

## Sri Lanka by 4X4



### 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

- *2 Nights in Wilpattu / 2 Nights in Sigiriya / 2 Nights in Knuckles / 2 Nights in Yala / 1 Night in Colombo*





## Day 01 – Airport/ Wilpattu

### Highlights

- Arrival in Sri Lanka/ Meet & greet
- Proceed to Wilpattu (Approx. 4 Hrs) and check in at hotel and spend day time at leisure.

---Overnight stay in Wilpattu---

## Day 02 – Wilpattu

### Highlights

- After a packed breakfast from the hotel proceed on a 4X4 Jeep Safari at Wilpattu National Park.
- Enjoy a bush walk with your Ranger
- Return to the hotel and spend day at leisure.



Wilpattu National Park is a park located on the island of Sri Lanka. The unique feature of this park is the existence of "Willus" - Natural, sand-rimmed water basins or depressions that fill with rainwater. Located in the Northwest coast lowland dry zone of Sri Lanka.

---Overnight stay in Wilpattu---

## Day 03 – Wilpattu / Sigiriya

### Highlights

- After breakfast proceed to Dambulla (Approx. 3 hrs)
- Check in at Resort and spend day afternoon at leisure

---Overnight stays in Sigiriya---



## Day 04 – Sigiriya / Minneriya / Sigiriya

### Highlights

- After breakfast proceed to Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Later enjoy an 4X4 Jeep safari at Minneriya National Park



Sigiriya, also known as Lion Rock, built on top of a huge boulder in the 5th century. A palace. A rock fortress. The hidden castle of King Kasyapa. A Buddhist monastery from the 14th century. Similar to the cosmic mountain of Meru? The eighth wonder of the world? No place in Sri Lanka has generated as many theories and legends as the 180m monolith, set amidst stunning scenery.

Sigiriya consists of 1200 steps. The first part of the visit is a leisurely walk through the pleasure gardens. Then one starts to climb. There are two areas where one can take a break on the way up. The entire duration of the experience takes approximately 1.5 to 2.5 hours depending on the speed at which you want to climb. Water is provided. If it looks like it might rain don't forget to take an umbrella from the vehicle.



Just half an hour's drive from Habarana is Minneriya National Park. The park covers 8,890 hectares and consists of a mixed forest of evergreen shrubs, a favorite habitat for animals, which include leopards, deer and wild elephants.

The Park's main feature is the former reservoir or tank built by King Mahasen in the third century AD. During the dry season from June to September, this is a fantastic place to watch herds of elephants come to graze and bathe. In more recent times it

been discovered that the park witnesses the largest elephant gathering in the world during these months. You can also see huge flocks of birds, including cormorants and painted storks that come to fish in the shallow waters.

**---Overnight stay in Sigiriya---**

## Day 05 – Sigiriya / Knuckles

### Highlights

- Enjoy breakfast at the resort and proceed to Knuckles (Approx: 4 Hrs)
- En route visit Dambulla cave temple
- Check in at resort and spend day evening at leisure.



The Dambulla Cave Temples are the largest and best-preserved rock cave temple complex in Sri Lanka, towering 160 m over the surrounding plains with more than 80 documented caves in the surrounding area. The site is of particular interest for anyone that loves historic art, as five of the caves contain ancient statues and paintings related to and depicting Lord Buddha and his life.

The climb from the base is not strenuous – and can be done at a leisurely pace. It takes approximately 30 minutes. Your guide will buy your entrance fee and climb with you. There are approximately 200 steps. The best time to climb is in the early morning or the late afternoon to avoid the heat. You will need to cover your knees and shoulders – and access the inner chambers barefoot or with socks. You will find socks in the basket inside the vehicle and a sarong in case you need one. The entire visit takes approximately 1.5 hours

**--Overnight stay in Knuckles---**

## Day 06 – Knuckles / Kandy / Peradeniya / Knuckles

### Highlights

- Enjoy your breakfast and proceed to Kandy. Upon reaching, enjoy on a City tour of Kandy
- Visit the Temple of Tooth Relic
- Later visit the Royal Botanical Garden
- Return to the resort and spend the day at leisure



Sri Dalada Maligawa or the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a Buddhist temple in the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka. It is located in the royal palace complex which houses the relic of the tooth of Buddha. Since ancient times, the relic has played an important role in local politics because it is believed that whoever holds the relic holds the governance of the country. Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings and is a UNESCO world heritage site partly due to the temple.

Monks of the two chapters of Malwatte and Asgiriya conduct daily worship in the inner chamber of the temple. Rituals are performed three times daily: at dawn, at noon and in the evenings. On Wednesdays there is a symbolic bathing of the Sacred Relic with an herbal preparation made from scented water and fragrant flowers, called Nanumura Mangallaya. This holy water is believed to contain healing powers and is distributed among those present. The visit typically lasts 1 hour. First you walk towards the temple through the gardens. Your guide will buy you the entrance tickets. We recommend buying a lotus flower right at the entrance – 100 LKR per set. Buy it yourself for the experience, why not? Your guide will walk you through the various chambers explaining the history and significance of the temple.



The Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens is the largest of the botanical gardens of Sri Lanka and the finest of its kind in Asia. In the Mediterranean climate of Kandy, the gateway to the central highlands, the Gardens lies at an elevation of 460 meters above sea-level, tightly bounded on three sides by the loop of the River Mahaweli (Great Sandy River), Sri Lanka's largest river. During WWII the gardens were the headquarters of the allied command for the Pacific.

Your guide will buy your entrance. Your chauffer guide will wait for you in the vehicle outside. It's a leisurely walk in a circular fashion.

**---Overnight stay in Knuckles---**



## Day 07 – Knuckles / Yala

### Highlights

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Proceed to Yala (Approx. 5 hrs)
- Check In to hotel and spend the rest of the day on leisure

---Overnight stays in Yala--

## Day 08 – Yala

### Highlights

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Visit at Yala National Park and enjoy 4X4 Jeep Safari (Approx. 3 hrs)
- Enjoy a guided bush walk with your Ranger
- Return to the 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.

**Difficulty Level of Excursions – Easy**

---Overnight stays in Yala---



## Day 09 – Yala / Colombo

### Highlights

- Enjoy breakfast at the resort and proceed to Colombo (Approx. 4 Hrs)
- Continue to city tour of Colombo by Jeep
- Check in to Hotel and spend the rest of the evening on leisure



Colombo city tour in an open air jeep will give you a unobstructed 360 degree visibility which is great for taking photographs and filming while sightseeing Starting with galle face green, about 20 Archaeological and tourist attraction sites including Aththidiya bird sanctuary will be covered. Our guests can enjoy self drive in our classic jeeps in aththidiya sanctuary. Photographs and video clips of the tour will be given to the guest free of charge.

---Overnight stay in Colombo---

## Day 10 – Colombo / Airport

### Highlights

- Enjoy breakfast at the resort
- Proceed to the Airport for departure (Approx. 45 min)

---End of Tour---





## Tour Details (09 Nights/ 10 Days)

### Destinations & Hotels

- 2 Nights in Wilpattu at Big Game Camp | Standard Tent on FB
- 2 Nights in Dambulla at Wild Grass Nature Resort | Deluxe Villa on HB
- 2 Nights in Knuckles at Wild Glamping | Luxury Tent on FB
- 2 Nights in Yala at Makini Bush Camp | Luxury Tent on AI
- 1 Night in Colombo at La Maison De Colombo | Classic Room on BB

### Package Starting from USD 2300 per person

### Package Includes

- Accommodation at above mentioned resorts or similar
- Meal Plan as mentioned below
- Round tour transfers on private basis with services of an English-speaking guide
- All Taxes

### Package included Excursions

- Jeep Safari at Wilpattu National Park
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Jeep Safari at Minneriya Jeep Safari
- Dambulla Cave Temple
- Kandy Temple of tooth relic
- Cultural show
- Royal botanical garden
- Jeep Safari at Yala National Park
- A Guide Bush Walk tour at Wilpattu
- A Guide Bush Walk tour at Yala
- City tour Colombo by jeep

### Cost Excludes

- Air fare
- Personal expenses
- Visas

**Note** – The mentioned travel times are approximations and many vary with the traffic, weather, etc.

### Remakes:



- ***Rooms are Subject to available***

#### **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:**



Cancellation policies associated with tours

4. Cancellations before 30 days - No charge
5. Cancellations before 21 days - 75%
6. Cancellations before 14 days – 100%