

Call of the Wild

LUXURY IN THE WILDERNES S

An escape to explore the wild wonders of Sri Lanka.

08 NIGHTS | 09 DAYS

Witness the big five of Sri Lanka in one holiday to the pearl isle. Move from lodge to lodge as you explore the great outdoors and its wild friends. Glamp in style as you journey through the mystical paths of Sri Lanka as you are introduced to the explosion of taste and beauty of nature. Make the most of the ample space you are gifted with as slow travel is one you are bond to explore through this holiday plan – call of the wild.



ARRIVAL ayubowan - may you live long

Upon landing to Sri Lanka you will be met by our airport officials and guided via the VIP silk route to fast track your immigration process. Be led directly to the Silk route airport lounge and indulge in a welcome snack while the airport officials will gather your luggage right to you.

You will be met and welcomed by your travel host and begin your journey towards the cultural highland.

Watch the landscape of Sri Lanka change from the busy commercial hub to the rugged village life as you approach your first hideaway. After a long journey sink in to the pleasures of your private villa to rest and relax

Hideaway: *Cinnamon Lodge* Chamber: *Deluxe Room* Meal Type: *Half Board*

GET TO KNOW SIGIRIYA A LITTLE BIT..

A mighty 600 ft high rock-fortress of a 5th century King is famous for its entrancingly beautiful frescoes which are found in a sheltered pocket of the rock. One cannot fail to marvel at the masterful execution of the sinuous forms of these women (originally 500, of which only 19 remain today). The old stairway to the top led through the mouth of a huge crouching lion, carved from the rock- today only the paws remain. Remains of the handsome royal citadel are on the summit.

Placement: *Airport to Sigiriya* Distance: *146 km* Time: *03 Hour 30 minutes*



GENTLE GIANTS PLAYGROUND

Today, Make an early start to your day as you head out to float away to be among the clouds and to catch a glimpse of the morning rays from above. A hot air balloon ride to sway you through the clouds as you take in the beauty of the cultural heritage of Ceylon. Land where ever the wind takes you and be greeted for a glass of bubbly Champaign to end off the experience.

In the evening you will head out to witness the majestic gentle giants in their play ground. Hop on board a private safari jeep with your ranger and head to the Minneriya national park where elephants move at their own pace engaging in their everyday chores. Be guided through the open plains of the Minneirya national park and end off the experience with a hightea in the wilderness.



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GET TO KNOW MINNERIYA A LITTLE BIT..

Minneriya National Park is a national park in North Central Province of Sri Lanka. The area was designated as a national park on 12 August 1997, having been originally declared as a wildlife sanctuary in 1938. The reason for declaring the area as protected is to protect the catchment of Minneriya tank and the wildlife of the surrounding area. The tank is of historical importance, having been built by King Mahasen in third century AD.

Placement: *Sigiriya to Minneriya* Distance: *15 km* Time: *30 minutes*



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GLAMPING NIGHTS

After a scrumptious breakfast you will today leave towards the lodge in the wilderness. Pass through the majestic views of Ceylon as you enter the lodge amidst the purity of nature.

Be greeted by the native Sri Lankan Veddas - A unique welcome to reminisce once back home. Veddas are the forest dwelling, indigenous people of Central Sri Lanka

Check-in to your tent and enjoy the peace and serenity which surrounds you. Enjoy a scrumptious lunch and rest before you head out to explore the wilderness. After lunch you will be taken through the forest on a guided walk by the chief of Vedda to introduce you to the the simple way of life. Be one with nature as you pause a moment to enjoy life every second. Heighten your senses and return back rejuvenated after the walk.



Hideaway: *The Gal Oya Lodge* Chamber: *Bungalow Bedroom* Meal Type: *Half Board*

GET TO KNOW GAL OYA A LITTLE BIT..

Gal Oya National Park remains peacefully, untouched by the hand of man. It is one of Sri Lanka's hiddengems, yet to be explored. Distinct from other Sri Lankan protected areas, Gal Oya encompasses the country's largest inland body of water, the Senanayake Samudraya Lake. Over 25,000 hectares of lush evergreen forest and open savannahs thrive around the calm waters. The lake's surface is peppered with islands, a reminder of the earth rising from the depths. Its diverse wildlife is best seen on a boat safari, especially the iconic swimming elephants. Avoiding the crowds, Gal Oya is an opportunity to experience some of the best of Sri Lanka wildlife.

Placement: *Sigiriya to Gal Oya* Distance: *179 km* Time: *04* hour



ENCOUNTERS WITH THE WILD

After breakfast, you have few hours to yourself before you hop on board a safari jeep mid afternoon gearing up for a late picnic lunch in the middle of the national park followed by a swim in the river. Enjoy the pleasures of the nature as you truly connect with your natural surrounding.

After an eventful evening, head back to the lodge for the final night of your jungle adventures.

Should you be adventurous you have the **<u>ption</u>** to hike up the monkey mountain to catch the glimpse of the early morning sunrise. Enjoy a picnic snack to revitalise yourself before heading back down.



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DESIGNER GLAMPING

Wake up to the sounds of nature whilst enjoying your breakfast as you will be heading out to yet another glamping experience.

You will drive towards the famously known haven of the leopards as Yala National Park is known to have the highest density of leopards. En route don't be surprised if you are occasionally greeted by few wild friends. Buffalo, Deer, Elephants and many others to welcome you to their land.

After lunch you will head to the national park on a private safari with an expert ranger. After an exhilarating experience you will be driven back to your private pool cabin to be under the watchful night's sky.



Hideaway: *Cinnamon Wild* Chamber: *Superior Room* Meal Type: *Half Board*

GET TO KNOW THE YALA NATIONAL PARK A LITTLE BIT..

She stalks through the shadows, avoiding the touch of light, creeping ever closer before pouncing on her unsuspected victim. The leopard who is the master of stealth has made Yala National park the most popular park in the island. Situated along the south eastern coast of the island, the park consists of habitats that are perfectly suited for its vast leopard population. Rocky outcrops, grasslands, scrub jungle and large hard wood trees makes a perfect combination of habitats for the island's apex predator. The word around the forest is that block one of the national park, holds the highest density of leopards in the world.

Placement: *Gal Oya to Yala* Distance: *166 km* Time: *04 Hours*



ONE WITH NATURE

Today, wake up early to set off in to the wilderness on a safari jeep to enjoy a sunrise game drive at the Yala National Park. Watch the change of colour painted on the morning skies as the golden sun rise captures all your attention. Enter the animal kingdom and be guided through the characters and stars of the wild while you ranger takes you through their personalities which makes the wild an interesting place to be.

In the afternoon after a scrumptious lunch, you will visit a local village to meet with the locals and partake in crafting a special Sri Lankan delicacy. Enjoy your own creation and spend some quality time mingling with the smiling Sri Lankans.

Late evening, enjoy a private candle lit dinner under the lit sky full of stars with a bon fire by your side.



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SOUTHERN BLISS

Today, you will check out from your hideaway in the wild and drive across the southern coastline to reach your next destination which is all about the beach!

En route you will visit a Cinnamon Plantation where the owner of the plantation will take you on a guided tour to teach you all about the story of Cinnamon. Afterwards, enjoy a cup of freshly brewed Ceylon tea and a lovely chit chat overlooking the serene estate life before heading towards your hideaway overlooking the ocean.

The turquoise blue waters to gaze at, watching the rugged waves crashing to the shore, golden sun for a perfect tan are all yours !

Check in to your hideaway and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.



Hideaway: *Le Grand* Chamber: *Standard Room* Meal Type: *Half Board*

GET TO KNOW WELIGAMA A BIT

Weligama is one of the breathtaking beach destinations situated in southern coast of Sri Lanka. Famous for its surf waves, whale watching, great bars and restaurants. It has a combination of both modest guesthouses and simple restaurants.

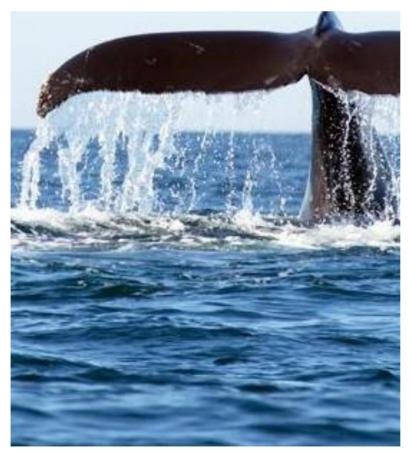
Placement: Yala to Weligama Distance: 152 kms Time: 3 hours 40 minutes



MIGHTY WHALES

Today you will rise early and drive to Mirissa harbor to see the Majestic Blue Whale. The ever smiling, mischievous dolphins will put on a show while some of the oldest and the largest sea creatures, the humpback and the blue whales, will nonchalantly glide past you, when you embark on a whale/ dolphin watching excursion, off the Southern coast of Sri Lanka. Sail through a private catamaran as you enjoy the epicurean delights made just for you. Get in to your swims, jump in to the ocean and let your playful selves enjoy the magic of the ocean life

Afterwards return back to your hideaway and rest and relax as you enjoy gazing in to the romance of the horizon



Hideaway: *Le Grand* Chamber: *Standard Room* Meal Type: *Half Board*

GET TO KNOW MIRISSA A LITTLE BIT..

Mirissa is a world-famous destination for spotting the largest sea mammal, blue whale and this is one of the main reasons why many visit Mirissa. November to April is the best season for whale watching which allows you to catch a rare glimpse of the beautiful and gigantic whales and the playful dolphins at close proximity.

Placement: *Weligama to Mirissa* Distance: *12 km* Time: *20 mins*



ITS NOT GOODBYE!

After a cozy holiday in Sri Lanka where you enjoyed the company of locals, wildlife, epicurean delights and adventure you will drive towards Colombo to reach the airport in time for your onward journey.

Based on the time of your departure flight your final day could be curated accordingly.

We would suggest you spare a few hours to explore more of Colombo, its bustling street life and its shopping malls.

Here's wishing you Ayubowan as you leave the island of Sri Lanka but hoping to see you soon back again to explore the unexplored destinations of Ceylon.



GET TO KNOW COLOMBO A LITTLE BIT..

This commercial hub is a mix of east, west, past and present drawing together all the cultures, religions and influences of colonialism into a perfect blend of sounds, smells and a kaleidoscope of colour. No longer just a sprawling city, you have to endure its beaches, a worthy destination on its own right, which makes an excellent start or finish to your Sri Lankan holiday.

Placement: Weligama to Airport Distance: 176 km Time: 04 hours

