



## Meet 3 Giants



## Welcome to Sri Lanka!

A breath-taking island paradise nestled just off the south-eastern coast of India. Though compact in size, Sri Lanka boasts an extraordinary diversity that captivates every traveller. From golden beaches to mist-covered mountains, ancient temples to bustling cities, the island offers an unforgettable experience at every turn.

Steeped in over 2,000 years of rich history, Sri Lanka is home to sacred Buddhist sites, legendary ruins, colonial landmarks, and no less than eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Explore the iconic Sigiriya Rock Fortress, wander through the ancient city of Anuradhapura, or marvel at the timeless beauty of Kandy's Temple of the Tooth.

Nature lovers will find their paradise here. Relax on palm-fringed beaches, trek through rainforest trails, or witness majestic waterfalls and lush tea plantations in the central highlands.

### Key Destinations

- *1 Nights in Negombo / 3 Nights in Habarana / 2 Nights in Yala / 2 Nights in Mirissa*



## Day 01 – Airport / Negombo

### Highlights

- Arrival in Sri Lanka / meet and greet
- Proceed to Negombo (Approx. 30 min)
- Check In to the hotel and spend the rest of the day on leisure

---Overnight stay in Negombo ---

## Day 02 – Negombo / Habarana

### Highlights

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Proceed to Habarana (Approx. 3 hrs 30 min)
- Check In to the hotel and spend the rest of the day on leisure

---Overnight stay in Habarana---

## Day 03 – Habarana / Minneriya / Habarana

### Highlights

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Visit Minneriya National Park and enjoy jeep safari at the National Park (Approx. 3 Hrs)
- Return back to the Hotel and Spend the day on leisure



The Elephant Gathering at Minneriya National Park is a unique and awe-inspiring wildlife spectacle that draws visitors from around the world. It provides an excellent opportunity to observe and appreciate the natural behavior of Asian elephants in their natural habitat.

The best time to visit Minneriya National Park is during the dry season, which typically runs from



June to September. This is when the Elephant Gathering, the famous congregation of elephants, occurs, making it an excellent time for wildlife enthusiasts. In addition to elephants, Minneriya National Park is home to other animals, including sambar deer, axis deer, buffalo, leopards, sloth bears, and various species of reptiles and amphibians.

Minneriya is also a haven for birdwatchers, with over 170 species of birds recorded in the park. Bird enthusiasts can spot a wide variety of waterfowl, raptors, and other avian species. The park is most famous for its large population of Asian elephants. During the dry season, elephants from the surrounding areas gather near the Minneriya Tank to drink water and feed on the fresh grass that emerges as the water level recedes. It's common to see herds of elephants, often numbering in the hundreds, in close proximity.

---Overnight stay in Habarana---

#### Day 04 – Habarana / Hiriwadunna / Habarana

##### Highlights

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Enjoy a village Tour with village lunch & boat ride experience
- Return to Hotel and spend the day at leisure



Trek through this archetypal Sri Lankan village. The trek begins with a scenic walk along a bund of a Wewa (manmade reservoir). The amazing birdlife, butterflies and possible sightings of crocodile only add to the charm of the trek. Sight the villagers as they go about their early morning tasks of fishing or washing clothes at the periphery of the lake. Initially one wades through a

shallow stream and thereafter crosses a wider tributary in a catamaran of an obliging farmer to inspect Chena cultivation (slash and burn agriculture) Enjoy the farmer's humble hospitality. With the guidance of the farmer, pick some fresh vegetables from the plot.

---Overnight stay in Habarana---



## Day 05 – Habarana / Yala

### Highlights

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Check In to Hotel and spend the rest of the day on leisure
- Visit at Yala National Park and enjoy a jeep safari (Approx. 3 hrs)
- Return to Hotel and spend the rest of the day on leisure

---Overnight stay in Yala---

## Day 06 – Yala

### Highlights

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Visit at Yala National Park and enjoy a jeep safari (Approx. 3 hrs)
- Return to hotel and spend the rest of the day on leisure



Yala's arid boulder-scattered parklands are dramatically different from the lush jungles and paddy fields that cover so much of the island. Spanning 100,000 hectares of dry thorny scrub and dusty glades, you could easily be in an African bushveldt, right down to the long-thorn bushes. This background was so suited to viewing elephants, leopards, wild boar, spotted deer, crocodiles and jackals that the entrepreneurial

South African Englebrecht, who was shipped over as a POW after the Boer War, rightfully instigated it as a sanctuary – Sri Lanka's first – at the turn of the twentieth century. It's now the oldest and most prominent of them all.

---Overnight stays in Yala---

## Day 07 – Yala / Mirissa

### Highlights

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Proceed to Mirissa (Approx. 2 hrs)
- Check in at the hotel and spend the day on leisure.

---Overnight stay in Mirissa ---

## Day 08 – Mirissa

### Highlights

- Enjoy a Whale Watching Tour with Sail Lanka
- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Visit Coconut Hill Spot and Parrot Rock Bridge
- Return to hotel and spend the day on leisure



Mirissa is a picturesque coastal town located in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka. It is well-known for its stunning beaches, vibrant nightlife, and as a popular destination for whale watching. Here are some key points about Mirissa. Coconut Hill Spot is a scenic viewpoint has become popular on social media due to its picturesque setting with rows of coconut palm trees overlooking the ocean. It's a great spot for taking photos.

Whale Watching: Mirissa is one of the best places in Sri Lanka for whale watching. The waters off the coast of Mirissa are home to various species of whales, including blue whales, sperm whales, and humpback whales. Dolphin sightings are also common.

---Overnight stay in Mirissa---



## Day 09 – Mirissa / Airport

### Highlights

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Check out from hotel and proceed to the airport for departure (Approx. 3 hrs)

---End of Tour---

## Tour Details (08 Nights / 09 Days)

### Destinations & Hotels – Premium Hotels

- 1 Night in Negombo at Villa Hundira | Standard Room | BB
- 3 Nights in Habarana at Water Garden | Deluxe Villa | HB
- 2 Nights in Yala at Makini Bush Camp | Deluxe Tent | AI
- 2 Nights in Mirissa at Vis Ta Vie | Deluxe Room | BB

### Package Starting from USD 2200 per person

### Value Additions

- Water bottles will be provided during the tour
- Special welcome on arrival with flower garlands
- A departure souvenir

### Package Inclusions

- 08 nights accommodation at above mentioned Hotels
- Meal Plan as mentioned above
- All transfers on private basis with services of an English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide
- 2 x Safaris at Yala National Park with packed snacks
- A Guided Bush Walk at Makini Bush Camp
- A village Tour with village lunch & boat ride experience
- A whale watching tour with Sail Lanka at 0530 hrs inclusive of breakfast
- All taxes and service charges Included

### Package Exclusions:

- Flights and visas
- Insurance
- Entrance fees to sights



- Any other charges not mentioned above

#### **Notes**

- The mentioned travel times are approximations and may vary depending on the weather, traffic conditions, etc.
- Rates are subject to change if there is any increase in Government taxes (If any changes we will inform at least 3 months before the travel date).

#### **How much to tip drivers or chauffeur guides:**

A driver or chauffeur guide can be tipped Rs3,500-4,500 (approx. 10 – 15 USD) a day for good service. You can give this to them at the end of each day, which is often preferred, or if you prefer you can give it to them in total at the end of your holiday. Please do give more if you feel it is deserved, or less (even nothing) if the service has not been satisfactory. If you are unsatisfied with your driver, please let us know why.

#### **How much to tip Sri Lankan hotel staff:**

Tipping hotel staff in Sri Lanka is expected if you stay in a small hotel or villa – you can do this either as you go along or on departure. Giving a collective tip is fine – usually to the most senior of the staff while making it clear that you would like it shared out. Most small hotels have a tip box now. Even in large or expensive hotels, wages are very low (you would be surprised), so these tips are appreciated and needed. This amount is impossible to dictate and depends entirely on how helpful/friendly they have been and how generous you are feeling. Rs1,500 – 2,500 per day is a good guide (Approx USD 5).

#### **Tipping in Sri Lanka's Restaurants:**

A 10% service charge is usually included in restaurant bills, so it's best to check whether or not it's been added. In small local places, however, it's not normally included so if you've had good service, do leave a small tip – anything up to Rs 500 (1.5 USD) – and in tourist or posh city restaurants an extra tip is always gratefully received as well. Try and keep the small change (notes of anything less than Rs 500 denomination and especially 50 and 100 notes!) as much as possible for small purchases and tipping in Sri Lanka.





**Cancellation Policies:**

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4. Cancellations before 30 days - No charge
5. Cancellations before 21 days - 75%

Cancellations before 14 days – 100%