

Tour Itinerary covers key National Parks and Leisure activities in Sri Lanka

Day 1: Option 1 - Arrival in Colombo - Transfer to Hikkaduwa

- **Arrival in Colombo:** Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB), Colombo and the group to be welcomed by one of our guides.
- **Transfer to Hikkaduwa** by a luxury AC coach (Approx. 1 1/2 hours drive, 115 km).
- Check-in to your hotel in Hikkaduwa.
- **Relax and enjoy the evening:** Enjoy a peaceful evening at your hotel or take a short walk on the beautiful sandy beaches.



Overnight in Hikka Tranz by Cinnamon

112 Km away from the bustling city of Colombo and located on the Southern shoreline of Sri Lanka is the district which offers a 24-hour party on the beach. Hikka Tranz by Cinnamon Hikkaduwa, rated a four star is built along the golden sands, calls out to all those who enjoy island-life and beach-life with a promise to pamper its guests with the Southern Sri Lankan hospitality. In each room there is a spacious private balcony looking out to a view of the Golden Belt of the South Coast.

Day 1: Option 2 - Arrival in Colombo - Transfer to Unawatuna

- **Arrival in Colombo:** Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB), Colombo and the group to be welcomed by one of our guides.
- **Transfer to Unawatuna** by a luxury AC coach (Approx. 2 hours drive, 150 km).
- Check-in to your hotel in Unawatuna, Jungle Village by Thawthisa.

Just steps away from the Jungle Beach, Jungle Village is an eco-friendly resort situated in Unawatuna. It features an outdoor swimming pool with a well to shower from, and a garden to relax in. Boasting personalized room service, this resort also provides guests with a restaurant that features all major cuisine.



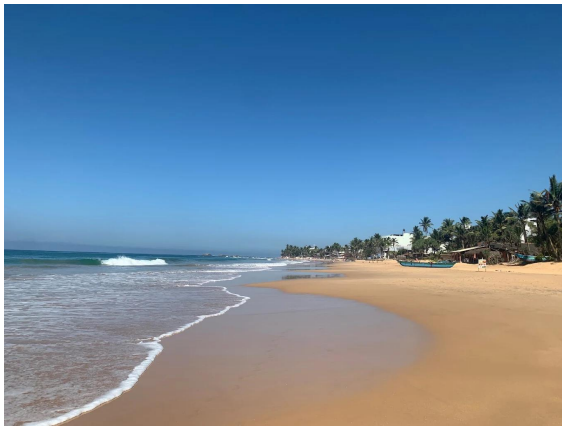
- **Relax and enjoy the evening:** Enjoy a peaceful evening at your hotel or take a short walk on the Jungle beach.

Jungle Beach is situated in the bay of Galle, overlooking Galle Fort, and consists of two small beaches separated by 100 meters of rocky shore. The first one is known as the Dutch Watering Point, and the second one is the proper Jungle Beach.



Day 2 morning : Option 1 - Explore Hikkaduwa

Take a walk on the Narigam golden beach in the early hours of the day which was discovered in the early 1960's Hikkaduwa saw tourists from across the globe flooding the city. Narigama is one such famous beach on the coast of Hikkaduwa. Narigama presents serenity at its best; the mornings are quiet with a good view of the sunrise and the time before sunset gets breezy followed by gorgeous orange skies overlooking the sea. There are hammocks, live seafood counters, drinks to keep you cosy under the sun.



One could explore the sheer beauty of Hikkaduwa's underwater paradise by [snorkelling](#), [diving](#), or by a [glass-bottomed boat](#). Snorkelling being the easiest of all gets you up close and personal with the vivid underwater coral formations and the spectacular marine life with minimal gear.

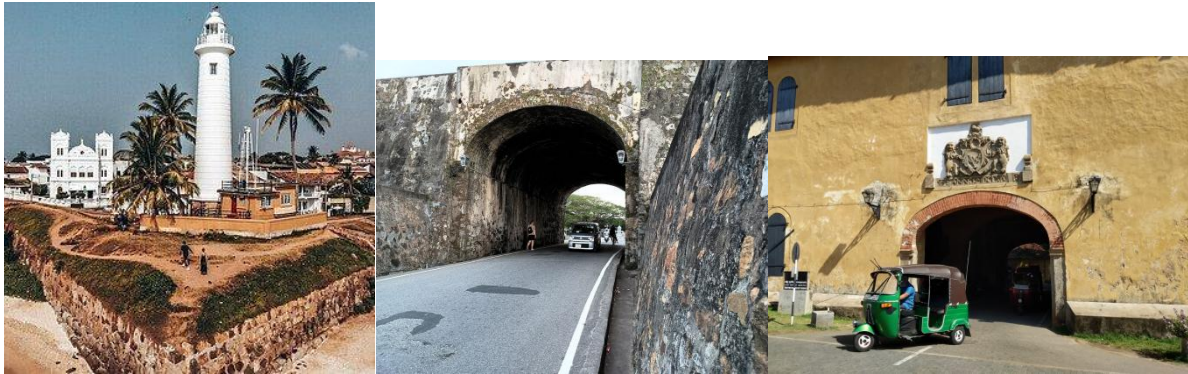
Option 2 - Explore Unawatuna

With clear turquoise waters adding to its charm, this small coastal town is great for snorkelling, diving, and surfing. The iconic coral reefs and shipwrecks make for underwater adventures. [Once known as one of the 12 best beaches in the world](#),



- **Afternoon: Galle Fort visit**
 - After lunch, drive to Galle (approx. 30 minutes from Hikkaduwa or 10 minutes from Unawatuna).

The Galle Fort is the **largest remaining fortress** in Asia constructed by any European imperial powers. Also known as Dutch Fort or Ramparts of Galle, this architectural and archaeological wonder was first built in 1588 by the Portuguese and lavishly rebuilt by the Dutch during the 17th century. Even after long years from the construction, Galle Fort, a **UNESCO's World Heritage Site**, is still maintained as fresh. Galle is a major coastal town in the southwest of Sri Lanka and is the finest instance of a fortified city constructed by the Portuguese in Southeast Asia.



Return to the hotel in the evening and you could be on your own to enjoy the nightlife in Hikkaduwa or Unawatuna depending on the option you select. There are nice restaurants on the beach and depending on your fantasies you could select a restaurant for dinner.

Overnight at Hikka Tranz by Cinnamon or Unawatuna Village by Thawthisa.

Day 3: Hikkaduwa or Unawatuna to Yala

- **Morning: Drive to Yala** (Approx. 2.5-hour drive, 170 km)



Yala National Park is a huge area of forest, grassland and lagoons bordering the Indian Ocean, in southeast Sri Lanka. It's home to wildlife such as leopards, elephants, sloth bears and crocodiles, as well as hundreds of bird species. Inland, Sithulpawwa is an ancient Buddhist monastery.

Afternoon: Check in at Cinnamon Wild Yala, lunch at the hotel.

Only a 5-minute drive from the famous Yala National Park is Cinnamon Wild Yala. It boasts chalets with private balconies and free Wi-Fi. It features an outdoor pool and a restaurant. It is located in Kirinda, a village well-known for its wildlife.

Chalets offer spectacular views of the beach or jungle. They are decorated with local artworks and feature air-conditioning, cable TV and a minibar. All chalets come with private bathroom facilities.

In the evening a free time at the hotel, you could take a safe walk to enjoy the jungle surrounding and the beautiful beach.





Overnight in Cinnamon Wild Yala.

Day 4: Situlpawwa and Yala Safari

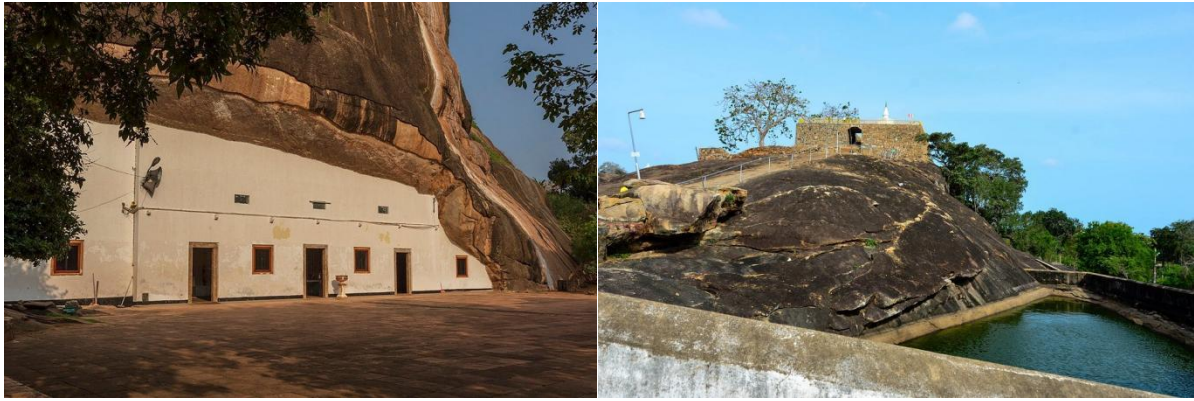
- **Morning:** Visit the famous Sithulpawwa rock temple, 45 minutes drive from the hotel.

Located deep within Yala, the Sithulpawwa Rajamaha Viharaya (Sithulpawwa Rock Temple) used to be a monastic settlement, which could be traced back to the 2nd century BC. It's believed that King Kavantissa was responsible for its establishment, and that it once served thousands upon thousands of monks back in the day.

Though the numbers are up for debate, the temple is surrounded by over 160 caves, of which some are extraordinarily large, so it's no surprise that the monastery could accommodate a large number of monks within it.

Suggest we leave early before the sun is too hot, there is little climbing to be done and after seen the main places should be back at the hotel by 11.30am and to relax before the afternoon safari after an early lunch.





- Lunch at the hotel
- **Afternoon:** around 2.30pm leave for the evening safari at the Yala National park.
- Dinner at the hotel

Overnight in Cinnamon Wild Yala

Day 5: Yala and Arugam Bay

- **Morning:** Early morning safari at the Yala National Park with a packed breakfast. Return to the hotel around 9.30am and relax before lunch.

Leave Cinnamon Wild Yala after an early lunch to Arugam Bay. Drive is approx 5 hours.

Stop for evening tea at Laya's Place or similar for a typical village tea with local snacks in Monaragala.

Drive to Arugam Bay will be passing the Lahugala National park on the right side, if you are lucky can spot wild elephants by the roadside.

- **Evening:** Check in at Jetwing Surf and enjoy the beach and relax till dinner time.

Overnight in Arugam Bay at Jetwing Surf

Sri Lanka's first eco luxury surf resort, Jetwing Surf is located on an unspoilt stretch of beach in Pottuvil Point with magnificent waves gushing onto shore. Only a few minutes away from the surfer's paradise Arugam Bay, this property is inclusive of 20 beach cabanas that will have comfortable amenities inspired by a unique style of architecture with structures made using wood, woven coconut palm leaves and reeds. To heighten the experience by the beach the design elements take the form of a horn shell allowing guests to wander freely and fully submerge in the tropical environs.



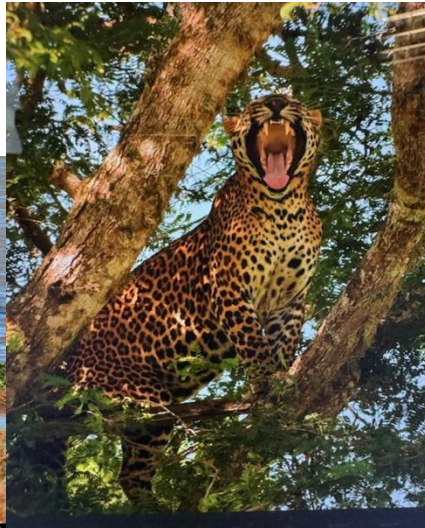
Day 6: Kumana National Park full day safari

- **Morning:** After an early breakfast leave for a full day safari at Kumana National Park with a packed lunch and snacks.

Located in the southeast corner of Sri Lanka, the 18,149 hectares Kumana National Park is a well-known eco-tourism attraction and bird sanctuary where a multitude of birds breed and roost. One of the most significant features of the Kumana National Park is the 'Kumana Villu' - a 200 hectare natural swamp lake, fed by the 'Kumbukkan Oya' through a half mile long narrow channel. It is at this mangrove swamp that many water birds' nest in May and June. Regular sightings include such species of bird as pelicans, painted storks, spoonbills, white ibis, herons, egrets and little cormorants.

Also the leopards population of the park has now increased and it is easy to spot leopards in Kumana National Park than Yala National Park.

Also the safaries are very peaceful since only few people go to this national park and ideal place to enjoy the nature and be with the nature.



After the full day safari return to the hotel and relax until dinner time.

Overnight in Arugam Bay at Jetwing Surf

Day 7: Arugam Bay to Anuradhapura

- **Morning:** Leave the hotel after an early breakfast to Forest Rock Garden resort, Anuradhapura, approx. 6 hours drive around 290 Km.
Stop on the way for a nice Sri Lankan cup of tea with some Sri Lankan traditional snacks.
- **Afternoon:** Have a late lunch and relax at the hotel and enjoy the atmosphere.

Overnight in Anuradhapura Forest Rock Garden Resort

Forest Rock Garden hotel is the living masterpiece gives its guests the once in a life time experience to go back into the golden days of the Anuradhapura Kingdom in this 21st century with utmost luxury and great sense of royalty, serenity and peace.

This hotel blends with the real wildlife atmosphere whilst you enjoy the luxuries.



Day 8: Wilpattu National Park full day tour

- **Morning:** After an early breakfast leave to Wilpattu National Park which is about a 30 minutes drive from the hotel.

Sri Lanka's largest national park, spans an impressive 1317 square kilometers. It is a haven for elusive leopards, sloth bears, elephants, nearly 150 varieties of birds, and numerous other animals, making Wilpattu National Park an ideal destination for wildlife enthusiasts eager to experience Sri Lanka's rich biodiversity.

What sets Wilpattu National Park apart is its denser forest cover compared to other national parks in Sri Lanka. The landscape of Wilpattu National Park features dry zone forests and thorny scrub, interspersed with expansive open plains, sand dunes, and the distinctive Villu wetlands. Wilpattu National Park has gained a reputation as one of the premier locations for spotting leopards in Sri Lanka.



Overnight in Anuradhapura

Day 9: Return to Colombo

- **Morning:** Transfer from Anuradhapura to Colombo (Approx. 4 hours drive, 200 km).
- **Afternoon:** Depending on your flight time, you can do some last-minute shopping or sightseeing in Colombo.
- **Departure:** Catch your flight from Colombo's international airport.

Overnight accommodation in Colombo could be arranged if required with an additional cost.

Travel Tips:

- **Transport:** Private luxury bus depending on the number of pax will be used to travel between destinations.

- **Hotels:** All selected hotels are 5 star or similar with all facilities
- **Clothing:** Light, comfortable clothing for the day; carry a hat and sunscreen for protection against the sun.
- **Health:** Keep mosquito repellent and any necessary medications with you, especially for the rural areas.