



Sri Lanka Adventure & Wildlife Escape – 10 Nights / 11 Days

This cost-effective 5★ itinerary is designed for adults seeking a blend of adventure, wildlife, culture, and beach relaxation across Sri Lanka. Over 10 nights and 11 days, you will experience misty hill country, golden beaches, and national parks rich with elephants and leopards. The program includes hands-on activities such as a cooking class, ATV riding, a village experience, and multiple safaris, balanced with time at leisure at high-comfort hotels. Private transport and an English-speaking driver-guide ensure a seamless journey from arrival to departure.

All daily details from arrival in Colombo through Sigiriya, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Ella, Yala, and the South Coast are kept intact, with no day-by-day content summarized or removed. Included are private transport throughout, 10 nights in carefully selected 5★ properties, daily breakfast, key activities such as safaris, cooking experiences, and village visits, scenic train tickets, and all applicable local taxes. Exclusions such as international flights, visas, most lunches and dinners, tips, personal expenses, and optional add-ons like whale watching and certain spa treatments are clearly separated for easy quoting.



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Day 1 – Arrival in Colombo → Sigiriya / Dambulla

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Arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport in Colombo marks the beginning of your Sri Lanka adventure. You will be met and greeted by your private English-speaking driver-guide, who will assist with luggage and escort you to your vehicle. Enjoy a scenic, approximately 4-hour private air-conditioned transfer to the Sigiriya / Dambulla region, passing rural villages and lush landscapes along the way. On arrival, check in to a cost-effective 5★ jungle or heritage resort and spend the afternoon at leisure, relaxing by the pool, visiting the spa, or enjoying sunset drinks as you settle into the pace of Sri Lanka.

Day 2 – Sigiriya Rock & Elephant Experience

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Begin the day early with a visit to the UNESCO-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress, climbing to the summit for sweeping panoramic views over the surrounding jungle. As you ascend, you will see ancient frescoes, landscaped gardens, and impressive ruins that tell the story of this remarkable citadel. In the afternoon, head out on a jeep safari in Minneriya or Kaudulla National Park, both renowned for large gatherings of wild elephants. After your wildlife experience, return to your 5★ resort to enjoy an evening at leisure to unwind, dine, and reflect on a full day of culture and nature.

Day 3 – Polonnaruwa & Village Experience

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Today you visit the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with evocative ruins of temples, palaces, and reservoirs. Explore the archaeological treasures by bicycle or tuk-tuk, allowing you to cover more ground while enjoying the open-air setting. In the afternoon, immerse yourself in a traditional village experience that includes a bullock cart ride, a peaceful canoe crossing, and a home-style Sri Lankan lunch. This hands-on encounter offers meaningful insight into rural Sri Lankan life before you return to your 5★ accommodation in Sigiriya / Dambulla for a relaxing evening.

Day 4 – Dambulla → Kandy

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Depart the Sigiriya / Dambulla region and begin with a visit to the famed Dambulla Cave Temple, an impressive complex filled with vibrant murals and Buddha statues. After exploring this sacred site, continue by private vehicle to Kandy, Sri Lanka's cultural capital nestled in the hill country. En route, stop at a spice garden for a guided visit, learning about the island's aromatic spices and traditional uses. In the evening, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, one of the most revered Buddhist sites in Sri Lanka, and optionally attend a cultural dance performance before retiring to your 5★ city or lake-view hotel in Kandy.

Day 5 – Kandy Adventure Day

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Today is dedicated to light adventure and hands-on experiences in and around Kandy. In the morning, set out on an ATV / quad bike adventure through the countryside and tea-covered terrain, enjoying both fun and scenic views. In the afternoon, take part in a hands-on Sri Lankan cooking class where you will prepare traditional curries and local dishes before sitting down to enjoy the meal you have created. Later in the day, visit a nearby waterfall for swimming, photos, and time in nature before returning to your 5★ hotel in Kandy for a relaxed evening.

Day 6 – Kandy → Nuwara Eliya (Tea Country)

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Leave Kandy and transfer to the train station for one of Sri Lanka's most scenic rail journeys through the hill country. As the train winds past terraced tea plantations, misty valleys, and charming villages, you will have ample opportunity to enjoy the views and take photos. Upon arrival in the Nuwara Eliya area, visit a tea factory and plantation to learn about tea production from leaf to cup, concluding with a tasting of high-quality Ceylon tea. Spend the evening at leisure in this colonial-style town before settling in at your 5★ heritage hotel.

Day 7 – Nuwara Eliya → Ella

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Today you travel from Nuwara Eliya towards the laid-back mountain town of Ella. The scenic drive includes a stop at Ravana Falls, where you can admire the cascading water and capture photos of the lush surroundings. You will also visit the iconic Nine Arches Bridge, one of Sri Lanka's most photographed railway landmarks, and have the option of a short hike to Little Adam's Peak for rewarding views over the valleys. After a relaxed evening enjoying the cool climate and mountain vistas, overnight at a 5★ boutique or nature hotel in the Ella area.

Day 8 – Ella → Yala National Park

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Depart Ella and travel south as the scenery shifts from misty mountains to the drier lowlands near Yala. Along the way, stop at viewpoints and local villages to break up the journey and gain a deeper sense of everyday life in Sri Lanka. In the afternoon, check into your 5★ safari lodge or resort located near Yala National Park. Later, embark on a jeep safari in Yala, a reserve famed for its populations of leopards, elephants, sloth bears, and crocodiles, before returning to your lodge to relax and enjoy the wilderness setting.

Day 9 – Yala → South Coast Beach

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Begin the day with an optional early morning safari in Yala National Park, taking advantage of cooler temperatures and increased wildlife activity. After breakfast back at the lodge, depart for Sri Lanka's picturesque South Coast, heading towards beach destinations such as Bentota, Weligama, or Mirissa. Upon arrival, check into your 5★ beachfront resort and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Spend your time on the beach, relaxing by the pool, or unwinding with spa treatments as you transition from safari adventure to coastal relaxation.

Day 10 – South Coast Relaxation / Optional Activities

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Enjoy a full day at leisure on the South Coast, taking advantage of the beachside setting and your resort's facilities. You may simply relax on the sand or by the pool, or opt for additional experiences such as seasonal whale watching excursions, surf lessons, or snorkelling. Spa treatments are also available for those who want to focus on wellness and rejuvenation. In the evening, savor beachfront dining as you watch the sunset and reflect on your Sri Lankan journey.

Day 11 – South Coast → Colombo → Departure

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On your final day in Sri Lanka, enjoy breakfast at your South Coast hotel before checking out. Your private driver will transfer you to Colombo International Airport in time for your onward departure flight. Depending on your flight time, you may be able to enjoy a final walk along the beach or some last-minute relaxation at the resort. As you depart, you will leave with lasting memories of wildlife encounters, cultural experiences, hill-country scenery, and beachside relaxation.

Exclusions

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- International flights to and from Sri Lanka
- Visa fees and any related entry requirements
- Lunches and dinners unless otherwise specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities / tips for driver-guide, hotel staff, and activity providers
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, and mini-bar
- Optional activities such as whale watching, surf lessons, snorkelling, and selected spa treatments
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended for all travelers)
- Any services, activities, or meals not explicitly mentioned as included in this itinerary

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- Private air-conditioned transport throughout the itinerary
- English-speaking driver-guide for the full duration of the trip
- 10 nights in cost-effective 5★ hotels in Sigiriya / Dambulla, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Ella area, Yala area, and the South Coast
- Daily breakfast at all hotels
- Safari jeep and national park entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Cooking class, ATV / quad bike experience, and traditional village visit
- Scenic train tickets through the hill country (Kandy to Nuwara Eliya region or similar route)
- All activities specifically mentioned in the daily itinerary
- All applicable local taxes and service charges