



SRI LANKA

MEET 3 GIANTS (ELEPHANTS, LEOPARDS AND WHALES)

(TOUR CODE: 13740)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Colombo

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Jan 24 - 30 Jun 24

EXPERIENCE

Wildlife

TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

Explore Sri Lanka's diverse landscapes, wildlife, culture, and coastal beauty in this immersive 9-day journey.

Highlights

- Visit **Negombo city** including a fish market and Dutch and colonial buildings
- Enjoy a **village Tour** with village lunch & boat ride experience in Habarana
- Explore **Minneriya National Park** with a Jeep Safari
- Enjoy a Whale Watching Tour with **Sail Lanka**
- Visit at **Yala National Park** and enjoy a jeep safari

Embark on a captivating 9-day holiday through the heart of Sri Lanka, immersing yourself in the myriad wonders that define this enchanting island nation. Traverse its diverse landscapes, from the historic charm of Negombo to the wildlife-rich expanses of Habarana and Yala, and finally, the serene coastal haven of Mirissa. Each day unfolds a new chapter, blending cultural richness, untamed wilderness, and the soothing embrace of the Indian Ocean.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Negombo
- 3 nights in Habarana
- 2 nights in Yala
- 2 nights in Mirissa
- Private transfers with English speaking Chauffeur guide
- Breakfast and Dinners as per itinerary
- A full day Safari at Yala National Park with Lunch inside the Park
- A Guided Bush Walk at Tribe Yala
- A village Tour with village lunch & boat ride experience
- A whale watching tour with Sail Lanka inclusive of breakfast and lunch
- Water bottles will be provided during the tour
- Special welcome on arrival with flower garlands
- Surprise Departure Souvenir

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Airport Negombo

Arrival in Sri Lanka / Meet & Greet at the airport where you will meet your private guide. You will then proceed to Negombo in your private car (approximately 30 minutes travel time).

Explore the charm of **Negombo** with an afternoon visit to its fishing village and historical Dutch buildings. Negombo, a renowned fishing village on Sri Lanka's west coast, boasts picturesque landscapes, vibrant fish markets, and cultural richness. The village is nestled along a large lagoon interconnected with canals, offering a unique setting. Fishing is the main livelihood, providing a glimpse into traditional activities like colorful boats and net casting. Immerse yourself in Negombo's cultural heritage, featuring old Dutch buildings.

Spend the rest of the day at your own leisure.

Overnight stay in Negombo at **Uga Riva** in a Deluxe Room.



BEACH IN NEGOMBO

Day **2**

Negombo Habarana

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Today, you will travel for approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes and head to Habarana. Spend the afternoon at your own leisure.

Overnight stay in Habarana at **Wild Grass Nature Resort** in a Deluxe Villa.

Breakfast, Dinner



HABARANA

Day **3**

Habarana Minneriya Habarana

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

You will proceed to **Minneriya**. Take a **jeep safari at Minneriya national park** which covers 8,890 hectares and consists of a mixed forest of evergreen shrubs, a favourite habitat for animals, which include leopards, deer and wild

elephants. During the dry season from June to September, this is a fantastic place to watch herds of elephants come to graze and bathe. You can also see huge flocks of birds, including cormorants and painted storks that come to fish in the shallow waters.

Return to the resort and spend the evening at leisure.

Overnight stay in Habarana at **Wild Grass Nature Resort** in a Deluxe Villa.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 4

Habarana Hiriwadunna Habarana

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Enjoy a Village tour with village lunch & boat ride experience which takes approximately 3 hours.

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.

Return to the resort and spend the evening at leisure.

Overnight stay in Habarana at **Wild Grass Nature Resort** in a Deluxe Villa.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



VILLAGE LUNCH

Day 5

Habanara Yala

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

Today, you'll head to **Yala** (approximately 6 hours travel time). Spend the day at your own leisure.

Overnight stay in Yala at **Tribe Yala** in a Deluxe Tent.

Breakfast, Dinner



YALA

Day 6

Yala

Today, you'll take a Morning Jeep Safari at **Yala National Park** with packed breakfast.

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 stay in Yala at **Tribe Yala** in a Deluxe Tent.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 7 Yala Mirissa

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

You'll then proceed to Mirissa, which is approximately 2 hours. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Mirissa at **Vis Ta Vie Mirissa** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8 Mirissa

Enjoy a comprehensive **Whale Watching Tour with Sail Lanka** from 6:30 am to 1:30 pm, spanning approximately 7 hours. The tour includes welcome drinks, breakfast, lunch, whale and dolphin watching, swimming, stand-up paddleboarding, and tea/coffee.

Return to the hotel afterward for relaxation. Later in the evening, explore **Coconut Hill Spot** and **Parrot Rock Bridge**. Finally, return to the hotel to spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Mirissa stands out as a premier whale watching destination in Sri Lanka, offering sightings of blue whales, sperm whales, humpback whales, and dolphins in the waters off its coast. Tours typically operate from Mirissa Harbor, mainly from November to April.

Overnight stay in Mirissa at **Vis Ta Vie Mirissa** in a Deluxe Room.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 Mirissa Airport

Enjoy breakfast at the resort.

You will then be transferred at the airport for departure.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Uga Riva

Negombo

This 180-year-old manor seamlessly combines historic charm with modern luxuries, promising a unique and lavish experience. Indulge in inventive fusion cuisine and authentic Sri Lankan delicacies crafted from top-notch local ingredients. Its nearness to Colombo's Bandaranaike International Airport makes it a convenient and opulent first or last destination for your Sri Lankan trip. Set amidst a serene five-acre coconut palm estate, Riva offers a secluded and peaceful environment, perfect for unwinding and relaxation.



Wild Grass Nature Resort

Habarana

Situated in Sri Lanka's cultural triangle near Sigiriya Rock and Dambulla Cave Temple, our private villas offer seclusion within untouched forestry. Over 25 acres of natural beauty await your discovery.



Tribe Yala

Yala

Discover a haven of natural splendor nestled within Yala's forests. Visit Yala National Park, renowned for its remarkable leopard population, offering a glimpse of these elusive cats. Explore Sri Lanka's diverse wildlife, stunning southern coast, and myriad attractions, promising an abundance of choices for an unforgettable vacation.



Vis Ta Vie Mirissa

Mirissa

Experience the allure of Mirissa at Vis ta Vie, a luxurious boutique haven. Our boutique hotel boasts five opulent chambers, a lavish suite, and spacious balconies, inviting you to relax and unwind. Enjoy a perfect balance of home-like comforts and gourmet delights for an exceptional stay.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
Sinhala and Tamil

LOCAL CURRENCY
Sri Lanka Rupee (Rs)

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package