

Ultimate Adventure: White Water Rafting, Surfing and Safari 8-Night Expedition

Prepared by TourGrids



Destination
Sri Lanka



Duration
8 Nights 9 Days



Starting from
Rs. 78,500 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Negombo · 1N

↗ Kithulgala · 2N

↗ Nuwara Eliya / Ella · 1N

↗ Weligama / Mirissa · 2N

↗ Yala National Park · 1N

↗ Galle / Colombo · 1N

<https://tourgrids.com/packages/sri-lanka/sri-lanka-8-nights-9-days-package-798>

Overview

Ultimate Adventure: White Water Rafting, Surfing and Safari 8-Night Expedition — a carefully crafted Sri Lanka tour package combining thrilling river rapids, world-class surfing, scenic hill-country rail journeys, tea-plantation walks and wildlife safaris. Perfect as an Sri Lanka Adventure tour package for active travelers seeking variety and adrenaline over 9 days. This Sri Lanka Adventure package blends culture, nature and action-packed days with comfortable stays and experienced guides.

Highlights:

- White Water Rafting on the Kelani River (Kithulgala)
- Surfing lessons and free-surf sessions in Weligama / Mirissa
- Safari at Yala National Park (chance to see leopards)
- Scenic hill-country train ride through tea plantations (Nuwara Eliya / Ella)
- Historic Galle Fort and coastal exploration

Best for: adventure seekers, small groups, and families with older children. Best season: December–April for the southwest coast (surf & whales), May–September for east coast surf windows. This 8 and 9 Sri Lanka Adventure tour package is designed for travelers wanting a compact, high-energy itinerary.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ 8 nights accommodation (3- to 4-star hotels & eco-lodges)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and selected meals as per itinerary
- ✓ All ground transport in air-conditioned vehicle
- ✓ Airport pickup and drop-off
- ✓ Guided white water rafting sessions with safety equipment
- ✓ Surf lessons with board & instructor for guided sessions
- ✓ 2 jeep safaris in Yala National Park (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Tea plantation visit and train assistance (seat booking assistance)
- ✓ Entrance fees for listed attractions and park permits
- ✓ English-speaking driver/guide and local activity guides
- ✓ Bottled water in vehicles
- ✓

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International flights to/from Sri Lanka
- ✗ Visa fees and travel insurance
- ✗ Meals not specified in inclusions and personal expenses
- ✗ Tips/gratuities for guides and drivers
- ✗ Single-room supplement (if traveling solo and requesting single room)
- ✗ Any optional or seasonal activities not pre-booked (e.g., whale watching during peak season if not included)
- ✗ Medical expenses or emergency evacuation
- ✗ Recommendation: Purchase travel insurance that covers adventure activities like rafting and surfing.

Special: Option to upgrade hotels, private transfers, and add-ons like whale watching or extra safaris (priced separately).

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival and Relaxation in Negombo

Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport and transfer to Negombo. Settle into your hotel, relax on the lagoon or beach, and attend a short briefing about the 9-day adventure. Evening free to explore the local fish market or enjoy a beachfront dinner.

Note: Airport pickup included. If arriving early, consider a short city tour or lagoon boat ride.

Day

2

Transfer to Kithulgala – First Taste of Adventure

Drive inland to Kithulgala (approx. 2.5–3 hours). After arrival, get fitted with safety gear and enjoy an introductory session before hitting the Kelani River for your first white water rafting experience (Grade II–III rapids). Afternoon free for optional jungle walks or a calm swim.

Tip: Wear quick-dry clothing and bring a change of clothes; waterproof bags are recommended for electronics.

Day

3

Full Day River Adventures and Waterfalls

Spend another full day exploring the river corridor: extended rafting runs, cliff jumps (optional), and natural rock pools. Midday visit to a nearby waterfall for a picnic and short hike. Evening cultural talk around a bonfire or rest at the lodge.

Level: Moderate – suitable for beginners and experienced rafters with guides present.

Day

4

Scenic Transfer to Hill Country – Tea & Train

Drive toward the hill country with a stop in Kandy (optional Temple of the Tooth visit) then continue to Nuwara Eliya / Ella. Enjoy a guided visit to a tea plantation and factory with a tasting session. Option to take a scenic train ride in the afternoon – one of Sri Lanka's most photogenic rail journeys.

Important: Train journeys are subject to availability; book seats in advance for the best views.

Day

5

Down to the Coast — Surf Intro in Weligama

Descend from the hills to the southern coast and arrive in Weligama / Mirissa. Afternoon surf lesson with certified instructors focused on basics: paddling, pop-ups and wave selection. Evening free — great spot for seafood and sunset at the beach.

Note: Beginner-friendly surf spots; instructors provide boards, rash vests and guidance.

Day

6

Full Surf Day or Optional Whale Watching

Choose between a full day of guided surf coaching and free-surf practice or an early-morning boat trip from Mirissa for whale and dolphin watching (seasonal, recommended Dec–Apr). Afternoon surf, beach relaxation, or explore nearby sandbanks and coastal villages.

Tip: Whale watching should be booked in advance during high season; bring sunscreen and a hat.

Day

7

Drive to Yala — Evening Safari

Depart early for Yala National Park region. After check-in, rest briefly before heading out on an evening jeep safari into Yala — famous for its leopard sightings, elephants, sloth bears, crocodiles and diverse birdlife. Return to lodge after the safari.

Important: Safari timings are subject to park regulations; always follow guide instructions for safety.

Day

8

Morning Safari and Coastal Heritage in Galle

Optional early morning second safari for wildlife photography, then drive west to Galle. Walk the ramparts of the UNESCO-listed Galle Fort, visit boutiques, cafes and the Dutch colonial architecture. Evening in Galle or continue to Colombo area depending on departure plans.

Tip: Wear comfortable shoes for the Fort's cobbled streets and bring water; many spots have shade and cafes.

Day

9

Departure via Colombo or Negombo

After breakfast transfer to Bandaranaike International Airport (or Colombo if extending). If time permits, quick Colombo city highlights: Gangaramaya Temple, Galle Face Green and local markets. Farewell and drop-off.

Note: Standard airport transfer included; coordinate flight times with your travel consultant to avoid last-minute rush.

🔗 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.

⚡ Why Choose TourGrids?

Because your dream vacation deserves the best! From expert advice to personalized trips, easy booking, and unbeatable deals – we make travel stress-free and fun!

⚡ Expert-Guided Planning

Personalized guidance from verified travel experts who understand your needs.

⚡ Customizable Packages

Tailor your trip your way – destinations, experiences, budget. All up to you!

 **Hassle-Free Booking**

Smooth, secure, and simple booking process without any stress or confusion.

 **Best Price Guarantee**

Multiple free quotes and booking at the most competitive rates available.

For the latest pricing, availability, and customization options, visit:

<https://tourgrids.com/packages/sri-lanka/sri-lanka-8-nights-9-days-package-798>