

Tour Of Sri Lanka
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WILDLIFE SAFARI TOUR OF SRI LANKA

Day	Date	Location	Featured Hotels	Daily Schedule
01		Depart UK		
02		Arrive Colombo To Negombo	Paradise Holiday Village	>Pick Up From Colombo Airport
03		Sinharaja	Blue Magpie Lodge	>Through The Tropical Lowlands Of Sri Lanka To Sinharaja Rainforest
04		Sinharaja	Blue Magpie Lodge	>Whole Day Trek Inside The Beautiful Sinharaja Rainforest With Forest Dept Guide
05		Haputale	Kelburne Bungalows	>Travel To Sri Lanka's Magnificent Hill Country >Awe Inspiring Views From The Haputale Gap
06		Haputale	Kelburne Bungalows	>Wild Sambar And Unique Cloud Forests At Horton Plains National Park
07		Uda Walawe	De Olifant	>Descent From The Hill Country Passing Diyaluma Waterfalls >The Transit Home For Baby Elephants
08		Uda Walawe	De Olifant	>Wild Elephants At Uda Walawe National Park – Exclusive AM + PM Private Jeep Safari
09		Yala	Yala Village	>Yala National Park - Exclusive PM Private Jeep Safari
10		Yala	Yala Village	>Yala National Park - Exclusive AM + PM Private Jeep Safari
11		Yala	Yala Village	>Yala National Park - Exclusive AM + PM Private Jeep Safari
12		Bundala	Peacock Beach Hotel Deluxe Room	>Bundala Lagoons National Park - Exclusive PM Private Jeep Safari
13		Negombo	Paradise Holiday Village	>Muthurajawela Marshes and Negombo Lagoon Boat Trip
14		Depart Colombo Arrive UK		>Drop Off At Colombo Airport

Yellow= At Or Near Beach



Elephants At Uda Walawe National Park

Day 01 – Depart UK

Day 02 – Negombo



Negombo Lagoon

Negombo

The long and wide **Negombo** beach is located to the north of the town. **Negombo Lagoon** is a very shallow and highly picturesque expanse of water to the south of town. Boats can be easily hired from the jetty at the lagoon entrance and sunsets over the lagoon are very much recommended.



Old Church In Negombo Town



Dutch Canal At Negombo

Day 03 – Sinharaja**Gem Mining At Ratnapura****Ratnapura**

Travel to **Ratnapura**, the famed 'city of gems' where sapphires and rubies have been mined for over 2000 years. The rubber-clad hills of **Sabaragamuwa** give way to the lush forested slopes of the **Sinharaja Rainforest**.

**World Famous Gems Mined At Ratnapura****Idyllic Tropical Landscapes Near Ratnapura**

Day 04 – Sinharaja



Bear Monkey At Sinharaja Rainforest

Sinharaja Rainforest

Sinharaja Rainforest is the last remaining extent of undisturbed tropical rainforest in **Sri Lanka**. It is of crucial conservation value having been designated by **UNESCO** as an **International Biosphere Reserve**. About 60% of the endemic flora of the country is found in and around the **Sinharaja Forest**.

Nature Trails run through the heart of the rainforest and local experienced **Forest Department** guides accompany all visitors. A choice of trails includes hikes that last a few hours to those that go deep inside the rainforest. You will be rewarded with spectacular views of the unbroken canopy along the way.



Waterfall At Sinharaja Rainforest



Endemic Lizards At Sinharaja

Day 05 – Haputale



Awe Inspiring View From Lipton's Seat At Haputale

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.



Rock Pool At Base Of Diyaluma Falls

Diyaluma Waterfall

At 171m, this is the third highest fall in **Sri Lanka**. A torrent of water which cascades down to the **Koslanda Plateau**. During the rainfall season it is a spectacular sight.



Dambatenne Tea Estate Near Lipton's Seat

Day 06 – Haputale



Awesome Views From World's End At Horton Plains

Horton Plains Cloud Forests

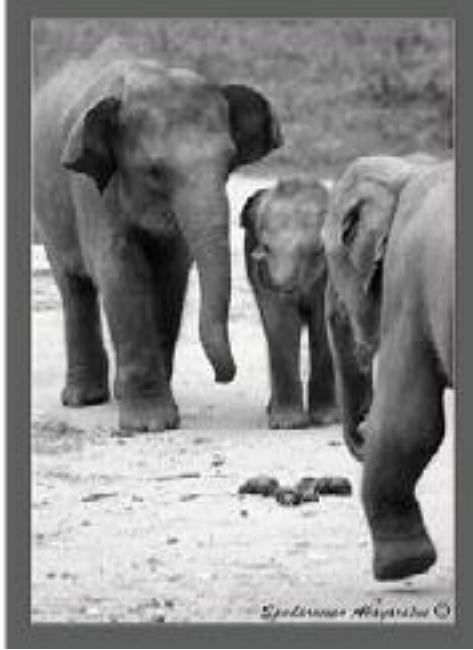
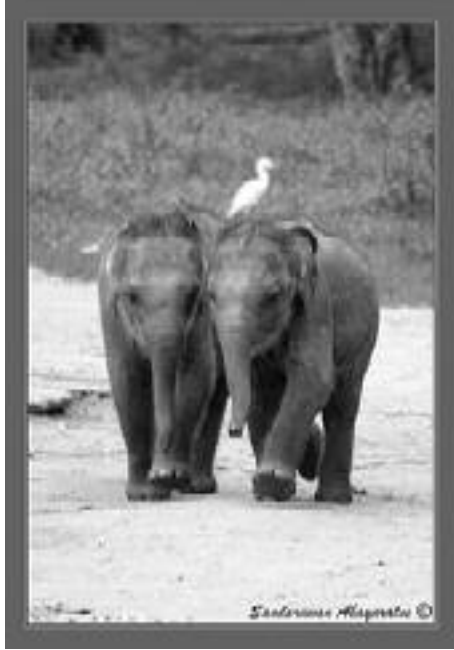
Hiking trails on this high, wild windswept plateau at 6500ft above sea level lead to various secluded nature spots that are well away from the popular tourist areas. By opting for an early morning trek you can also avoid the mists and observe large herds of **Sambar**, which congregate on these plains.

More than half of the flora is endemic at **Horton Plains**. Forests of rhododendron and magnolia alternate with large areas of grassland. Miniature dwarf bamboo is found near the streams and rare tree mosses and ferns cover the trees in a fantastic display of colour.



Sambar Deer At Horton Plains



Day 07 – Uda Walawe

Elephants At Uda Walawe National Park

The Transit Camp For Baby Elephants

This is adjacent to the main sanctuary and specialises in the release of orphaned baby elephants back into the wild.



Spotted Deer At Uda Walawe National Park



Day 08 – Uda Walawe

Elephants At Uda Walawe National Park

Elephant Watching At Uda Walawe National Park - Jeep Safari

At it is fairly easy to observe wild elephants at **Uda Walawe National Park**. About 500 elephants are present and they can sometimes be seen in herds numbering over 150 individuals. This is also a great park for birds, especially raptors such as the **Crested Serpent Eagle** and the **Grey Headed Fishing Eagle**.



Jungle Fowl At Uda Walawe



Day 09 – Yala**Leopard 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 (Elk)** and **Wild Boar** are common. **Peacocks** are plentiful in the jungles. **Monster Crocodiles** are to be seen at some of its watering holes.

**Stunning Scenery At Yala****Sri Lanka Giant Squirrel**

Day 10 – Yala**Sloth Bear At Yala****Encounters With Leopards And Wild Elephants At Yala National Park-Jeep Safari**

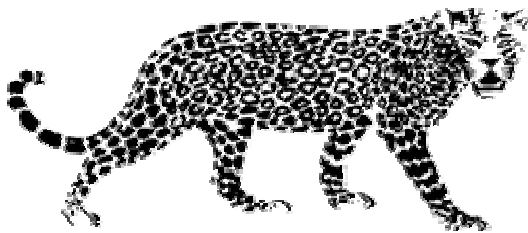
Yala is now gaining an international reputation as the best place to watch **Leopards** in **Asia**. It has the highest population density of **Leopards** in the world and is one of the few locations in the world where they can be observed during daylight hours.

The **Sloth Bear** can also be seen around rocky outcrops but is becoming increasingly rare due to its nocturnal habits.

**Spotted Deer At Yala**

Day 11 – Yala**Sri Lanka Jackal****Encounters With Leopards And Wild Elephants At Yala National Park-Jeep Safari**

Yala also contains about 100 elephants including some magnificent cross-tuskers. Other species that are seen include the **Water Buffalo**, **Mouse Deer**, **Sri Lanka Black-Naped Hare**, **Toque Monkey** and **Sri Lanka Jackal**. Some 125 bird species have been recorded. Raptors include the **Crested Serpent Eagle**, and **White Bellied Sea Eagle**. Water birds include the **Lesser Flamingo** and the very rare **Black-Necked Stork**.

**Fighting Monitor Lizards**

Day 12 – Bundala**Flamingoes At Bundala****Bundala National Park**

Bundala consists of a series of picturesque coastal lagoons, which contain an internationally important bird sanctuary. Thousands of birds including **Greater Flamingos** flock here during the winter migrating season from **September** onwards. Around 60 **Elephants** also frequent the park and its surrounding thorn forests.

**Salt Water Crocodile At Bundala****Changeable Hawk Eagle**

Day 13 – Negombo

Entrance To Negombo Lagoon

Boat Trip Through Negombo Lagoon And Muthurajawela

An area of conserved lagoon and wetland rich in bird life with 126 resident species and aquatic mammals such as **Otter**, **Mongoose** and **Fishing Cat**. Large **Salt-Water Crocodiles** and **Water Monitors** are also present.



Blue Tailed Bee Eater At Muthurajawela

Day 14 – Depart Sri Lanka

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