



Journey through the treasured heritage of Sri Lanka through this holiday plan. Be introduced to the signature personalities who bring out the colour and glamour of what makes our island nation truly a gem. As you embark on an adventure to explore the history of Sri Lanka on land, you will also hop on board a luxury sailing cruise to explore the rich marine life of Sri Lanka. Gaze in the to colourful horizon as the magic of nature takes over your senses. You will then join the wild friends in their humble abode for an exhilarating experience rich with knowledge and excitement.



### **ARRIVAL**

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 be given a brief of your programme until you are ready to leave towards your first hideaway in Ceylon.

Drive through the coastal belt of the Island to enter one of the fortified cities of Sri Lanka. A UNESCO world heritage site - Galle Fort. Stop over at any point you may be interested in to take in the heritage and ocean's magic.



Hideaway: Galle Fort Hotel
Chamber: Garden Room
Meal Type: HalfBoard

## GET TO KNOW GALLE A LITTLE BIT..

Galle, said to be the famous Tarshish of the Bible is the Port where the Portuguese first landed in Sri Lanka. Fortified by the Dutch who ruled maritime Sri Lanka in the 17th and 18th centuries, the city still retains the air of old Holland. Old Dutch Churches and monuments with armorial bearings, well preserved Fort and ramparts, imposing crested and monogrammed gateway dated 1669, many well preserved old Dutch houses and narrow alleys still bearing Dutch names. As for souvenirs, one may make a pick of exquisite hand-made lace, Ivory carvings, moonstone jewellery and beautiful translucent tortoise shell ware, including bracelets, trinket boxes, combs - sometimes inlaid with silver.

Placement: Airport to Galle Distance: 153 km Time: 03 Hours



## TRESURE OF HERITAGE

After breakfast partake in an educational treasure hunt to let out the kid inside you. Walk through the colonial streets of Galle Fort to explore the history with the aid of a map which will guide you to clues within the fort. You will be guided through same by one of our signature personalities descending from a family of Gem merchants. Complete all clues to secure your treasure whilst you learn the tales of the past which makes our heritage city come alive.

Lunch will be at one of the humble homes of a local who will entertain you with the tales of his forefathers who lived through the great years of the past. After a scrumptious lunch and entertainment, visiting the Dutch outpost located on the south western coast of Sri Lanka will be your next move. The minimalistic, stately and elegant little boutiques on the cobble stoned streets as you explore this great city with your travel host.



Hideaway: Galle Fort Hotel Chamber: Garden Room Meal Type: HalfBoard GET TO KNOW GALLE A LITTLE BIT..

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## WHALE CRUISE

Today, you will leave behind the heritage city of Galle and hop on board a luxury cruise boat to begin your sailing adventures.

Sway through to the waves of the Indian ocean as you settle in, in your private cabin and join the crew for a sunset cocktail. Be marveled by changing colours of the horizon as the sun begins to bid farewell.

As you are entertained on the first night of your stay on the ocean diamond, enjoy the epicurean delight served under the watchful night's sky before you turn in for the night.



Hideaway: Ocean Diamond

Chamber: Cabin

Meal Type: Full 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: Galle to Mirissa Distance: 10 km Time: 01 hour



## PLAYFUL FRIENDS

Departing from Weligama Bay, you will be heading towards the deep sea in hope of seeing some of the most beautiful sea mammals, The Dolphins and the whales. Set sail before dawn to peacefully reach the magnificent cetaceans as they emerge to delight you. Feast on a cooked hot breakfast with fresh tropical fruits and exquisitely blended Ceylon tea or coffee.

Enjoy an amazing experience of exploring the corals and aquatic life through snorkeling. Experience paddle boarding and line fishing while you enjoy the freshly cooked lunch served onboard.

Thereafter you will be anchoring at Jungle Beach for the night



Hideaway: Ocean Diamond

Chamber: Cabin

Meal Type: Full 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.



#### **DAY 05**

## WILD SIDE

Wake up swaying to the ocean's rhythmic eaves to check out after breakfast as you will be heading towards the wilderness today.

Drive in to your hideaway and en route don't be surprised if you are occasionally greeted by few wild friends. Buffalo, Deer, Elephants and many others to greet you and welcome you to their land.

After lunch you will drive towards the Yala national park to enter the animal kingdom. You will be met by one of our expert rangers who will then take you on a private guided safari. After an exhilarating experience you will be driven back to your private pool cabin to be under the watchful night's sky.



Hideaway: Wild Coast Tented Lodges

Chamber: Cocoon Pool Suite
Meal Type: All Inclusive

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: *Mirissa to Yala* Distance: *124 km* Time: *2.5 Hours* 



## MOMENTS IN THE WILDERNESS

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.



Hideaway: Wild Coast Tented Lodges

Chamber: Cacoon Pool Suite Meal Type: All Inclusive GET TO KNOW THE YALA NATIONAL PARK A LITTLE BIT...

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## 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

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: Yala to Airport Distance: 288 km Time: 04hours

