

Yala Safari and Coastal Relaxation: Wildlife and Beaches 5-Night Package

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Destination
Sri Lanka



Duration
5 Nights 6 Days



Starting from
Rs. 49,000 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ **Negombo · 1N**

↗ **Tissamaharama / Yala area · 2N**

↗ **Mirissa · 2N**

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Overview

A perfectly balanced Sri Lanka tour package that blends thrilling wildlife encounters with lazy beachfront relaxation. Designed as a classic Sri Lanka Wildlife tour package, this 5-night / 6-day itinerary centers on the famed Yala National Park (home to leopards, elephants and rich birdlife) and the sun-drenched southern coast around Mirissa and Galle. Ideal for nature lovers and beach seekers, this package is also well-suited for travelers searching for a Sri Lanka Wildlife package or comparing 5 and 6 Sri Lanka Wildlife tour package options.

Highlights:

- Yala National Park safari (best chance to spot leopards)
- Mirissa beaches and optional whale watching (seasonal)
- Historic Galle Fort and coastal scenery
- Comfortable transfers in a private air-conditioned vehicle
- Balanced mix of wildlife safaris and beach relaxation

Special note: Whale watching is seasonal (best Nov–Apr); for guaranteed sightings, book early and allow flexibility.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 5 nights accommodation (twin/double basis) in 3–4 hotels or similar
- ✓ Daily breakfast (and 2–3 dinners where indicated by your booking)
- ✓ One full-day Yala National Park jeep safari (entrance & permit included)
- ✓ Private air-conditioned vehicle and professional driver-guide for transfers and sightseeing (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Airport transfers (arrival and departure)
- ✓ Bottled water in vehicle
- ✓ All applicable government taxes
- ✓ Note: Accommodation upgrades, meals not listed, and optional activities (whale watching) can be added on request.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International airfare and airport departure taxes
- ✗ Visa fees and travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- ✗ Meals not specified in inclusions
- ✗ Optional activities not listed as included (e.g., whale watching, additional safaris)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips/gratuities, and laundry
- ✗ Any unplanned sightseeing or delays due to weather or local conditions
- ✗ Important: Park fees for additional or extended safaris beyond the one included are extra and payable locally.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival and Transfer to Negombo — Relax by the Lagoon

Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport (Colombo). Meet your driver and transfer to Negombo (approx. 20–40 minutes depending on traffic). Check in at your hotel and unwind after your flight. In the late afternoon stroll along Negombo Beach or the Negombo Lagoon and enjoy fresh seafood at a beachside restaurant.

Tip: If you have an early arrival, request a day room to refresh before heading out.

Day

2

Drive to Tissamaharama — Gateway to Yala

After breakfast depart for the south-eastern region and Tissamaharama, the convenient gateway to Yala National Park (approx. 4–5 hours drive). En route stop for photos and a short visit to a local town or spice garden. Arrive, check in to your hotel close to the park, and relax. Option for a late afternoon jeep safari or a nature walk around the hotel grounds.

Important: Road conditions vary; expect scenic rural landscapes and occasional stops.

Day

3

Full-Day Yala National Park Safari — Wildlife Highlights

Early-morning departure for a full-day jeep safari in Yala National Park. With luck you will see leopards, herds of elephants, crocodiles, and a variety of resident and migratory birds. A packed lunch can be arranged to maximize time in the park. Return to your lodge for dinner and an evening of relaxation.

Note: Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed — guides maximize opportunities by selecting optimal routes and timing.

Day

4

Drive to Galle and on to Mirissa — Coastal Charm

After breakfast check out and drive west toward the UNESCO-listed Galle Fort. Spend time exploring the ramparts, boutiques and colonial architecture of Galle before continuing to the southern beaches of Mirissa (total drive time with stops approx. 4–5 hours). Evening at leisure on Mirissa Beach; enjoy sunset and seafood dinners.

Tip: Carry sunscreen and hat — coastal sun can be intense.

Day

5

Beach Day in Mirissa – Optional Whale Watching

A flexible day to enjoy the beach and coastal activities. Early-morning whale watching (seasonal, Nov–Apr) is an optional highlight – book in advance. Otherwise relax on the beach, snorkel, or take a short trip to Coconut Tree Hill and local fishing villages. Evening free for local dining and sunset views.

Important: Whale watching is weather-dependent; operators may cancel if seas are rough.

Day

6

Return to Colombo Area and Departure

After breakfast check out and depart north toward Colombo or directly to Bandaranaike International Airport depending on your flight time (approx. 2.5–4 hours). If time permits, a brief city tour of Colombo (Galle Face Green, Gangaramaya Temple) can be arranged before transfer to the airport.

Tip: Plan flights for late afternoon/evening to avoid rush-hour stress and allow for a relaxed transfer.

🔍 Frequently Asked Questions

🔍 When is the best time to visit Sri Lanka?

Sri Lanka has two monsoon patterns, so the best time depends on your destination. For the west and south coasts (Colombo, Galle, Mirissa) and hill country (Kandy, Ella, Nuwara Eliya), visit December to March for dry, sunny weather. For the east and north coasts (Trincomalee, Arugam Bay, Jaffna), May to September offers the best conditions. December to February brings cool, misty weather in the highlands with temperatures dropping to 6–12°C, so pack warm layers. March to May is warm but pleasant, while monsoon seasons (May–September for west/south, October–January for east/north) offer fewer crowds and better deals in affected regions.

🔍 How can I reach Sri Lanka from India?

The easiest way is by air to Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB) in Colombo. Direct flights operate from major Indian cities including Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi, Mumbai, Delhi, Trichy, Madurai, Coimbatore, and Thiruvananthapuram. Flight time is typically 1–3 hours depending on your departure city. Other airports include Ratmalana (RML) near Colombo and Mattala (HRI) with limited operations. Occasional ferry services between South India and North Sri Lanka have operated but aren't consistently regular – check current status before planning. As an island nation, road or rail connections from India aren't available.

❓ **Do Indians need a visa to visit Sri Lanka?**

Yes, Indians typically need an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) or e-visa obtained online before travel through the official Sri Lankan government portal. The process is straightforward and usually processed within 24–48 hours. However, Sri Lanka periodically offers visa fee waivers or promotional schemes for Indian tourists, so check the latest requirements and fees before booking your trip. Keep your passport valid for at least 6 months from arrival date. The ETA allows stays up to 30 days for tourism purposes. Always verify current visa requirements as policies can change.

❓ **What are the local transportation options in Sri Lanka?**

Sri Lanka offers diverse transport options. Trains provide scenic routes like Colombo–Kandy–Ella and Colombo–Galle – book seats early for popular sectors. Buses are economical and frequent with AC coaches on main routes. Tuk-tuks are ubiquitous; use the PickMe app or agree on fares beforehand. Ride-hailing includes PickMe (island-wide) and Uber (mainly Colombo). For comfort and flexibility, hire chauffeur-driven cars or taxis. Domestic flights and seaplanes offer limited seasonal services for longer distances. For circuits, many travelers prefer hiring a car with driver due to local knowledge and convenience.

❓ **Where should I stay in Sri Lanka and what accommodation options are available?**

Sri Lanka offers accommodations across all budgets. In Colombo, stay near Galle Face or Cinnamon Gardens for convenience. For beaches, choose Galle Fort for heritage charm, Mirissa/Weligama for whales and surfing, or Unawatuna for nightlife. Hill country options include Kandy for culture, Ella for scenery, and Nuwara Eliya for tea estates. Wildlife enthusiasts should stay near Yala or Udawalawe national parks. Options range from luxury resorts (Shangri-La, Amangalla, Cape Weligama) to mid-range hotels (Jetwing properties, Cinnamon chain) and budget guesthouses. Tea estate bungalows and eco-lodges offer unique experiences. Book advance during peak season (December–March).

❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Sri Lanka?**

Top attractions include Sigiriya Rock Fortress with its 5th-century sky palace and frescoes, and the UNESCO-listed Galle Fort with Dutch colonial architecture. Experience the scenic Kandy–Ella train journey through tea plantations, visit Kandy's Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, and explore the ancient capitals of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa. For nature, safari in Yala National Park for leopards and elephants, whale-watch from Mirissa (December–April), and trek Horton Plains to World's End cliff. Don't miss Dambulla Cave Temple, the hill town of Ella with Nine Arch Bridge, Nuwara Eliya's tea estates, and cultural Jaffna in the north.

? What local food and cuisine should I try in Sri Lanka?

Sri Lankan cuisine offers rich flavors familiar yet distinct from Indian food. Must-tries include rice and curry platters with multiple vegetable and meat curries, hoppers (bowl-shaped fermented pancakes) and egg hoppers, string hoppers (idiyappam) with pol sambol, and kottu roti (stir-fried chopped bread with curry). Sample Jaffna crab curry, ambul thiyal (sour fish curry), and lamprais (rice in banana leaf). For desserts, try buffalo curd with kithul treacle and watalappam. Don't miss Ceylon tea from garden to cup. Vegetarians will find excellent options including dal curries, vegetable dishes, and coconut-based preparations. Street food is generally safe at busy stalls.

★ Traveller Reviews



Arjun Mehta

★★★★★ 5/5

Amazing Experience in Sri Lanka

The tour package was well organized and covered all major attractions. Our guide was knowledgeable and friendly. Highly recommend!



Priya Sharma

★★★★★ 5/5

Memorable Trip to Sri Lanka

Had a fantastic time visiting Sri Lanka. The cultural sites and natural beauty were breathtaking. Will cherish these memories forever!



Siddharth Verma

★★★★☆ 4/5

Excellent Package

Everything was perfectly planned from start to finish. The accommodations were top-notch and the itinerary was well thought out.



Anjali Rao

★★★★★ 5/5

Beautiful Beaches

Enjoyed relaxing on the beautiful beaches of Sri Lanka. The water activities were a highlight of my trip!



Ravi Kumar

★★★★☆ 4/5

Cultural Delight

Sri Lanka's rich culture was fascinating. The tour provided a deep insight into local traditions and history.

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