

Day 1

Transfer from the airport to Chilaw, a coastal fishing village and spend the remainder of the day at leisure.



A traditional fishing boat on the water of Chilaw

Day 2

Go on a self-driven (tag-along) 4x4 expedition along the scenic Kalpitiya beach. Experience the thrill of driving off-road with your own support crew to guide and help you (if needed) along the way.



Experience the thrill of driving a 4x4 on the beach

Day 3

Transfer to Wilpaththu National Park where elephants, leopards, sloth bears, deer, crocodiles are a plenty.

Day 3 (cont.)

Discover the wonders of the Wilpaththu National Park on another tag-along 4x4 expedition. A unique feature of this itinerary is its self-driving aspect with your own support and guide crew that travels in convoy.



Crossing a flooded water way in National Park



Wild elephants at Minneriya National Park **Day 4**

Transfer to Sigiriya, where ruins of an ancient Sri Lankan fortress remains atop a massive column of rock nearly 200 m (660 ft) high. Sigiriya is considered to be one of the most important urban planning sites of the first millennium. The plan combined concepts of symmetry and asymmetry to intentionally interlock the manmade geometrical and natural forms of the surroundings.

The Gardens of the Sigiriya city are some of the oldest landscaped gardens in the world. Sigiriya is a UNESCO listed World Heritage Site.

Day 4 (cont.)



The rock fortress of Sigiriya

Following the Sigiriya visit, Engage in another session of tag-along 4x4driving in the Minneriya National Park. The choice of park will be made on the day depending on the location of the major elephant herds and other wildlife attractions by the experienced guides. It is a great adventure not to be missed.



A 4x4 crossing the plains of Minneriya

After the excitement of the Minneriya National Park, change the pace, do our signature "Village Tour" where you will experience a typical Sri Lankan village lifestyle, which includes a ride on a local 'bullock cart' and interacting with the villagers going about their daily work.

Despite modernisation, Sri Lanka still mixes the old with the new, and this a great opportunity experience the lifestyle that was prevalent in the past.

Day 5

Transfer to Kandy, the hill capital of the country. It is another World Heritage Site and is home to the famous Temple of the Tooth Relic. . It was the last stronghold of the Sinhalese Kings during the Portuguese, Dutch and British rule and finally ceded to the British in 1815 after an agreement with the British.



Temple of the Tooth Relic, Kandy

Day 6

Transfer to Ella, hill-country village where you will find some of the most stunning scenery on this tropical island paradise. The beautiful landscape is a fusion of tea plantations, mountain peaks, hillside train tracks, lush jungle and flowing waterfalls.



A landscape view of scenic Ella

En route to Ella, visit Nuwara Eliya briefly, a city located in the cooler climate of the beautiful tea country hills of Sri Lanka.

Day 7

Transfer to Yala National Park and spend the day at leisure.



One of the locals at Yala National Park

Day 8

enjoy a 6-hour off-roading experience through the Yala National Park (Block 2) with your selfdriving tag along convoy. This is your chance to get up close and personal (but not too close!) to the wildlife that freely roam the National Park.



Get close to the locals.... But not too close!

Yala combines a strict nature reserve with a national park. It harbours multiple ecosystems including moist monsoon forests, thorn forests, grasslands, marshes, marine wetlands, and sandy beaches. Among its more famous residents are the world's biggest concentration of leopards, majestic elephants, sloth bears, jackals, spotted dear, peacocks, and crocodiles.

Day 9

Transfer to Kalawana/Sinharaja forest. Stretch your legs on a trekking tour in the Sinharaja rain forest, a UNESCO World Heritage listed site. It is one of the last undisturbed major rainforest areas left in Sri Lanka.



A pristine stream flowing through Sinharaja

The reserve can only be visited by foot. The reserve comprises a 189 square kilometres of natural rain forest where the canopy reaches 45 metres tall.

Day 10

Transfer to Beruwala. Take a walk along the Galle Fortress, a UNESCO Heritage listed site. Soak up the charm of this southern Sri Lankan city with a long colonial history and heritage.



The seaward side of the fort at Galle

Day 11

Visit the beautiful Beruwala beach. Spend the day at leisure.



The tropical landscape; Beruwala beach.

Day 12

Spend the morning on a whale watching tour (this tour only operates from November to April).



Beruwala is renowned for Blue whale sightings

Transfer to Colombo in the afternoon and enjoy a brief tour by TUK TUK (three-wheelers), showcasing the combination of Portuguese, Dutch, British and of course modern architecture dotted throughout the capital city. There will be opportunities for souvenir shopping.

Day 13

Depart with fond memories of Sri Lanka, an island paradise in the Indian Ocean.

Package Inclusions:

Price includes the following:

- 12 nights / 13 days in Sri Lanka
- The tour guide meeting you and providing assistance at the airport.
- Accommodation on a full board basis (breakfast, lunch and dinner included).
 Breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotels; lunch to be provided in restaurants.
- The use of an off-road 4x4 vehicle for 4 days.
- Entrance fees to the places mentioned in the itinerary.
- Transportation in an air-conditioned car with the services of an English-speaking driver and guide.
- All taxes

Price excludes the following:

- International airline tickets.
- Visas and associated fees.
- Travel insurance.
- Tips and portage.
- Expenses of a personal nature (e.g., telephone calls, purchase of alcohol, mini bar usage)

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