

Sri-Lanka Cultural Wildlife and Beach Tour

A tour of Sri Lanka offers a diverse range of experiences, from ancient historical sites to lush tea plantations, wildlife encounters, and beaches



Overview

Sri-Lanka Cultural Wildlife and Beach Tour, Embark on a captivating 11-day amazing journey through Sri Lanka, experiencing the perfect blend of nature, culture, beaches, and iconic attractions. From bustling Colombo to the untamed Wilpattu National Park, ancient Anuradhapura, and majestic Sigiriya Rock Fortress, immerse yourself in the country's rich heritage. Discover the spiritual significance of Kandy and the serene beauty of Nuwara Eliya's tea plantations. Enjoy a scenic train ride to the charming town of Ella and explore the historic Galle Dutch Fort. Finally, unwind on the pristine beaches of Bentota and witness the conservation efforts at the Kasgoda Sea Conservation Project. This itinerary promises an unforgettable adventure, showcasing the best of Sri Lanka's natural wonders and cultural treasures.

Highlights

• **Sri Lanka:** 10 nights in SriLanka with Wilpattu National Park, Sigiriya, Anuradhapura, Dambulla, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Bentota

Outline

1. Choose your own departure date



- 2. Select the comfort level of accommodation
- 3. Adjust activities to cater to special interests
- 4. Modify any aspect of the tour as needed
- 5. Flexible route (start from Colombo and end to Colombo)

Your Journey day by day

Day 01: Arrive in Colombo

Upon arrival at Colombo Airport, Asia Experiences staff warmly greet you. The Sri Lankan chauffeur guide escorts you to the hotel for rest and refreshments. If time permits, explore popular attractions in Colombo, such as the Dutch Hospital, Pettah Bazaar, Gangarama Temple, and Arcade Independence Square. Spend a night in a hotel.

Day 02: Colombo-Wilpattu National Park

Start the day by exploring a coconut plantation. Learn about the significance of coconuts in Sri Lanka's local industries. Then, head to a stunning wildlife sanctuary Wilpattu National Park, also identified as the 'Land of Lakes.' It is a prime destination for wildlife enthusiasts. It boasts diverse flora and fauna, including a thriving leopard population. While exploring the pristine wilderness of Wilpattu, get a sight of elephants, sloth bears, crocodiles, and a rich array of bird species. The Jeep Safari promises a remarkable experience in the heart of nature. Experience an unforgettable night at a safari camp, immersing yourself in a unique and memorable adventure.

Day 03: Wilpattu National Park-Anuradhapura

Explore the captivating city of Anuradhapura, rich in historical attractions. Marvel at the grandeur of Ruwanweliseya Stupa and Jetavanaramaya Monastery, two of the largest structures in the city. Discover the significance of Thuparamaya, Sri Lanka's first stupa, and wander through the impressive ruins of the Abhayagiri Monastery Complex. Admire the exquisite Samadhi Buddha Statue carved from dolomite marble in Mahamevn?wa Park. Also, pay homage to the sacred Sri Maha Bodhi tree in the tranquil Mahamevn?wa Gardens. Experience the architectural marvels and intricate sculptures of Isurumuniya Temple and gain cultural insights at the Archaeological Museum. Anuradhapura offers a captivating journey through ancient history and spiritual heritage. Spend a night in a hotel.

Day 04: Anuradhapura-Sigiriya(Habarana)

Embark on a Hiriwadunna Village tour in Habarana (Sigiriya). Enjoy a Catamaran boat ride over the picturesque Hiriwadunna Lake and savor homemade meals made from organic crops. Immerse yourself in the traditional village life, interact with the locals, and gain insights into their culture. Experience a thrilling Jeep Safari in the Hurulu Forest Reserve, home to diverse flora and fauna, including elephants and peacocks. Later, travel to Habarana cherishing the memories of an authentic Sri Lankan adventure. Spend a night in a hotel.

Day 05: Hike Sigiriya Rock Fortress



Embark on an early morning hike to the UNESCO-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress, known for its ruined halls, citadel, Mirror Wall, and ancient Frescoes. Built by King Kashyapa, the fortress is surrounded by beautiful gardens and moats. The climb takes an hour and rewards with breathtaking views. Afterward, enjoy leisure time in Habarana. Spend a night in a hotel.

Day 06: Sigiriya(Habarana) - Dambulla - Kandy

The Dambulla Cave Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a well-preserved complex in Sri Lanka. Dambulla is the largest and well-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. With five main caves showcasing statues of Lord Buddha, kings, and Lord Vishnu, it offers stunning views from its perch on Dambulla Rock. Each cave carries historical and cultural significance, giving visitors a glimpse into Sri Lanka's heritage.

On the way to Kandy, visit the famous Spicy/Spice Garden. The spicy gardens in Kandy are famous spice gardens. The specialty of these gardens is their high-quality organically-farmed spices. Take a short tour and learn about the cultivation, harvesting, cleaning, and packaging of 15 different spices. You can taste unique flavors and learn how to distinguish the taste of different spices.

Explore the Tooth Relic Temple in Kandy, where Buddha's tooth is enshrined. Immerse yourself in the magical ambiance. In the evening, enjoy traditional dances at the Kandy Cultural Dance Shows, featuring diverse traditional performances. Spend a night in a hotel.

Day 07: Kandy Sightseeing

Start your day with a visit to the Royal Botanical Garden in Peradeniya. This vast garden is famous for its diverse orchids, Orchid House, and beautiful Avenue of Palms. With over 400 plant species, including medicinal and endemic plants, don't miss the impressive Javan fig tree. Afterward, take a relaxed walk around Kandy Lake or indulge in a relaxing Ayurvedic massage. Spend a night in a hotel.

Day 08: Kandy-Nuwara Eliya

Nuwara Eliya, known as 'Little England,' is a charming destination that combines natural beauty, colonial heritage, and modern comforts. The highlight is the stunning Tea plantations that adorn the hills and valleys. Visit local tea factories to learn about the tea-making process. If you wish to, bring home some of the finest tea as a souvenir. Spend a night in a hotel.

Day 09: Nuwara Eliya- Ella

Embark on a scenic train ride to Ella, passing through stunning landscapes of rice fields, tea estates, villages, mountains, forests, and waterfalls. Upon arrival, rest at a hotel before hiking to Little Adams Peak for panoramic views of the Ella Valley and tea plantations. Don't miss the remarkable Nine Arch Bridge, an architectural gem with breathtaking valley views. Enjoy a pleasant walk while appreciating the surrounding beauty. Spend a night in a hotel.

Day 10 : Ella- Galle- Bentota



Explore the historic Galle Dutch Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its impressive architecture and appealing beauty. Enjoy a stroll along the fortifications, and savor local and international cuisine at amiable cafes. Discover attractions like the Galle Lighthouse and Clock Tower. Head to Bentota, a coastal town renowned for its beaches, water sports, and enchanting Mangrove forests. Experience a Riverboat Safari, and indulge in fish spa activity. Next, visit the Kasgoda Sea Conservation Project to see the protection and release of endangered sea turtles. Relish the mesmerizing sunset seascapes. Spend a night in a hotel.

Day 11: Bentota- Negombo (Colombo) airport (transfer)

Drive from Bentota to Negombo and then transfer to Colombo Airport for your departure. If you have time, take a stroll or indulge in some shopping, according to your preference. Carry with you cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

Cost & Inclusion

Srilanka:

- Breakfast in Srilanka.
- Airport pickups and drops service.
- Private ground transportation with A/C.
- Twin-sharing hotel accommodation.
- Local cultural tour guide with English speaking.
- Sightseeing entrance fees for museums and monuments.