

# Sri Lanka Wildlife & Cultural Treasures

Discover a Surprisingly Diverse Island Nation Rich in Wildlife, History & Culture



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## **Trip Details:**

**Days:** 11 Days / Feb–Mar

**Price:** From \$11595 (+ Air)

Physical Requirements: Moderate

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Lying in the Indian Ocean just off the southern tip of India, the compact island of Sri Lanka contains rich bounty for the nature traveler. Herds of Asian elephant and troops of monkeys roam forests in the tropical lowlands. Waterfalls plummet from cloud forest highlands that shelter hundreds of colorful bird species. Golden beaches ring the island, while offshore, giant blue whales, many species of dolphins and sea turtles swim in clear turquoise waters. A global biodiversity hotspot, Sri Lanka has many endemic flora and fauna to impress the traveler captivated by unique natural wonders. Once known as Ceylon during the British Empire, Sri Lanka has a diverse cultural heritage that dates back more than 2,000 years, with a vibrant Buddhist presence and layered influences from Indian, Arab and European adventurers drawn here over the centuries.

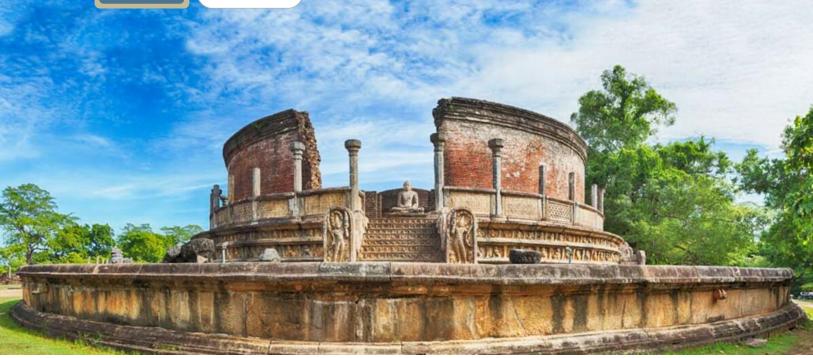
## **Trip Highlights**

See toque macaques, leaf monkeys and gray langurs at the 12th-century ruins of Polonnaruwa, alongside a Smithsonian primate researcher

Search for leopards in Yala National Park, with one of the world's highest concentrations, plus sloth bear, jackal and Asiatic buffalo

From Mirissa Harbor, search for whales, dolphins, orcas and other marine life from our private chartered boat





## **Itinerary At A Glance**

**Day 1** Colombo, Sri Lanka / Kandanegedara

**Day 2** Sigiriya / Nocturnal Wildlife Walk

**Day 3** Polonnaruwa Primate Watching / Hurulu Forest

**Day 4** Kandy—Temple of the Sacred Tooth / Nuwara Eliya

**Day 5** Horton Plains National Park / Hakgala Gardens / Nuwara Eliya

**Day 6** Yala National Park

**Days 7 & 8** On Safari in Yala National Park

## Sri Lanka Wildlife & Cultural Treasures Itinerary

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#### Day 1: Colombo, Sri Lanka / Kandanegedara

Arrive at the airport, located north of Sri Lanka's capital of Colombo, where you're met and transferred to a tranquil 50-acre estate in Kandanegedara. The afternoon is free to relax before our welcome dinner. Absorb the serenity of rural Sri Lanka along the property's trails that weave among rice fields and organic gardens where Sri Lanka's famous spices and tropical fruits grow—see and smell pepper, cashew, clove, nutmeg, cinnamon and lemongrass alongside coconut, jackfruit, soursop, tamarind, mango and guava, and look for prolific birdlife.





### **Itinerary At A Glance**

Day 9 Bundala National Park / Cinnamon Plantation / Ahangama

**Day 10** Mirissa Private Whale Watching Cruise / Galle Fort

**Day 11** Colombo / Depart

#### Day 2: Sigiriya / Nocturnal Wildlife Walk

Depart this morning on a half-day drive to Sigiriya. Once we check in to our lodge, spend the afternoon at the ruins of Sigiriya, the 5th-century capital built by King Kashyapa I and the first of several UNESCO World Heritage Sites on our journey. The dominant landmark is a massive granite outcrop called Lion Rock, which rises 600 feet above the surrounding jungle. The edifice features giant carved paws and a set of stone stairs for those who want to climb to the top. The rock was turned into a fortress by the king, who constructed his royal palace on the summit overlooking elaborate gardens below. The tract of ancient forest around Lion Rock now forms the Sigiriya Reserve, sheltering 10 of Sri Lanka's 34 endemic bird species, along with small reptiles, primates and numerous butterflies and dragonflies.

Return to our hotel for an early dinner before a night walk with our Expedition Leader in search of the gray slender loris, a small nocturnal primate. Our lodge sits inside a private forest reserve that shelters this rare primate known for its protruding eyes and nimble limbs. With the property's conservation program boosting its numbers, we have the best possible chance to spot an elusive loris in its natural habitat. Among other animals active at night, we occasionally see fishing cat, common palm civet, golden palm civet and collared scops owl.

#### Day 3: Polonnaruwa Primate Watching / Hurulu Forest

The day starts early with a packed breakfast as we set out for the ancient capital of Polonnaruwa, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn about the rich history of Sri Lanka's second capital, renowned for its well-preserved 12th-century ruins and impressive stone culture, as well as some of Sri Lanka's best primate viewing. As we walk through the ancient site, we'll track and observe wildlife with a local researcher from the Smithsonian Primate Research Center. Three species of monkey—toque macaque and canopy-dwelling purple-faced leaf monkey (both endemics), plus gray langur—are found here. Polonnaruwa's "temple troop of toque macaques" has been featured in numerous natural history documentaries and is a part of the world's longest continuous study of primates, initiated in 1968. They were the focus of Disneynature's 2015 film *Monkey Kingdom*. The monkeys here are habituated to the presence of humans, allowing us to observe their social interactions at close range. Whether play-fighting, feeding or grooming each other, their behavior offers endless entertainment.

This afternoon we visit Hurulu Forest Reserve in search of small herds of Asian elephants that live among the tall grasses and jungle scrub. The reserve is also a sanctuary for many birds, including Indian roller, Sri Lanka junglefowl, Indian peafowl, blue-tailed and green bee-eaters, and raptors such as changeable hawk eagle, crested serpent eagle and shikra.



#### Day 4: Kandy—Temple of the Sacred Tooth / Nuwara Eliya

Depart for Nuwara Eliya, a half-day's drive from Habarana. En route, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth, which houses Sri Lanka's most important Buddhist relic, a tooth believed to have been the Buddha's own. The temple was built in the 16th century as part of the royal palace complex at Kandy, the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings. Today a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it remains the most revered location in Sri Lanka. Since ancient times, the relic has played an important role in local politics, as it is believed that whoever holds the sacred tooth holds the right to govern the country. Thousands of white-clad pilgrims visit the site daily, bearing lotus blossoms and frangipani with which to make sacred offerings known as *puja*.

Continue to Nuwara Eliya at the heart of Sri Lanka's tea-producing region. The town was founded in the 19th century by the British, and its enduring nickname, "Little England," harks back to the colonial heritage of Ceylon, when these subtropical highlands were the sanctuary of British civil servants and plantation owners. The temperate climate of this hill country retreat was ideal for pastimes such as jackal and deer hunting, polo, golf and cricket, and it remains a popular travel destination for Sri Lankans today. The late afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the peaceful ambience of our hotel's setting overlooking Lake Gregory.

#### Day 5: Horton Plains National Park / Hakgala Gardens / Nuwara Eliya

Rising early for a pre-dawn start, we head out with a packed breakfast for Horton Plains National Park, part of the broader Central Highlands of Sri Lanka World Heritage Site. On a nature walk through cloud forest and grasslands, look for a variety of wildlife including endemic rhino-horned and hump-nosed lizards, and colorful highland bird species such as the Sri Lanka white-eye, Sri Lanka wood pigeon and yellow-eared bulbul. With luck, we may encounter the rarely seen Sri Lanka whistling thrush and the Old World Sri Lanka bush warbler. Also keep an eye out for sambar, Sri Lanka's largest deer species, which frequents the plains near the entrance of the park.

Next, we visit Hakgala Botanical Gardens, originally established in 1884 to grow cinchona (quinine). The name comes from a legend that says Hanuman, the monkey god, was sent to the Himalayas to find a particular medicinal herb. He forgot which herb he was looking for and decided to bring a chunk of the Himalayas back in his jaw, hoping the herb was growing on it. The gardens grow atop a mountain called Hakgala, which means "jaw rock." Today, thousands of flora species are planted here, including a wide variety of orchids and roses. The gardens lie adjacent to Hakgala Nature Reserve where we look for wildlife such as the shaggy-coated bear monkey, plus plentiful highland avian endemics like Sri Lanka white-eye , Sri Lanka scimitar babbler and dull-blue flycatcher. For those seeking a more challenging excursion, opt for an extended hike in the grasslands and cloud forest of Horton Plains National Park in lieu of a visit to the gardens. This afternoon, visit a nearby tea estate and factory to see how this essential commodity changed the landscape in the late 19th century.



#### **Day 6: Yala National Park**

This morning, we leave Sri Lanka's Central Highlands on a scenic drive to the south coast. Our destination is Yala National Park, which protects more than 320,000 acres of habitat sheltering a great diversity of native wildlife. While the park was originally a hunting ground for colonial elites under British rule, it was established as a wildlife sanctuary in 1900 and designated a national park in 1938. From on high, Yala appears as a variegated mosaic of green, a gently rolling carpet of shrub jungle, riverine forest and open plains, dotted with the deep blue lakes and waterholes and punctuated by rocky outcrops, with the Indian Ocean coastline forming its eastern boundary.

We spend three nights in comfortable private safari tents, our base for exploring this reserve that's home to 44 mammal species and more than 250 different bird species. A late afternoon safari reveals our first animal sightings from custom Land Cruisers designed for exploring these wild environs. Our drivers are seasoned local naturalists who are experts at spotting a multitude of species. Leopards are the dominant predator here, and Yala National Park boasts one of the world's highest concentrations, though these elegant felines are highly elusive.

#### Days 7 & 8: On Safari in Yala National Park

Over the next two days, early morning and late afternoon wildlife drives reveal many of the animals found throughout the park. Our visit occurs just after the monsoon season, when the forest is returning to a state of lushness. In addition to the sought-after leopard, sightings may include Asian elephant, sloth bear, jackal, mugger crocodile, sambar, spotted deer, Asiatic buffalo, wild boar, gray langur, toque macaque and black-naped hare. Yala is also a superb birding location. Iridescent Indian peacocks and Sri Lanka junglefowl are plentiful, while white-bellied sea eagle, crested serpent eagle, gray-headed fishing eagle, brown fish owl and brahminy kite are among the raptors most commonly spotted. A dazzling array of waders and waterbirds is also on display, including greater sand plover, Eurasian spoonbill and the endangered black-necked stork. Among the dry-zone species we frequently observe are blue-faced malkohas, Malabar-pied hornbills, and chestnut, green and blue-tailed bee-eaters.

#### Day 9: Bundala National Park / Cinnamon Plantation / Ahangama

Depart early this morning for Bundala National Park, where we begin with a picnic breakfast. Bundala is one of Sri Lanka's older parks, with an internationally recognized wetland. An interesting mosaic of salt pans, lagoon, seashore, grass flats and mixed dry evergreen scrub, it is the most arid landscape on our itinerary. Since it lies at the end of the migratory flyway, many birds winter here. Other animals we may see include elephant, wild boar, spotted deer and land monitors. Continuing westward along Sri Lanka's south coast, we stop to visit a cinnamon plantation, with lunch at the lodge before a tour of the estate. The south coast's gentle hills are especially suited to growing C *innamonum zeylanicum*, a variety of laurel that is the "true cinnamon" native almost exclusively to Sri Lanka, as opposed to the cheaper and inferior "cassia" which is often sold as cinnamon in North America. Cinnamon remains a major export of Sri Lanka, for use in both cooking and medicine, and it is still peeled in the time-honored way on the plantation. Arriving late this afternoon at Ahangama, our small family-owned hotel sits just yards away from a delightful public beach inviting swimming in the warm, clear ocean.



#### Day 10: Mirissa Private Whale Watching Cruise / Galle Fort

Early this morning, we set out from Mirissa Harbor in search of dolphins, whales and other marine life aboard a privately chartered vessel. Located on the southern tip of Sri Lanka, this is one of the world's top locations for whale watching, with sightings occurring most mornings from mid-November through early April. Blue whales historically reside year-round in these warm Indian Ocean waters, and we are also likely to see pods of playful spinner dolphins. We may occasionally spot sperm whales, sometimes in super pods of 20 or more individuals—a rare spectacle. Numerous other cetaceans make periodic appearances, too, including fin whale, Bryde's whale, orca, Risso's dolphin, bottlenose dolphin, striped dolphin, pilot whales and bright whales. Additional marine life may include sea turtles and whale sharks.

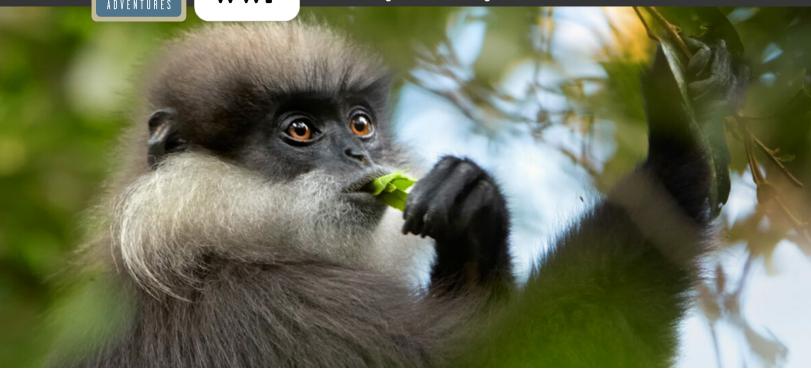
This afternoon, visit Galle Fort, South Asia's best preserved European fortress, which today is a vital and dynamic mix of residences and commerce. A stroll along the ramparts offers panoramic views of the Old Town. Constructed by the Portuguese in 1588, Galle Fort fell to the Dutch in 1640 and was extensively fortified in ensuing decades, eventually coming under British control in 1796. Today, the fort bears architectural evidence of multiple colonial influences. Extensive reconstruction by government archaeologists has maintained the sprawling complex of buildings and streets in fine form. Once the main port of call for ships sailing between the East and Europe, today Galle Fort is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore its narrow lanes, bustling with shops and cafes, and admire luxurious villas restored to their colonial splendor. Important sights within the fort are the Anglican and Dutch Reformed churches, the Galle Lighthouse and the National Maritime Museum. This evening, savor regional flavors and historic ambience as we dine at a local restaurant inside the fort.

#### Day 11: Colombo / Depart

After a leisurely morning, depart for Colombo to arrive in time for our farewell lunch at The Gallery restaurant, one of the city's most renowned dining establishments. It is housed in a building that was once the office of Geoffrey Bawa, Sri Lanka's leading architect during the last half of the 20th century. After lunch, transfer to the Taj Samudra Hotel where day rooms await, with free time to relax prior to your departure. This grand 5-star hotel fronts Galle Face Green, Colombo's famous oceanfront park and promenade originally laid out by the Dutch as a means to give their cannons a strategic line of fire against the Portuguese. In the early 19th century it was used for horse racing, and later for cricket, golf, polo, football, tennis and rugby. A transfer is included to Bandaranaike International Airport—about a one-hour drive, depending on traffic—to meet outbound flights this evening.







## **Accommodation Details:**

- Horathapola Estate
- Jetwing Vil Uyana
- W15 Lake Gregory
- Kulu Safari Camp
- **Mosvold Villa**

#### Taj Samudra

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/asia-adventuretravel/sri-lanka-wildlifesafari/accommodations/

# Sri Lanka Wildlife & Cultural Treasures Accommodations

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#### Horathapola Estate

The elegant bungalow on this 50-acre estate reflects Old World chic that blends seamlessly with the balmy vibe of rural Sri Lanka, featuring touches of modern luxury amid stately colonial architecture.



#### Jetwing Vil Uyana

Paying tribute to the forest, garden and marsh, these luxurious and sustainable bungalows fuse rustic elements and modern amenities to create an atmosphere of natural elegance.





#### W15 Lake Gregory

A gracious haven in the mountains, the luxurious W15 boutique lodge offers views of Lake Gregory and Galway Land National Park from elegantly appointed hillside bungalows.



#### Kulu Safari Camp

Exuding classic safari character, Kulu Safari Camp offers intimate, environmentally conscious bush accommodations in deluxe canvas tents on raised wooden platforms.



#### **Mosvold Villa**

Fronting the Indian Ocean, Mosvold Villa offers its guests an intimate and exclusive private retreat in an estate-like setting. Just six deluxe rooms are equipped with a suite of luxurious amenities.



#### Taj Samudra

Colombo's premier hotel address offers 5-star luxury and magnificent ocean views along Galle Face Green, the capital city's famous seaside park. Spacious rooms and grand decor enhance a memorable stay.



# See Sri Lanka Differently When You Travel with Nat Hab

Find out why our approach to Sri Lanka, one of the world's most up-and-coming destinations, is the ideal way for nature and wildlife lovers to explore the rich treasures of this small island nation:

## 1 The Most Nature-Focused Itinerary You'll Find

Most Sri Lanka trips focus primarily on history and culture. And while we would never ignore those aspects in this country so rich in human heritage, our primary emphasis is Sri Lanka's equally outstanding natural beauty and diverse wildlife. We don't think you'll find another itinerary that's as nature-intensive as ours, while also including outstanding cultural highlights.

## 2 A Remarkable Diversity of Native Wildlife

While some trips may include a whale-watching excursion or a day on safari in the jungle, ours does it all: we go in search of whales, dolphins, Asian elephants, sloth bear, sambar, monkeys, scores of tropical bird species and more.

## **3** One of the World's Best Places to Spot a Leopard

Sri Lanka is home to one of the world's highest densities of leopards. Specifically, Yala National Park is where we find a great concentration of these charismatic predators. And though they are notoriously elusive, your odds of sighting one (or more) are better here than almost anywhere else.

## A Private Whale-Watching Cruise

From Mirissa on the Indian Ocean coast, you'll have an opportunity to look for spinner dolphins, pilot whales, turtles, whale sharks, bright whales and even blue whales, the largest mammal on Earth. While most visitors do so in larger 50-passenger boats, we charter our own private vessel for a personalized and uncrowded experience, enhanced with the outstanding interpretation of our Expedition Leader.

#### Better Vehicles for Better Wildlife Viewing

We use the very best safari vehicles designed for wildlife viewing in Yala National Park. Our opentop Toyota Land Cruisers with a long wheel base are the most solid and most comfortable sightseeing vehicles available.

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#### Small Groups—10 Guests Max—Ensure an Intimate Wilderness Experience

Not only do we cap our trips at 10 travelers, we split the group further for wildlife safaris in Yala National Park, for a low-key, low-impact presence experience with personalized guiding.





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#### Outstanding Guides, Plus an Impressive Guide-to-Guest Ratio

You'll not only travel with Nat Hab's own naturalist Expedition Leader, but also a Sri Lankan national guide throughout our journey, for the ultimate in expert interpretation, individual attention and personalized service.

#### High-End Accommodations Provide Every Comfort

We choose our accommodations for both location and amenities, keeping you close to nature while also providing all-important comforts. From our tented safari camp in Yala National Park to our beachfront boutique resort on the Indian Ocean designed by a renowned Sri Lankan architect, you'll find the places we stay nearly as memorable as the wildlife and people we encounter.

#### Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Exceptional Sri Lanka Safari

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive quality-value guarantee that promises we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.

## 10 Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007

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#### Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our small-group nature adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures its worldwide travel partner—a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!





## Make It Private with Your Family or Friends

Travel privately, exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. And when you choose a private departure, you're assured the most exclusive and authentic Sri Lanka Wildlife & Cultural Treasures adventure on offer. Request your private departure by completing the form below.

Please note that on Sri Lanka Make It Private departures we require a minimum group size of 5 travelers.

Also, please be aware that your per-person cost on a Make It Private trip will vary depending on the number of travelers in your group and may be as much as 10%-30% higher (ship-based trips may be even higher) than our normal trip cost unless you fill the trip.

This **Make It Private** option is available on nearly every Nat Hab trip for family and friend groups. Call an Adventure Specialist at 800-543-8917 or look for the "Make It Private" icon in the **pricing section** of a trip online at nathab.com to see prices based on your specific group size.





# Dates & Pricing Summary:

**Prices:** From \$11595 (+ Air)

**Group Size:** Please note that on Make It Private departures we have a minimum group size of half the maximum size of our regularly scheduled departures.

**Physical Requirements:** Moderate

# Sri Lanka Wildlife & Cultural Treasures Dates, Pricing & Info

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#### 2025 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Mar 25, 2025	Apr 4, 2025	Habitat Club Pricing Available   Pair with our Snow Leopard trip*



## Pricing

2024 Prices

Trip Price \$10995 to \$11295

**Single Occupancy:** For a single room add \$2295. **Deposit:** \$500 per person



Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars. **2025 Prices** 

Trip Price \$11595 to \$11895

Single Occupancy: For a single room add \$2395. Deposit: \$500 per person

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

## Included

Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s) and local guides, private whale watching cruise, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through lunch on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

## Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, most alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees, optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

## **Physical Requirements**

#### Moderate

Travelers must be able to walk unassisted (without the use of walking aids) at a steady pace for at least two miles over uneven terrain, climb stairs at some accommodations, and climb a short ladder to get in and out of our safari vehicles, all in potentially hot and humid conditions, in order to participate in this trip. Activities include walking tours that could be as long as three miles in length and walking on sometimes dark and uneven paths at our accommodations; some walks will take place in areas situated between 6,000 and 7,500 feet in elevation. If you wish to climb to the top of Sigiriya Rock Fortress (not required), there are approximately 1,200 steps to navigate to the top. Wildlife drives in the parks take place on rough and bumpy dirt roads with many ruts and potholes, in conditions that are potentially extremely dusty. Travelers with back problems or other health issues that could be exacerbated by such conditions should take this into consideration. The trip also involves many very early morning starts and long, full days of activities with little down time, which can be tiring. Some drives between locations

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are long (5-6 hours) and can occur amid chaotic local driving conditions.

On custom or private departures with smaller groups, our ability to accommodate varying levels of physical abilities or interests is limited, since these trips are staffed with a single Expedition Leader who may be assisted, pending availability, by local guides.

## **Important Information About This Trip**

Most of our guests travel to Sri Lanka for encounters with the country's unique wildlife. While the nature experiences here are indeed remarkable, there is a fundamental difference between wildlife encounters in Sri Lanka versus a typical safari in Africa. At times, guests who are lured to Sri Lanka by tourist brochures can be disappointed to see fewer animals than they expected, or at least fewer than they might expect to see in Africa. It is not that Sri Lanka's surviving jungles are thinly populated with wildlife, but similar to places like Costa Rica where forest vegetation is very dense, creatures have mastered the art of camouflage and can be very difficult to spot. Other factors can affect potential sightings, too, including inclement weather—for example, when rain creates small pockets of water, animals are not forced to emerge to drink and may remain hidden in the forest. Furthermore, the best wildlife destinations in the small country of Sri Lanka tend to be more crowded than Africa's vast tracts of remote wilderness. More visitors, combined with fewer government regulations guiding wildlife viewing, can mean a less serene experience than one might anticipate.

At Nat Hab, we design our itineraries to capitalize on the best wildlife viewing opportunities. There is no doubt that Sri Lanka's wild side is worth enthusiastic discovery. However, the secret to a gratifying experience for visitors lies in the skills of our expert guides, in knowing what to expect, and in understanding that the privilege of stepping into a pure and untouched world is a reward in itself. Our guests can take pride in knowing that our very presence in Sri Lanka makes a difference: by infusing our travel dollars into this developing nature destination, along with influence and communication from our partners to local government and tourism organizations, we aim to have a positive impact on wildlife policy and conversations efforts in Sri Lanka.

## **Mandatory Insurance**

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

## **Getting There & Getting Home**

Arrive in Colombo by 2 pm on Day 1 in order to meet your fellow travelers for an orientation and group welcome dinner beginning at 6:30 pm (the drive from the airport to our hotel in Kandanegedara takes

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approximately one hour). You are free to depart Colombo anytime after 8 pm on the final day.

We can best serve you if our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk makes your reservations, as we are intimately familiar with the special requirements of this program and can arrange the most efficient travel. Please call us at 800-543-8917. Note that while we offer you the best possible rates available to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may find special web rates or better fares online.





## **Extension Details:**

The Grand India Wildlife Adventure \$12395

Wild & Ancient Himalaya: Nepal & Bhutan \$13295

Land of the Snow Leopard \$10995

Snow Leopard Quest Photo Expedition \$11995

## Sri Lanka Wildlife & Cultural Treasures Extensions

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#### The Grand India Wildlife Adventure

Look for rare Bengal tigers, one-horned rhinos and other endangered animals as we discover India's wild side on an exploration of three premier national parks. You won't find a richer Indian nature safari! **\$12395** (+air)



#### Wild & Ancient Himalaya: Nepal & Bhutan

Explore mountain heights and jungle lowlands on this soulful journey through the cultural and wildlife treasures of two neighboring Himalayan nations—including rhino tracking in Chitwan National Park. **\$13295** (+air)





#### Land of the Snow Leopard

On a winter adventure in far-north India, join a quest to view one of the world's most elusive cats. Stay in the very midst of its high alpine habitat at our private, deluxe ecolodge in a small village in Ladakh. **\$10995** (+air)



#### Snow Leopard Quest Photo Expedition

In the company of expert spotters, track the world's most elusive big cats in their native Himalayan habitat on our small-group winter photo safari to the remote alpine heights of Ladakh in far-north India. **\$11995** (+air)



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