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## Wildlife of Sri Lanka



Leopard in Yala National Park

### DAY 1 – Depart UK.

### DAY 2 - Arrive Colombo. By road to Negombo.

On arrival in Colombo you will be met by a representative of World Discovery outside immigration and customs. You will then be taken by private car direct to your hotel in Negombo on the shores of the Indian Ocean. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 3 - Sinharaja Rainforest.

In the early morning set off for a drive to the Sinharaja Rainforest, located in the southwest lowland wet zone of Sri Lanka. The Reserve was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988; 60% of the trees are endemic and there are 21 endemic bird species and a number of rare insects, reptiles and amphibians. You will have the memorable opportunity to observe wildlife whilst trekking through this amazing rainforest, parts of which are still untouched virgin forest. In the afternoon you can relax around the hotel garden or enjoy a nature trail with the hotel naturalist.

**Meals included: Full breakfast.**

### DAY 4 – Sinharaja Rainforest.

A day to further explore the rainforest and to relax at the hotel.

**Meals included: Full breakfast.**

## DAY 5 – Udawalawe National Park.

Today you will be driven to Udawalawe National Park, famed for its healthy population of elephants; they are frequently seen in herds of up to 300, gathered mainly around the edges of the lakes. Birdlife is also prolific, and residents include stork-billed and common kingfishers, egrets, herons, white-necked storks, black-headed ibis and painted storks. Among the mammals likely to be seen are endemic toque monkey, Hanuman langur, spotted deer, wild pig, black-napped hare, ruddy mongoose and sambar. Rarely seen mammals include the stripe-necked mongoose, muntjac, pangolin, giant flying squirrel, jungle cat, porcupine and nocturnal slender loris. There are leopards in the park but they are rarely seen. Enjoy the unique experience of camping in the National Park, your candlelit dinner prepared by your very own personal chef.

**Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner.**

## DAY 6 - Udawalawe National Park.

Another day in the park, including the opportunity to take an evening 4 wheel-drive jeep safari with a naturalist guide.

**Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner.**

## DAYS 7 AND 8 - Yala National Park.

Your next destination, Yala National Park, Sri Lanka's premier wildlife destination, is the best place in the country to see leopard, although this is not guaranteed. You will also witness crocodiles basking in the sun, herds of spotted deer, sloth bears, porcupines, buffaloes, macaque monkeys and many more species of mammals. Enjoy morning and evening jeep safaris in the park, experiencing a wide variety of habitats including scrub jungle, water tanks, brackish lagoons and rivers.

**Meals included: Full breakfast each day.**

## DAYS 9 AND 10 - Galle.

Morning drive to the city of Galle on the south west coast of Sri Lanka. Your hotel is located on a lovely stretch of beach just outside the city. You have 2 days to relax in this delightful spot. Galle has always been one of Sri Lanka's most historic cities, the gateway to the sandy coves of the south. Galle is also home to the magnificent 300 year old fort, like Kandy a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is the largest and best preserved colonial sea fortress in Asia, constructed during the Dutch occupation in the 17th century. From December to April there is the possibility of spending a morning **whale-watching**, with excellent chances of seeing both blue whales and sperm whales.

**Meals included: Full breakfast each day.**

## DAY 11 – Depart for home.

Drive along the western coast of Sri Lanka to Colombo Airport (approximately 4 hours) for your homeward flight.

**Meals included: Full breakfast.**