



SWAROVSKI SRI LANKA

BIRDING WILDLIFE, HILL COUNTRY AND CULTURE

STAY OF SRI LANKA - 10 NIGHTS / 11 DAYS



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Welcome to Sri Lanka

The tear drop shaped island of Sri Lanka lies in the Indian Ocean just off the southern tip of India. With its golden sandy beaches, azure blue waters and warm tropical climate, Sri Lanka is a year-round destination for holidaymakers seeking sun, sand and sea.

The island has a rich cultural heritage that dates back over 2,000 years which is linked to the origins of Buddhism in the country with magnificently constructed stupas and the ruins of ancient kingdoms. Controlled from the 16th century onwards by the Portuguese, Dutch and finally the British prior to gaining full independence in 1948, the influences of colonial powers remain visible in architecture and a number of forts across the country.

Sri Lanka is recognised as a global biodiversity hotspot with a rich variety of endemic flora and fauna, and incredibly for a small island, can boast of large iconic animals such as the Asian elephant, leopard and the largest animal to have inhabited our planet, the blue whale. From palm fringed beaches to scrub jungles and numerous man-made lakes in the lowlands to tropical rainforests, cloud forests and highlands laden with waterfalls at its centre, this resplendent isle is abundant in natural beauty.

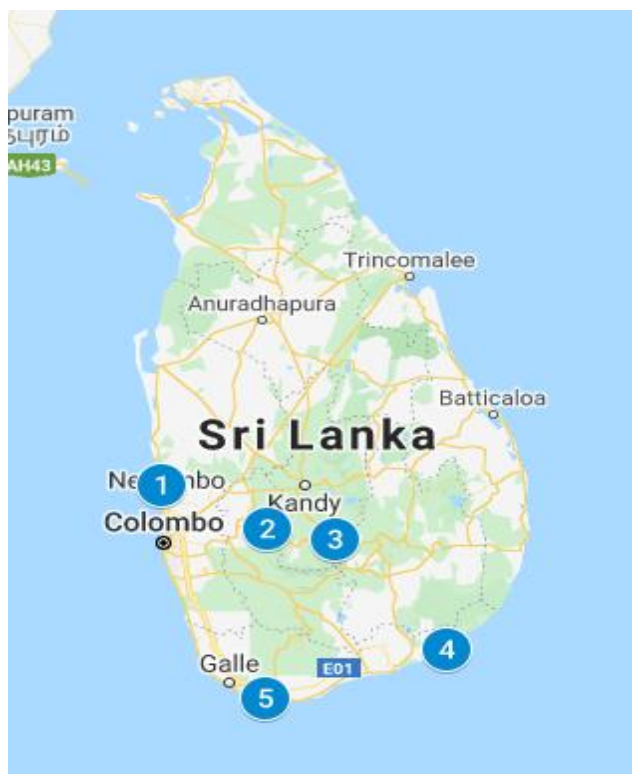
Highlights of the Itinerary:

- Boat ride at the Dutch Canal off Waikal through the mangroves to watch a variety of waterbirds
- Birding around Kithulgala and the nearby Kelani Valley Forest Reserve in search of lowland endemics
- A visit to Horton Plains National Park for primates, deer, highland bird species and endemic lizards.
- Wildlife viewing from jeeps, and birding for dry-zone species and winter migrants at Yala and Bundala national parks.
- Top House Cinnamon Experience



At a glance

Sri Lanka



10 nights / 11 days

1 - Wattura Resort , Waikkal, (Day 1,2)

2 - Moksha Resort - Kitulgala (Day 3,4)

3 - The Oliphant - Nuwara Eliya (Day 5,6)

4 - Wild Coast Tented Lodge, Yala (Day 7,8)

5 - Cape Weligama - Weligama (Day 9,10)

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DATE	SERVICE	ACCOMMODATION
Day 1 - 19 Feb	Arrive at Colombo's Bandaranayake International Airport, Katunayake	
	Met on arrival and transferred to Waikkal (approximately 1 hour drive)	
	Arrive in Waikkal and check-in to Wattura Resort and Spa	
	Lunch at Wattura Resort and Spa, Waikkal	
	Overnight at Wattura Resort and Spa - 02 nights https://www.watturaresortandspa.com/	Suite - FB
Day 2 - 20 Feb	Early morning and late afternoon boat ride at the Dutch canal behind Waikkal through the mangroves to watch a variety of woodland and water birds	
	Spouses can visit the nearby coastal town of Negombo with its Portuguese, Dutch and British heritage.	
	Lunch at Wattura Resort and Spa, Waikkal	

	Overnight at Wattura Resort and Spa	Suite - FB
Day 3 -21 Feb	After breakfast at Wattura Resort and Spa, leave for Kitulgala (approximately 3 hours' drive) with birding stops en route.	
	Arrive in Kitulgala and check-in to Moksha Resort	
	Lunch at Moksha Resort, Kitulgala	
	Late afternoon birding at the Kelani Valley Forest Reserve (access to the reserve is via a river crossing on a dug-out canoe) for lowland endemics	
	Overnight at Moksha Resort, Kitulgala - 02 nights https://www.moksha.hotel.lk/	Deluxe - FB
Day 4 - 22 Feb	Early morning and late afternoon birding around Kitulgala and the nearby Kelani valley forest reserve in search of lowland endemics. Morning rafting on the Kelani river for those not birding.	
	Lunch at Moksha Resort, Kitulgala	
	Overnight at Moksha Resort, Kitulgala	Deluxe - FB
Day 5 -23 Feb	Morning after breakfast at Moksha Resort, leave for Nuwara Eliya (approximately 3 hours' drive) with birding stops en route.	
	Lunch at the hotel or at a local restaurant	
	Arrive in Nuwara Eliya and check-in to The Oliphant Bungalow	
	Afternoon, birding in Victoria Park for highland species and endemics Non birders can go on a private tour of a nearby tea estate and factory.	
	Overnight at The Oliphant Bungalow, Nuwara Eliya - 02 Nights https://www.amayaresorts.com/theoliphant/	Luxury Room - FB
Day 6 -24 Feb	Early morning, make a pre-dawn start with a packed breakfast to visit Horton Plains National Park for primates, deer, highland bird species and endemics.	
	Lunch at the Oliphant Bungalow	
	Afternoon walking in Hakgala Botanical Gardens for endemic primates and highland species. And afternoon exploration of the colonial town, a round of golf or an afternoon hike overlooking the town are all options.	
	Overnight at The Oliphant Bungalow, Nuwara Eliya	Luxury Room - FB
Day 7 -25 Feb	Morning after breakfast at Oliphant Bungalow, proceed to Yala (approximately 4½ hours' drive) with birding stops en route.	

	Arrive in Yala and Check in to Wild Coast Tented Lodge in time for a late lunch	
	Overnight at Wild Coast Tented Lodge, Yala - 2 nights https://www.resplendentceylon.com/wildcoastlodge-yala/	Cocoon Suite -AI
Day 8 - 26 Feb	Early morning and late afternoon wildlife viewing and birding in Yala National Park	
	Overnight at Wild Coast Tented Lodge, Yala	Cocoon Suite -AI
Day 9 - 27 Feb	After breakfast head to Weligama (approximately 2 ½ hour drive) with a birding stop at Bundala National Park (2 hours) en route.	
	Arrive in Weligama and visit Top House which is a working Cinnamon Plantation and learn the whole process followed by a delicious lunch with the owner.	
	Afterwards check in to Cape Weligama Resort, Weligama	
	Spend rest of the day at leisure	
	Overnight at Cape Weligama Resort, Weligama - 2 nights https://www.resplendentceylon.com/capeweligama/	Master Suite - BB
Day 10 -28 Feb	Early morning go on a private whale watching from Mirissa harbour (approximately 4 hour experience - Depends on sightings)	
	Afterwards proceed to Galle and explore old Dutch Fort in Galle. (approximately. 1 hour drive)	
	En route witness stilt fisherman in the area	
	Overnight at Cape Weligama Resort, Weligama	Master Suite - BB
Day 11- 1 Mar	Transfer from Hotel to Bandaranaike International Airport for your departure flight (approximately. 2 ½ hour drive). We recommend you at the airport at least 3 hours prior to the departure flight	
	** END OF SERVICE**	

GLOSSARY

Sri Lanka

BB = Bed and breakfast

HB = Room + Breakfast + dinner

FB = Full Board basis (please check itinerary for specific includes and excludes per property)

AI = Inclusive of all meals, drinks, and activities (please check itinerary for specific details per property)

ENTRY/VISA REQUIREMENTS

- As for all international travel, the visitor to Sri Lanka is required to be in possession of a valid passport and visa. Travellers from all countries need a visa.
- We highly recommend you to apply for online visas (US\$ 35 for Tourist Visa) to avoid unnecessary delays in trying to obtain Visa on arrival, which can take an hour or so of waiting in line. SAARC Nationals pay US\$ 20 online, and US\$ 25 if applying on arrival. Please [click here](#) to apply online.
- A valid passport not less than 6 months, a confirmed return or onward air ticket and sufficient funds for the stay are the entry requirements to the country. If obtaining a visa on arrival, please pay by cash (US\$ 40 for Tourist Visa) since

payment by credit cards can take longer to process. You must carry a passport-sized photograph if obtaining a visa on arrival.

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- **SATELLITE PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SRI LANKA**

Expect the extraordinary

Day 1 - 19th February 2023 - Airport - Waikkal

Arrive at Colombo's Bandaranayake International Airport, Katunayake

Met on arrival and transferred to Waikkal (approximately 1 hour drive)

Arrive in Waikkal and check-in to Wattura Resort and Spa

Wattura Resort and Spa, Waikkal

Wattura Resort & Spa is a tranquil escape set on a seductive swathe of sand, tucked away between the Waikkal Beach and Gin Oya Estuary. The sublime architecture of this luxury boutique resort blends water elements throughout the property, creating an immersive water-themed experience.

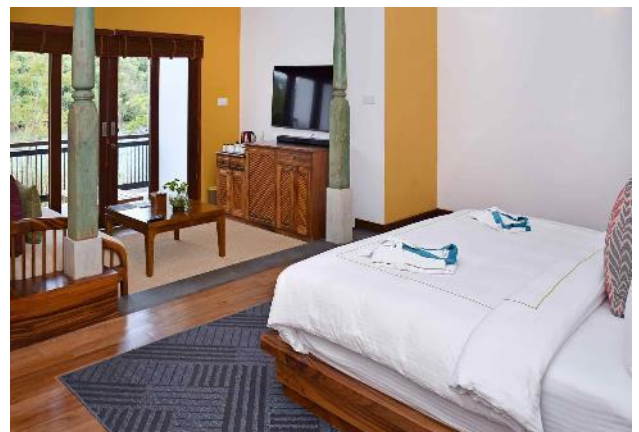
Lunch at Wattura Resort and Spa, Waikkal

Later in the afternoon :

- **Birders** - Observe pelagic birds and shore birds

A limited number of terns and gulls will be seen with White-bellied sea-eagles, and brahminy kites

- **Spouses** - Stay at leisure



Spend 2 nights at Wattura Resort and Spa, Waikkal in a Suite on full board basis



Day 2 - 20th February 2023 - Waikkal

Birders - Early morning and late afternoon boat ride at the Dutch canal off Waikkal through the mangroves to watch a variety of water birds

Explore the Gin Oya (river) and part of a 18th century Dutch canal lined with patches of mangrove (there are at least ten species in the area) , riparian grasses, some old trees overhanging the water with nest holes, and patches of farmland. A variety of water birds including grey heron, purple heron, four species of kingfisher; white-throated kingfisher, common kingfisher, stork-billed and pied kingfisher, purple swamphen, black bittern, yellow bittern, Indian pond heron, lesser cormorant, Indian darter are often seen. Migrant species seen here include rosy starling, blue-tailed bee-eater, barn swallows and the Indian paradise flycatcher. Endemics including the Ceylon swallow and the crimson-fronted barbet.

Spouses - Proceed to Negombo and explore the vibrant Negombo fish market and old Dutch Fort. Lunch in Negombo will be included.



Negombo

Negombo is a bustling beach town located at the mouth of the Negombo Lagoon, 16 km to the south. This resort town offers its visitors the finest seafood restaurants and the liveliest places for entertainment along the coast. During the colonial era, the Portuguese converted many of the local Karavas, (Tamil and Sinhalese fishermen) to Catholicism. As a result, the area remains a stronghold of Christians with many churches and Catholic shrines. The Dutch built a canal to transport cinnamon and other spices from inland to the coast. Today, tourism has become the major source of income in Negombo. It is also home to one of the largest fish markets in the country.

Negombo Fish Market

The fish market in the bustling beach town of Negombo is teeming with activities from early morning. This is the main fish market of Negombo where fishermen haul in their catch for auctioning. In the mornings it is usually filled with a frenzy of activity with quick bargains and negotiations between buyers and sellers. While the fish market has plenty of fresh tuna, shark and seer from the Indian Ocean, it also has some of the island's finest jumbo prawns, mud crabs, ribbon fish lobsters as well as squid on sale. This highly active and vibrant fish market is closed on Sundays when the city's predominantly Catholic population heads to church.

The Negombo Fort.

The ruins of the old Dutch fort are located near the Negombo lagoon mouth. It was initially built as a trading post with fortification by the Portuguese. According to the historical records, the original rampart has been destroyed by the Dutch and restored in 1672. The original fort has had been protected by a dry moat around it with a drawbridge to access it. The British demolished it in the late nineteenth century and used its stones to build a prison. The visible remains of the fort are a part of the eastern wall with the main gate inscribed with the date 1678.

Lunch at Wattura Resort and Spa, Waikkal

Overnight at Wattura Resort and Spa





Day 3 - 21st February 2023 - Waikkal - Kitulgala

After breakfast at Wattura Resort and Spa, leave for Kitulgala (approximately 3 hours' drive). There will be opportunistic birding spots en route.

Arrive in Kitulgala and check-in to Moksha Resort

Lunch at Moksha Resort, Kitulgala

Moksha Resort, Kitulgala

True to the moniker Moksha, this luxurious boutique hotel - complete with 8 five-star class private rooms, restaurant, bar, pool, mini-badminton court and pool bar - is nestled in 5 acres of private woodlands to offer you a quiet and peaceful retreat. Moksha understand the positive impact nature has on one's health and wellbeing and have a carefully curated space where one can rest and recuperate, embraced by the gentle arms of Mother Nature. Moksha is home to nature's wonders if you look close enough - From Crested Serpent Eagles, Brahminy Kites and Crested Hawk Eagles scouting their day's prey from the skies to Asian Giant Squirrels feeding their young with Jack Fruit growing around the property. From a host of endemic fish including the critically endangered Asoka Barbs that make our neighbouring "Liyan Oya" rivulet their home, to a host of rare trees such as the Ebony, Nedun, Kitul and Hora trees that make up our property, we are a delight for all nature lovers.

Birders - afternoon birding at the Kelani Valley Forest Reserve (Access to the reserve is via a river crossing on a dug-out canoe) for lowland endemics



The Kelani Valley Forest Reserve in Kitulgala was established to protect the watershed of the Kelani River and is home to many of Sri Lanka's endemic birds and amphibians. Access to the reserve is via a river crossing on a dug-out canoe. The endemics seen here include Sri Lanka hanging parrot, Layard's parakeet, green-billed coucal, chestnut-backed owl, orange-billed babbler, spot-winged thrush and sub continental endemics such as the Malabar trogon and Sri Lanka frogmouth. It is also one of the few locations where the elusive Serendib scops owl may be seen.

Spouses - Stay at leisure or explore the resort surroundings

Spend 2 nights at Moksha Resort, Kitulgala in a Deluxe Room on full board basis



Day 4 - 22nd February 2023 -Kitulgala

Birders - Early morning and late afternoon birding around Kitulgala and the nearby Kelani valley forest reserve in search of lowland endemics

Target birds here include Sri Lanka hanging parrot, Layard's parakeet, green-billed coucal, chestnut-backed owl, orange-billed babbler, spot-winged thrush and sub continental endemics such as the Malabar trogon and Sri Lanka frogmouth. It is also one of the few locations where the elusive Serendib scops owl may be seen.



Spouses - After breakfast go on a white water rafting session on Kelani river. This is the spot David Lean's Oscar winning Bridge on the River Kwai was filmed (1957).

Seven high quality, class II and III rapids and temperate waters make the Kelani a premier introduction to the sport of white-water or an exciting choice for experienced rafters. The river hosts rapids between grades 2 and 3, with the rafting stretch approximately 6.5 km in length, and taking between 45 minutes to 1.5 hours to complete, depending on water levels. With the Kelani's special "Killer Fall" and "Butter Crunch" rapids, rafters are guaranteed a challenge, but are also offered a chance to relax, with small calm stretches allowing a refreshing swim in the river to unwind. There are no "bad" times to raft. The river is dam controlled. Participants will wear life jackets and helmets for safety and will be guided by an expert team.



Lunch at Moksha Resort, Kitulgala

Spouses - After lunch optional visits to nearby archaeological sites such as the Belilena caves dating to c.26,500 BCE

Or relax at the resort

Overnight at Moksha Resort, Kitulgala



Day 5 - 23rd February 2023 -Kitulgala - Nuwara Eliya

Morning after breakfast at Moksha Resort, leave for Nuwara Eliya (approximately 3 hours' drive). There will be opportunistic birding spots en route.

Arrive in Nuwara Eliya and check-in to The Oliphant Bungalow

The Oliphant Bungalow, Nuwara Eliya

Spectacularly placed within tea gardens and mountains, The Oliphant Nuwara Eliya details the impressive features of a rustic English bungalow whilst catering to the needs the modern travellers. Nestled in Sri Lanka's highest elevated village, Shanthipura, the bungalow is your home in the countryside.

Lunch at Oliphant Bungalow

After lunch :



Birders - Afternoon, birding in Victoria Park for highland species and endemics

Birding around Victoria Park in search for highland species such as yellow-eared bulbul, Sri Lanka white-eye, velvet nuthatch, pied thrush. Migratory species such as Indian pita, Kashmir flycatcher and forest wagtail are also seen here during the winter months.

Spouses - Visit to the Nuwara Eliya town and explore the area

Nuwara Eliya is locally nicknamed as little England due to its cooler weather and its history for producing tea since colonial times. The views across Nuwara Eliya are quite breathtaking and it is a charming place to explore.

Spend 2 nights at The Oliphant Bungalow, Nuwara Eliya in a Luxury Room on full board basis

Day 6 - 24th February 2023 - Nuwara Eliya

Both Birders and Spouses - Early morning, make a pre-dawn start with a packed breakfast to visit Horton Plains National Park for primates, deer, highland bird species and endemics.

Horton Plains National Park

Horton Plains is Sri Lanka's highest elevated national park lying approximately 2,200 m (7,000 ft) above sea level and comprises of cloud forests and open grassland. Make an early morning start with a packed breakfast to Horton Plains National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and take a guided walk along the nature trails to a viewpoint known as World's End with spectacular views of the surrounding countryside. On the walk back you can stop over to see the impressive Baker's Falls in full flow. Sambar, Sri Lanka's largest species of deer are encountered regularly in the plains close to the entrance while the shaggy coated bear monkey (the montane race of the purple-faced leaf monkey) is occasionally seen within the forested areas.

Birding in Horton Plains



A variety of wildlife including endemic rhino-horned and hump-nosed lizards, highland bird species including the Sri Lanka white-eye, dull-blue flycatcher and yellow-eared bulbul are found here and can be seen close to the entrance. Black eagles and Himalayan buzzards are also seen. Horton Plains is one of the few known locations where elusive highland endemics such as the 'arrenga' or Sri Lanka whistling thrush and Sri Lanka bush warbler can be observed.

Lunch at the Oliphant Bungalow

Birders - Afternoon walking in Hakgala Botanical Gardens for endemic primates and highland species, including another chance for the Sri Lanka whistling thrush.

Hakgala Botanical Gardens

Start the tour with your naturalist guide at Hakgala botanical gardens, which was originally established for the purpose of cultivating Cinchona (quinine) in 1884. The name comes from a legend which says that Hanuman, god of the monkey, was sent to the Himalayas for a specific herb. He forgot what herb he wanted and decided to take a piece of the Himalayas back in his jaw, hoping that the herb will grow thereon. The gardens grow atop a mountain called Hakgala, which means "jaw rock". In the present day, thousands of flora varieties, including various orchids and roses, are planted here. With your naturalist guide you can look for wildlife such as coated shaggy bear' monkey and abundant highland avian endemics such as rufous-bellied eagle, pied thrush, large-billed leaf warbler, velvet-fronted nuthatch, various flycatchers, woodpecker's and the Sri Lanka wood pigeon.

Spouses -Take a guided tour at a nearby tea estate and factory to see how Ceylon Tea, regarded as the world's finest, is grown.

Tea Plantation and Factory

Sri Lanka is one of the world's largest exporters of tea with a history dating back to 1867 when it was first introduced to the country. The hill country is abundant with many tea plantations and factories along its picturesque countryside, which provides the ideal climate for high grown tea. Estate Tea Pluckers can be seen deftly plucking tea which they fill into large baskets carried on their backs. On the way, you will pass estate trucks, each embossed with their estate names, taking the freshly collected tea leaves to the factories for processing. Visiting a tea plantation and a Factory is a rewarding experience as you get to learn more about the process of making tea as well as some interesting bits of history on its introduction to the country

Learning about tea does not mean herding only into a tea factory. There is much to touch on the ground as well. Starting from the bud, the workers, the rich history, tea culture and tasting is part and parcel as



your expert will guide you through these interesting avenues with an unmatched zeal.

Overnight at The Oliphant Bungalow, Nuwara Eliya



Day 7 - 25th February 2023 - Nuwara Eliya - Yala

After an early breakfast at Oliphant Bungalow, proceed to Yala (approximately 4 ½ hours' drive). There will be opportunistic birding spots en route.

Garganey, lesser whistling-duck, pygmy goose, swamphens, moorhen, pheasant-tailed jacanas and kingfishers should be seen at roadside waterbodies.

Arrive in Yala and check in to Wild Coast Tented Lodge in time for a late lunch

Wild Coast, Yala:

Wild Coast is a luxurious tented lodge sits on a deserted beach on the edge of Yala National Park, the leopard hot spot in south eastern Sri Lanka. 28 vaulted “Cocoon” tents offer the comfort of a luxury hotel with the excitement of a safari-style wilderness experience. The air-conditioned Cocoons measure a generous 55m² and are furnished to the highest specification. They are dotted around five watering holes designed to attract a variety of birdlife and amphibians, which can be viewed from each Cocoon’s outdoor viewing deck.

A bamboo-clad bar and restaurant serves creative daily changing menus, whilst a delicious “picnic tea” forms part of the safari drive experience. The lodge boasts a Sanctuary Spa offering a range of natural treatments developed in-house. The library doubles up as an educational centre where guests learn about the wildlife in the park and watch documentaries, further explained by the lodge’s expert guides.



Both Birders and Spouses - Afterwards enjoy an exhilarating afternoon park drive traversing through the scrubby brush, vast grassland, dense woodland and sparkling lakes.

Wild Coast Lodge Park Drive

Surrounding Wild Coast Lodge is a range of habitats ranging from shrub jungle, plains, wetlands and riverine forests that offer a rich array of biodiversity as well as geological variations. The park drives are guided by rangers who interpret all aspects of our wilderness, paying attention to the entire spectrum of nature from the tiniest critters, plant species, birds, reptiles and amphibians, to the larger, and charismatic animals such as elephants, bear, and leopards.

Later enjoy delicious, authentic Sri Lankan cuisine in the Dining Pavilion, and sip colourful cocktails in the Ten Tuskers bar

Spend two nights at Wild Coast Tented Lodge, Yala in a Cocoon Suite and your stay is on All Inclusive Basis



Day 8 - 26th February 2023 - Yala

Birders -Early morning and late afternoon wildlife viewing and birding in Yala National Park

Yala National Park

Yala National Park is located in the south-east corner of Sri Lanka and is the most popular destination for wildlife viewing. Leopards are the star attraction at Yala and Block I is believed to have one of the highest concentrations of these big cats in the world. Leopards however are elusive by nature and we recommend a minimum of three to four game drives to have the best opportunities for good encounters. Asian elephant, sloth bear, jackal, sambar, spotted deer, buffalo, wild boar and the grey langur are among the other larger mammals that may be seen.

Yala is also an excellent birding destination with close to 300 avian species recorded; Indian peafowl and Sri Lanka jungle fowl, changeable hawk eagle, painted stork, Malabar-pied hornbills, chestnut, green and blue-tailed bee-eaters are among the species seen regularly in Yala. The varied landscapes from lagoons, beaches to rocky outcrops



immersed among the scrub jungle are a fascinating backdrop as you search out the park's wildlife.

Spouses - Option to visit to 12th to 14th century Buddhist sites around Thissamaharama area or spend the day at leisure and indulge in a glorious spa treatment with oils and scrubs that are created by Ceylon Tea and Ceylon cinnamon - Spa cost not included.

Overnight at Wild Coast Tented Lodge, Yala



Day 9 - 27th February 2023 - Yala - Weligama

Both Birders and Spouses - Early morning wildlife viewing from jeeps and birding for wetland species and winter migrants at Bundala National Park (approximately 1 hour drive)

Bundala National Park.

Bundala is Sri Lanka's first RAMSAR declared wetland comprising of brackish lagoons, salt pans and scrub jungle and is a popular destination for birders. Bundala is best visited in the winter months from December - February when migrants including caspian plover, red-necked phalarope, terek sandpiper, northern pintail, garganey, glossy ibis maybe seen. A large number of water birds and resident dry-zone species such as little grebe, watercock, greater thicknee and yellow-wattled lapwing can be seen year-round at Bundala. Mugger crocodiles and the larger and rarer estuarine crocodile may both be observed in Bundala with larger concentrations seen in the drier months around June - September. Asian elephant are also encountered here throughout the year in small numbers.



After breakfast, head to Weligama, a gorgeous village-style environment gazing out to the pristine Indian Ocean (approximately 2 ½ hour drive)

Both Birders and Spouses - Arrive in Weligama and visit Top House which is a working Cinnamon Plantation and learn the whole process followed by a delicious lunch with the owner

Top House Exclusive Cinnamon Experience

Top House is a beautiful, working cinnamon estate of 25 acres, just inland from Weligama. The British owners have restored the plantation and now produce true Ceylon cinnamon, which grows on the steep slopes of a high hill. The main house is perched on the hilltop with spectacular views over the jungle to the north and the Indian Ocean to the south. The owners have also built an artisan distillery where they extract pure cinnamon leaf oil according to age-old techniques fine-tuned with modern technology where they offer a variety of tour options of the cinnamon plantation.

The tour covers the nursery, the plantation, the peeling hut and the oil distillery. It explains the history of Ceylon cinnamon as well as showing the planting, harvest, peeling and preparation of quills. They will also demonstrate cinnamon leaf bundling and the entire process of cinnamon oil extraction, as well as the surprising uses of this very special essential oil. The tour shows an eco-friendly and perfectly self-sustaining farming process, with every part of the plant used or recycled, and a completely natural and health-giving result.

Afterwards check in to Cape Weligama Resort, Weligama

The Cape Weligama, Weligama

Cape Weligama is a luxurious resort, home to a gorgeous collection of 40 free-standing villas and suites. Infinite 270-degree panoramas of the Indian Ocean and rugged coastline are celebrated from every curvaceous corner of this meticulously landscaped property, perched on a cliff top rising up to 36 meters (118.11 feet) above sea level.

There are two adjacent public beaches. West Beach is accessed via a specially built cliff staircase while East Beach is next to the Dive Centre, a 5-minute walk from the resort. A reef provides safe swimming conditions and with no large resorts nearby, the beaches are not busy. The Beach Club and Dive Centre is staffed by professionals and is the embarkation point for all land and water-based activities. Offering first-rate PADI dive courses and exciting dives, other activities include private cruises, big game fishing, seasonal whale and dolphin watching trips and banana boating.



Spend rest of the day at the hotel, view Weligama's iconic sunsets from the infinity pool that appears to flow seamlessly into the shimmering sea.



Spend 2 nights at Cape Weligama Resort, Weligama in a Master suite on bed and breakfast basis



Day 10 - 28th February 2023 - Weligama

Both Birders and Spouses - Early morning go on a private whale watching from Mirissa harbour (approximately 4 hour experience - duration depends on sightings)

Whale Watching, Mirissa:

Mirissa is regarded as the world's top location for watching blue whales with sightings occurring on most mornings during the season which spans from mid-November through to mid-April. The blue whales are resident to the Indian Ocean and live year-round in these waters and encounters of mother and calves, pairs of males and females are recorded every season. Pods of spinner dolphin are seen on some mornings while sperm whales are occasionally seen especially around December and again in March-April sometimes in super pods numbering over 30 individuals. Bryde's whale, orca, Risso's dolphin, bottlenose dolphin and striped dolphin are among the other species of cetaceans which are seen a few times each season.

Return to Cape Weligama for lunch



Both Birders and Spouses - Afterwards proceed to Galle and explore old Dutch Fort in Galle. (approximately. 1 hour drive)

Dutch Fort Galle:

Set off on a guided walking tour of the Galle Fort, which was built by the Dutch in 1663. The 36-hectare (89 acre) Fort occupies most of the promontory that forms the older part of Galle and consists of an amazing collection of structures and cultures dating back through the centuries. Take a leisurely stroll along the ramparts with its panoramic views at sunset. The once sleepy Galle Fort is now a vibrant and bustling area with a distinctively Mediterranean feel to it and is abuzz with activity. You can explore its narrow streets and laneways bustling with jewellery shops, numerous boutiques, cafes, and family homes.

Overnight at Cape Weligama Resort, Weligam



Day 11 - 1st March 2023 - Weligama - Departure

Transfer from Hotel to Bandaranaike International Airport for your departure flight (approximately. 2 ½ hour drive). We recommend you at the airport at least 3 hours prior to the departure flight

Optional Tour Extensions

Hotel Option 1 - Tintagel Colombo

Day 11 - 1st March 2023 - Weligama - Colombo

After breakfast at Cape Weligama proceed to Colombo (approximately 2 ½ hour drive)

Arrive in Colombo and check in to Tintagel, Colombo

Colombo:

Colombo is an open and attractive city with a fascinating mix of 19th and 20th century colonial buildings and more recent modern architecture. In the last few years, considerable renovation and restoration work has been undertaken in the capital. During your stay in Colombo we suggest driving through and visiting the Galle Face Green, Ganga Raama Temple Viharamahadevi Park and Independence Square.

Tintagel Colombo

Located amidst the vibrant streets of Colombo, The Tintagel is a magnificently chic hotel that previously hosted political leaders and royalty. The hotel offers 10 individually designed suites. The Royal Suites are incredibly spacious and luxurious, featuring separate living rooms; the Superior Suites, adorned in light blue and off-white colours create a serene ambience, and offer an outdoor lounge area and private plunge pool; the Executive Suites reveal high ceilings and beautiful textures and colours with lovely bathrooms. All three accommodation options feature a private lounge and balcony area. Delicious fare is served at the stylish Dining Room, a sophisticated restaurant serving an à la carte menu. The Private Dining Room serves delectable canapés and petit fours, and the Red Bar, exquisitely decorated with antique French baroque candle-stands and mirrors, is ideal for a nightcap and intimate chat. Numerous facilities at hotel ensure an impeccable stay, such as a well-equipped gym, a lap pool, a beautiful library to spend quiet moments pouring over books, and a fantastic spa for pampering treatments.

Lunch at Tintagel Colombo

After lunch relax at Tintagel or explore the surrounding area on your own

In the evening, we suggest you to have dinner at the famous Ministry of Crabs restaurant - **Optional - Cost Not Included. (Prior reservation is required)**



Ministry of Crab was created as a culinary homecoming of Sri Lanka's legendary lagoon crab, which has long gained popularity outside of the island.

The Crabs are the 'stars of the show' at Ministry of Crab, ranging from 500g '1/2 Kilo' crab to 2KG 'Crabzilla' plated up in a variety of ways from fiery pepper crab to the unique garlic chilli crab and the succulent baked crab. We also celebrate Sri Lanka's fine seafood; from amazing king prawns found in the rivers running across the island to fresh clams and oysters from the lagoons.

Spend 2 nights at Tintagel, Colombo in Executive Suites on Bed and Breakfast basis.



Day 12 - 2nd March 2023 - Colombo

After breakfast go on a guided walking tour around Colombo

Colombo city walk

The best way of experiencing the thriving old city of Pettah is on foot. You will meet your expert &Beyond guide and head off on a walking tour of the busy trading centre of Pettah. The area includes the Dutch Reformed Church, a Museum of Dutch involvement located in the 17th century residence of a Dutch Governor, and a visit to the country's largest wholesale open market where you are encouraged to negotiate before purchasing. After a short break for a soft drink in a local cafe, you will continue up to York Street past colonial buildings such as Cargills in the Fort Area. The tour ends with a visit to the recently restored Dutch Hospital (the oldest surviving building in Colombo), where you can grab a drink or a meal at one of the many excellent restaurants or cafes.

Lunch at a local restaurant in Colombo



In the late afternoon venture on an unique escapade with an expert guide

The city sure has an indescribable allure which has grown steadily from the start of the colonial era in Sri Lanka, starting from the 16th century to the present day and it keeps on growing. Beyond the façade created by skyscrapers and the continuing urbanization, there are the people, the places and the history that connects together to create what you will experience, during this journey through the weaving streets, as the real Colombo. Pop in your very own tuk-tuk, the most preferred way for thousands of Lankans to get about. Journey through the maze of streets, which will show you things that are easy to miss and hard to forget.

Your host for today, Rashan, who was born and bred in Colombo will eagerly take on the privilege of showing you around his beloved city by means that are truly Sri Lankan in every step of the way. What better way to ingratiate you into the Colombo vibe other than with its unique cuisine and with arrack, a drink of ages and the unofficial national drink of the country.

Now, stepping down from Arrack, when it comes to experiencing local cuisine with an out of the box formulaic approach to everyday dishes. Without spoiling much, Rashan our insider will help you to pick the perfect dishes at the famous restaurant “Kaema Sutra”, and also share the stories around it! Let the welcoming aromas and the succulent tastes take you on a unique escapade and prep you for your days in the emerald isle.

Overnight at Tintagel Colombo



Day 13 - 3rd March 2023 - Colombo - Departure

Transfer from Hotel to Bandaranaike International Airport for your departure flight (approximately. 1 hour drive). We recommend you at the airport at least 3 hours prior to the departure flight

Hotel Option 2 - Shangri-La Colombo

Day 11 - 1st March 2023 - Weligama - Colombo

After breakfast at Cape Weligama proceed to Colombo (approximately 2 ½ hour drive)

Arrive in Colombo and check in to Shangri-La, Colombo

Colombo:

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Shangri-La Hotel Colombo

Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo is delighted to welcome you to the enchanting capital of Sri Lanka - a precious jewel in the Indian Ocean, with a glittering cultural heritage and a long, proud history. The hotel benefits from a prime location by the sea that is in the heart of the business district and buzzing social hotspot. A personal tropical sanctuary that is perfect for escaping the city, it offers some of the finest, most modern accommodation in the country, with 500 luxurious guest rooms and suites, and 41 serviced apartments. An exciting new dining and social scene has come to life around the hotel's outstanding group of restaurants and bars, and the exclusive Horizon Club Lounge is the largest of its kind in Colombo.

The hotel offers direct access to the most extensive international shopping mall in Sri Lanka, Shangri-La's own One Galle Face Mall caters to the best of modern lifestyle needs from shopping, dining, entertainment, fashion, beauty and technology. The seven-storey mall offers guests the chance to explore over 200 retail outlets including emerging home-grown brands and global high-street favourites including over 30 restaurants, bars and cafes covering a range of world cuisines, the mall is the ideal place to spend leisurely hours.

Lunch at Tintagel Colombo

Lunch at Shangri-La Hotel Colombo



After lunch relax at Shangri-La hotel or explore the surrounding area on your own

In the evening, we suggest you to have dinner at the famous Ministry of Crabs restaurant - **Optional - Cost Not Included. (Prior reservation is required)**

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Spend 2 nights at Shangri-La, Colombo in Deluxe Ocean Room on Bed and Breakfast basis.



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Colombo city walk

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Overnight at Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo



Day 13 - 3rd March 2023 - Colombo - Departure

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Journey overview

Swarovski Sri Lanka- Birding Tour Group 10 nights 11 days

RATES - 19 TH FEBRUARY TO 1 ST MARCH 2023	
Validity - 10 PAX	Per Person Sharing DBL/TWIN Room
Cost per person based on an <i>Air-Conditioned Coach</i> with English speaking birding and naturalist guides throughout the tour.	US\$ 6,560.00
Single Supplement	US\$ 3900.00

Extended Tour Cost at Tintagel Colombo

RATES - 1 ST TO 3 RD MARCH 2023	
Validity - 2 PAX	Per Person Sharing DBL/TWIN Room
Cost per person based on an <i>Air-Conditioned Car including a Colombo city tour</i> with English speaking chauffeur guide throughout the tour.	US\$ 520.00

Extended Tour Cost at Shangri-La Colombo

RATES - RATES - 1 ST TO 3 RD MARCH 2023	
Validity - 2 PAX	Per Person Sharing DBL/TWIN Room
Cost per person based on an <i>Air-Conditioned Car including a Colombo city tour</i> with English speaking chauffeur guide throughout the tour.	US\$ 520.00

Accommodation

DATE	DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Day 1 -19 Feb	Waikkal	Wattura Resort and Spa	Suite Full Board
Day 2 - 20 Feb	Waikkal	Wattura Resort and Spa	Suite Full Board
Day 3 - 21 Feb	Kitulgala	Moksha Resort	Deluxe Full Board
Day 4 - 22 Feb	Kitulgala	Moksha Resort	Deluxe Full Board
Day 5 - 23 Feb	Nuwara Eliya	The Oliphant Bungalow	Luxury Room Full Board
Day 6- 24 Feb	Nuwara Eliya	The Oliphant Bungalow	Luxury Room Full Board

Day 7 - 25 Feb	Yala	Wild Coast Tented Lodge	Cocoon Suite All Inclusive
Day 8 - 26 Feb	Yala	Wild Coast Tented Lodge	Cocoon Suite All Inclusive
Day 9 - 27 Feb	Weligama	Cape Weligama	Master Suite Bed and Breakfast
Day 10-28 Feb	Weligama	Cape Weligama	Master Suite Bed and Breakfast

Tour Extensions

Option 1 - Tintagel Colombo

DATE	DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Day 11-1 Mar	Colombo	Tintagel	Executive Suite Bed and Breakfast
Day 12-2 Mar	Colombo	Tintagel	Executive Suite Bed and Breakfast

Option 1 - Shangri-La Hotel Colombo

DATE	DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Day 11-1 Mar	Colombo	Shangri-La Hotel	Deluxe Ocean View Bed and Breakfast
Day 12-2 Mar	Colombo	Shangri-La Hotel	Deluxe Ocean View Bed and Breakfast

What's included:

- Accommodation at the Hotels and as per the meal plans mentioned above.
- All transport services using 01 Air-conditioned Vehicle based on options provided.
- All sightseeing and related entrance charges as mentioned in the itinerary.
 - We will be providing an English speaking birding and naturalist guides throughout the tour.
- Bottle water during sightseeing tours and long drives.
- Private departure transfers for extended tours
- All presently applicable government taxes.
- Tips to airport and hotel porters and restaurants.
- **At Wild Coast Lodge All Inclusive package includes** breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner, beverages (house spirits & wines), safari victuals, one daily game drive & Wi-Fi.

What's not included:

- Sri Lankan Visa
- Lunch and Dinner unless stated otherwise
- Beverages, unless stated otherwise
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls etc.
- Any hotel early check ins or late check outs unless stated otherwise.
- Any Insurance
- International and domestic airfare unless stated otherwise.
- Any change in tax structure resulting from the hike in published tariff.
- Any other item not explicitly mentioned under included price.

The Details are in the fine print

Errors and Omissions Excepted

&Beyond shall not be liable for any inadvertent delay in the issuing of an invoice or any supporting document related thereto (i.e. quotations, proposals, etc.), or any omission or error contained in such invoice or supporting document provided that such delays, errors or omissions be rectified by &Beyond as soon as reasonably possible after the discovery of the same.

Covid 19 &Beyond Disclaimer and Liability

When travelling with &Beyond your safety is of paramount importance to us. We have implemented various Covid -19 related safety measures, processes and procedures ("Infectious Diseases: Health and Safety Protocol") at our lodges and camps to ensure we create an environment that is both safe and hygienic when you stay with us, which protocol was developed by taking guidance from guidelines and hygiene policies prescribed and published by the World Health Organisation, the South African National Department of Health and the National Institute for Communicable Diseases of South Africa and all the relevant health authorities of the destinations we operate in. Should you wish to view our Infectious Diseases: Health and Safety Protocol, please request this information from any of sales or reservation team and we will share this information with you.

Your itinerary may include accommodation services at properties (i.e. accommodation at non &Beyond branded lodges and /or camps) and / or ancillary services such as transfers, tours, and activities that will not be provided by &Beyond but by independent third-party owners and / or operators that are not owned and / or managed by &Beyond ("Third Party Service Providers"). Whilst all Third-Party Service Providers of &Beyond have committed to implement similar processes and procedures as to our Infectious Diseases: Health and Safety Protocol to try and protect guests making use of their services, &Beyond is not in a position to validate or dictate their health and safety protocols which will vary between Third Party Service Providers. As a result, we cannot confirm the standard to which Third Party Service Providers protocols adhere to and as such we cannot accept any form of liability (in the broadest terms) should you (or any member of your party) contract an infectious disease (including Covid-19) when using the services of a Third-Party Service Provider. The same will apply in respect of public areas (i.e. landmarks, public venues, sightseeing venues, etc.) which you may wish to visit whilst staying at either our lodges / camps or properties owned by Third Party Service Provider as neither &Beyond nor Third Party Service Providers have any control over health and safety protocols followed at public areas or any action(s) of a member of the public which may cause an infection of an infectious disease.

As with any protocol the measure of success in implementing a process or procedure under a protocol will be determined by the level of compliance and adherence to the relevant processes and procedures prescribed by the relevant protocol. Whilst &Beyond will ensure full compliance by its management, employees and contractors with the Infectious Disease: Health and Safety Protocol, &Beyond cannot accept any liability in the event of a guest(s) contracting an infectious disease

(including Covid 19) as a direct or indirect result of complying or adhering to &Beyond's Infectious Diseases: Health and Safety Protocol.

- Prices are subject to change as per change in Government / Hotel / Airline policy without prior notice.
- Rates include only those items specified in your itinerary.
- Please note, the names of hotels mentioned in our proposal only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels. It is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey the confirmations to you on receipt of your acceptance. However in the event of any of the above mentioned hotels not becoming available at the time of initiating the reservations, we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction whatever applicable) to you.
- Hotel Check-In 1400 hrs, Check-out time 1200 hrs
- In case on any currency fluctuations or amendment in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price accordingly. The due increase or decrease will be communicated accordingly.
- Until such time as confirmation of services is received from &Beyond this is a quotation only and is subject to availability as no reservations have been made.
- The rates quoted are subject to change without prior warning, should there be any increase in Fuel, Sales Tax or GST, third party services, or any other circumstances beyond our control in the regions featured in this quote/booking.
- All guests must take out comprehensive travel insurance covering them for personal effects, personal accident, medical and emergency travel expenses, cancellation and curtailment.
- In order to comply with international insurance requirements all airline tickets must clearly show the passenger's title, surname, name and initial (as indicated in their passport). As this applies to both scheduled and charter flights we would be grateful if you could provide us with this information at the time of confirmation. Your internal flights have been organized by us. While we take the maximum care to ensure a safe and comfortable journey for you &Beyond is not responsible for the fitness of the carriers or the safety standards of the carrier company.
- In order to comply with International Insurance requirements &Beyond can only reserve seats, be it on a provisional or confirmed basis, on both domestic/scheduled or charter flights.
- Please note that airfares may increase between time of booking, time of payment and the ticket being issued. Any costs incurred due to amendments will not be borne by &Beyond.
- &Beyond cannot be held responsible should airlines discontinue flights on certain routings or change scheduled timetables, resulting in missed connections etc. Should an amendment in a routing or itinerary be necessary we will re-quote you accordingly
- Dietary Requirements: All dietary requirements can be catered for. When making your reservation, please advise us of any specific dietary requirements that you may have and these will be communicated through to the respective establishment.
- Gratuities: Tipping is at your discretion. However management of the establishment will be able to assist with guidelines.
- &Beyond reserves the right to modify program itineraries, including arranged sightseeing, and substitute accommodations, including vessels and trains, at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond its control. Every effort will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.
- &Beyond strongly recommends that the guests insure themselves against loss of deposit, cancellation charges, medical expenses and loss of personal possessions, and any other foreseeable loss or expense.
- **Photography During Travel**
 - A. &Beyond reserves the right to take photographs or video during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes during the program and thereafter. By booking a program with &Beyond,

guests agree to allow their images to be used in such photographs. Guests who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to andBeyond representative at the beginning of their program.

- **Guest Obligations:**

1. Medical Conditions - the guest must notify &Beyond of any pre-existing medical conditions that might reasonably be expected to affect the travel arrangements. The guest agrees and acknowledges that &Beyond will not be liable for any loss or damage incurred by the guest as a result of any pre-existing medical condition or health issue of the Customer that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the travel arrangements.
2. Health Issues - It is the guest's sole responsibility to
 - a) obtain any vaccinations or take any other health precautions applicable to the country of travel;
 - b) take all steps reasonably necessary (including, without limitation, the consultation of appropriate medical professionals) to identify whether they have any pre-existing medical conditions or health issues (whether known or unknown) that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the Travel Arrangements; and
 - c) notify &Beyond if the guest has any pre-existing medical conditions or health issues that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the Travel Arrangements.

PAYMENT and CANCELLATION POLICY

Booking made within 45 days of arrival	100% payment at the time of booking (within 72 hours) non-refundable
Booking made more than 45 days prior to arrival	30% payment at the time of booking and balance 70%, 70 days prior to arrival
Cancellation 60 days or more prior to arrival	Applicable Administrative fee and bank charges will be charged. This will be advised in the event of cancellation.
Cancellation within 45 days of arrival.	Retention of full deposit levied as cancellation charge.

&Beyond reserves the right to cancel all services booked should full payment not be received 60 days prior to arrival date.

Should it be a last-minute booking, &Beyond will allow for 3 days from time of confirmation until payment (**100%**) reaches us before &Beyond will cancel any services booked. The amount is **NON- REFUNDABLE**.

Kindly note that payments may be processed with Visa and MasterCard credit cards. Payments may also be paid directly into &Beyond account details.