelani River** at **Kithulgala**. This stretch of water is ideal for 'beginners' with 5 heart-stopping rapids in quick succession. No previous experience necessary.



Navigating Rapids On The Kelani River



Day 07 – Kithulgala



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Kithulgala contains an area of lush tropical vegetation which is famous as the site for the filming of **Sir David Lean's** classic '**The Bridge Over The River Kwai**'.



Long Billed Sunbird

Trek Through The Kithulgala Rainforest With Local Guide

Reached by boat across the river at **Kithulgala** is a large expanse of tropical rainforest leading into the high hills, with paths travelling through isolated villages and lush vegetation leading to waterfalls and pre-historic caves. Most of **Sri Lanka's** endemic bird species can be spotted in at the **Kithulgala Rainforest**.



Day 08 – Hatton



Experience Sunrise From The Summit Of Adam's Peak – From Here!

Ascent Of The Sacred Adams Peak

An overnight trek to the summit of **Adams Peak** (7415ft) for sunrise—**Probably The Most Magnificent Sight In The Whole Of Sri Lanka**, for that 'on top of the world' feeling! You will need to be moderately fit to do this trek. The climb is only possible between **December** and April due to weather conditions.



Illuminated Paths To Adams Peak



Day 09 – Haputale



Hill Country Express

By Train Through Sri Lanka's Hill Country

Without doubt **One Of The Most Beautiful Train Journeys In The World**. The observation car gives magnificent views of the **Hill Country** while passing cascading waterfalls.



St Clair's Falls And The Ella Gap

Haputale

A town that has perhaps the most spectacular location in **Sri Lanka**, straddling a ridge with a dramatic view down to the coast on one side and the basins of the **Uva Hills** on the other.



Dramatic Hill Country Views At Haputale

Day 10 – Yala**Leopard Crossing Road At Yala****Encounters With Leopards And Wild Elephants At Yala National Park-Jeep Safari**

The largest wildlife park in **Sri Lanka** is very reminiscent of the **African** savannah and is where the greatest variety of wildlife can be observed. Herds of **Spotted Deer**, solitary **Sambar** or **Elk** and **Wild Boar** are common. **Peacocks** are plentiful in the jungles. **Monster Crocodiles** are to be seen at some of its watering holes.

Yala is now gaining an international reputation as the best place to watch **Leopards** in **Asia**. It has the highest population density of **Leopards** in the world and is one of the few locations where they can be observed during daylight hours.

**Sloth Bear At Yala**

Day 11 – To Colombo Or Sri Lanka's Beaches**Mirissa Beach****Koggala, Unawatuna, Ahangama And Mirissa**

Beautiful and undeveloped beaches in the **Deep South** of the island near to the idyllic **Weligama Bay**. Great for those seeking relaxation in tranquil surroundings. A few kilometers from **Koggala** the unique stilt fishermen of the island can be seen perched on sticks planted in the sea.

**Stilt Fishermen At Weligama****Unawatuna Beach****Depart Sri Lanka**