

7 DAYS DISCOVER SRI LANKA WILDLIFE TOUR

Negombo – Ratnapura – Sinharaja Rainforest – Bundala National Park –
Thissamaharama – Yala National Park – Colombo

Day 01

Our tour guide will await your arrival at the Colombo International Airport (Flight at your own arrangement). Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy a tour of Negombo and discover the Negombo fishing village and other places of interests. Dinner and overnight stay at Paradise Beach Hotel or similar.

Day 02

After breakfast checkout from your hotel and travel to Sinharaja Rain forest trekking tour. On arrival to the region you will check in to your jungle retreat and then proceed to explore the mesmerizing Sinharaja Forest. Sinharaja Rainforest is an 18,899 hectare region of virgin rain forest and is a UNESCO world heritage. Today sadly this is the largest remaining rainforest reserve in Sri Lanka. Visitors can trek through this refreshing tropical lowland rainforest and expect to discover over 147 recorded bird species. The best time to visit the Sinharaja Forest Reserve is from August to September and January to March. Dinner and Overnight stay at The Blue Magpie Camp Lodge near the forest.

Optional – Tour the gem mines and factories of Sri Lanka in Ratnapure. Ratnapure City Tour is the closest main town to the Sinharaja Rainforest and is the gem Capital of Sri Lanka. All of Sri Lanka's precious rubies & Ceylon blue Sapphires and other semi-precious gem stone are found here.

Optional 2 – Climb Adam's peak. Adam's Peak Mountain is also a stone's throw from Sinharaja forest. With an additional nights extension to the tour in the region we can trek up the renowned pilgrim mountain in the night to witness a stunning sunrise over the island at dawn. This is a truly breath taking sight and words cannot describe the beauty that unfolds a top this holy mountain.

Day 03

Early in the morning (approx 5.00am) travel to Udawalawa National Park for a thrilling Safari Tour with packed breakfast. The Udawalawe National Reserve is over 30,000 hectares of wild nature reserve that is bordering the dry zone of Sri Lanka and was declared as a national park in 1972. The area records a higher rainfall than its neighboring park Yala and has an average temperature of 29.4 degrees Celsius. The main attraction at the park is its wild elephants. The park is home to many herds of elephants of varied sizes as well as the fearsome 'lone elephant'. For bird watchers the park is home many endemic and migratory birds and is once again a popular destination for bird watching in Sri Lanka.

In the evening travel to Bundala National Park for yet another thrilling Safari adventure.

Bundala is a 6,216 hectare scenic park that borders a coastal lagoon and is a popular haunt for migratory birds. It is also the only National Park in Sri Lanka, where visitors get to observe both species of crocodiles that live in the country. A vast concentration of estuarine crocodiles live in the lagoon areas and in the estuary of the Kirindi Oya river, while the mugger or the freshwater crocodile thrive in the small freshwater lakes and in the upper regions of the Kirindi Oya (river). The best time to visit the park is from May through to September. Dinner and overnight stay at The Safari Thissamaharama or similar

Day 04

Travel for another early morning Safari at Bundala. The Bundala Sanctuary is less commercialized than its more popular neighbor, Yala and offers safaris a more virgin experience. The park was initially known as a bird sanctuary with over 150 species of birds within its 62 sq km area. The most prominent visitor to the park is the beautiful flamingoes that add a striking color to the scenery. The high species richness of birds in the Bundala National Park resulted in it being declared as Sri Lanka's first Ramsar Convention in 1990, a wetland of international importance for migratory waterfowl. Dinner and overnight stay at The Safari Thissamaharama or similar.

Day 05

After breakfast we will travel for a full day safari tour to the famous Yala National Park. YALA PARK is perhaps the island's most popularly known reserves, and one of its biggest, encompassing an area of 14,101 hectares. Its terrain is best described as a tropical thorn forest and offers numerous lagoons within the park which offer stunning scenes and excellent spots to camp out and marvel at the many animals, birds, elephants that it draws. Yala also offers the highest density of Leopard population in the world and is your best chance to catch a glimpse of this often shy member of the cat family. A large number of important cultural ruins bear testimony to earlier civilizations and indicate that, much of the area was populated and well developed during the reign of the ancient Ruhunu kingdom. A packed lunch will be provided as we will cover two rides into the reserve; morning and evening run. Dinner and overnight stay at The Safari Thissamaharama or similar

Day 06

After breakfast travel to Colombo via the scenic Southern Coastal belt and along the newly constructed Southern Highway. On arrival in Colombo check-in to your hotel. You can either enjoy the evening at leisure or do a Colombo City tour (a drive through tour) and see the highlights of Sri Lanka's commercial capital. Dinner and overnight stay at The Grand Oriental Hotel Colombo or similar

Day 07

After breakfast depart to Colombo International Airport for your onward journey. Your guide will offer all departure assistance at the airport. Your journey with Target Travels Sri Lanka ends here. Note: Hotel stipulates checkout is before 12:00hrs noon time. Late Checkout between 12:00-18:00 requires half of the room rate. Any checkout after 18:00 will cost one extra night room rate.