



Leopard in Sri Lanka



SRI LANKA

MEET 3 GIANTS: SRI LANKA'S GREAT WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER

(TOUR CODE: 13740)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Australia

TRAVEL PERIODS

until October 2026

EXPERIENCE

Wildlife

TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

An unforgettable wildlife journey featuring Sri Lanka's most iconic animals: elephants, leopards, and whales. Carefully routed to maximise sightings across national parks and coastal waters

Highlights

- **Elephant Gathering at Minneriya** – One of Asia's most spectacular wildlife experiences
- **Leopard Tracking in Yala** – Jeep safaris in Sri Lanka's most famous national park
- **Whale Watching in Mirissa** – Seasonal ocean encounters off the southern coast
- **Wildlife Focused Routing** – Habarana, Yala and Mirissa chosen specifically for animal sightings
- **Short, Impactful Itinerary** – Perfect for wildlife lovers with limited travel time

Entire Bonus

This holiday package is carefully designed by our team to give you complete Peace of Mind, with access to trusted local partners and expert support at your destination.

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.

INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy Class Flights with Sri Lankan Airlines ex Sydney/Melbourne
- 1 night in Negombo at Uga Riva in a Deluxe Room - ★★★★★
- 3 nights in Habarana at Roo Mansala in an Apsaras Retreat Superior Room - ★★★★★
- 2 nights in Yala at Makini Bush Camp in a Deluxe Tent - ★★★★★
- 2 nights in Mirissa at Vis Ta Vie in a Deluxe Room - ★★★★★
- Private transfers with English speaking Chauffeur guide
- Breakfast and Dinners at the hotel as per the itinerary
- 2x 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 inclusive of breakfast
- Special welcome on arrival with flower garlands
- Special Spa Ceylon Wellness gift pack
- Water bottles will be provided during the tour

ITINERARY

Day

1

Airport Negombo

Upon arrival in Sri Lanka, you'll be greeted at the airport by your private guide. From there, a private car will take you to **Negombo**, a major city on the west coast, just about 30 minutes away.

Negombo's appeal lies in its convenient location near the Bandaranaike International Airport, making it a favored spot for travelers. The city boasts long beaches bordered by resorts, hotels, and seafood restaurants, catering to beach enthusiasts. Don't miss the vibrant Negombo Fish Market, where the lively exchange of fresh seafood takes place.

After checking in, the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure.

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 **Roo Mansala** in an Apsaras Retreat Superior Room.

Breakfast, Dinner



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 **Roo Mansala** in an Apsaras Retreat Superior Room.

Breakfast, Dinner



MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK

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 **Roo Mansala** in an Apsaras Retreat Superior Room.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



VILLAGE LUNCH

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 **Makini Bush Camp** in a Deluxe Tent.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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 **Makini Bush Camp** in a Deluxe Tent.

Breakfast, Lunch, 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

Day **8**

Mirissa

Enjoy a comprehensive **Whale Watching Tour with Sail Lanka**.

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.

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

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

Breakfast

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.



Roo Mansala

Habarana

Roo Mansala sits at the heart of Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle, just 1 km from Sigiriya Rock Fortress and Pidurangala. Its central location offers easy access to major heritage sites, including the Dambulla Cave Temple (20 minutes), Kandy (2 hours), and the ancient cities of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa (under 2 hours).

For wildlife enthusiasts, Habarana and Minneriya National Park are also nearby, offering the chance to witness Sri Lanka's elephants in their natural habitat.



Makini Bush Camp

Makini Bushcamp

Makini Bushcamp is located on the border of the Yala National Park buffer zone, near the Maliththan Pelessa Wewa, a well-known hotspot for elephants. Due to its proximity to the park, reaching the camp requires a vehicle capable of navigating relatively rough terrain. Visitors park their vehicles in a designated safe area and are then transported to the camp premises, approximately 2.5 kilometers away, by a 4-wheel drive vehicle. The road to the campsite is naturally paved with sticks collected from the forest, and all footpaths within the camp are similarly constructed. This method helps preserve the natural surroundings and encourages wildlife to roam freely in their natural habitat.



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)

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to [Pricing & Price Conditions](#) for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.