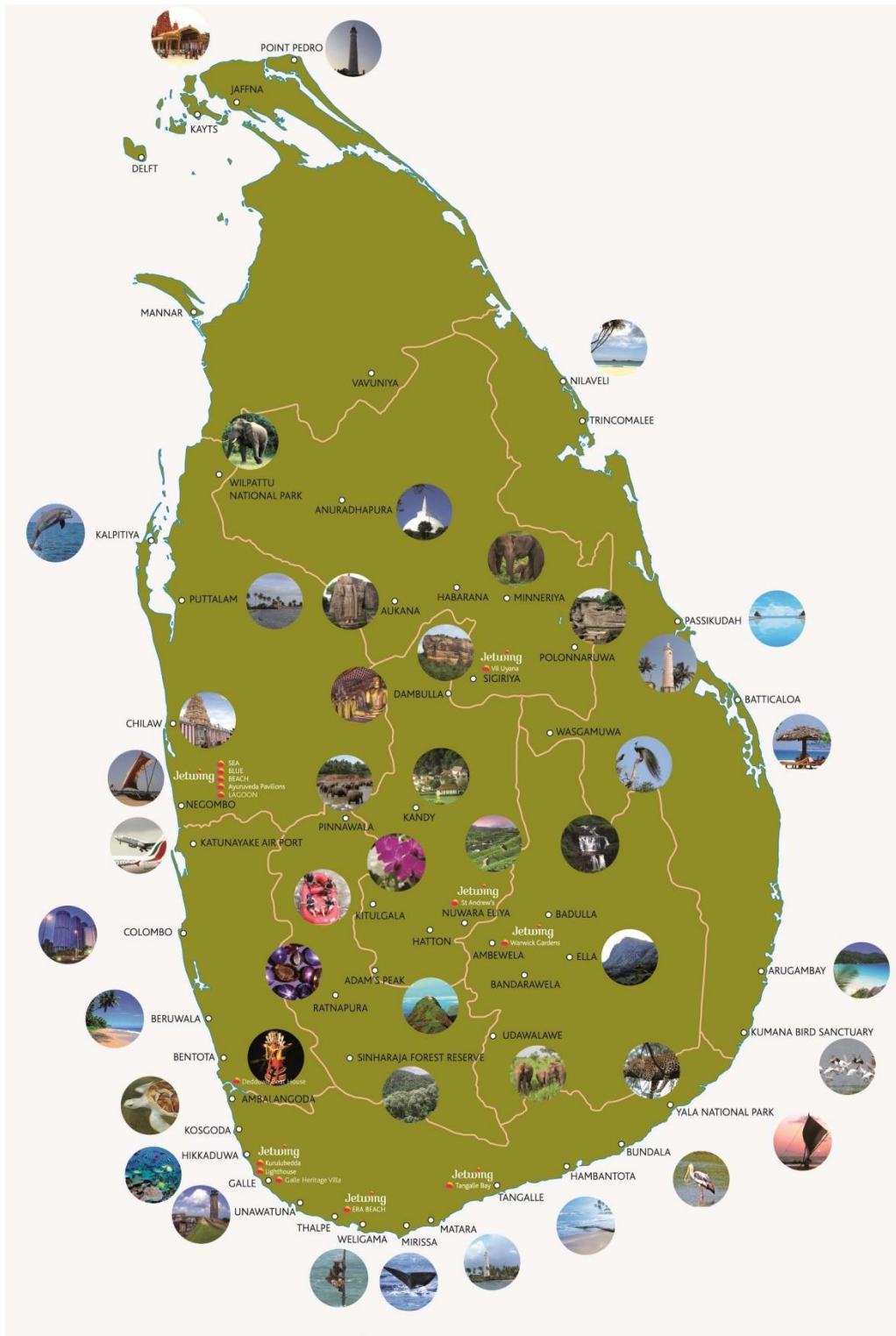




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Family Adventure
14 nights / 15 days
Option #1
For the ultimate family adventure in Sri Lanka

Detailed Itinerary –

Day 1

You will be met on arrival and driven to Galle. Approx: 3 hours from the Katunayake Bandaranaike International Airport.

Built by the Dutch beginning in 1663, the 36-hectre fort occupies most of the promontory that forms the older part of Galle. UNESCO has recognized Fort as a World Heritage Site.

You can relax at the hotel or enjoy an evening tea at the hotel or walk around the fort area to Padlar's Inn who has a reputation for chocolate brownies and toasted sandwiches served with sweet chutneys. (Depending on the flight)

For dinner you may try Italian food at Anura's Restaurant , according to the guide lonely planet you get the best thin crust light pizza in Sri Lanka here and they also have a range of vegetarian food. Or if your choice is for Sea food I would recommend Rampart Hotel where they serve s full range of seafood dishes and the coldest beer to be found in the fort.

Accommodation: Mosvold Villa, Villa 700 or Jetwing Light House

Day 2-3

Enjoy the morning breakfast at your hotel, after Breakfast you can visit Galle Fort to see the Fort Jumpers spring in to action each day from 9 a.m -6 p.m. This hair – raising forty five foot jump is from the top of the wall at Flag Rock, between point Utrecht Bastion and Triton Bastion may wander the atmospheric streets of Galle or a visit to the Museum or you may even visit the silk factory where you get a varied selection of silk clothes and gifts.

Or you may just relax at your hotel and enjoy a swim at the lovely swimming pool or simply read a book while enjoying the breeze from the Indian Ocean.

Accommodation: Mosvold Villa, Villa 700 or Jetwing Light House

Day 4-

Depart Galle for Buttala.

Arrive at Galapita Healing Garden which is one of those rare and magical places built atop a magnificent rock that soars like a huge bathing elephant out of the water of the Menik Ganga (Gem River). There are four ecological pavilions each built using local materials such as stone, wood, mud and thatched roofs. All reflect a contemporary interpretation of traditional Sri Lankan style.

Galapita provides you with a unique experience in Sri Lanka. Spend your days having a massage, reading, panning for gems, swimming in the river, eating superb curries, canoeing, taking a picnic to the magnificent herb garden, enjoy a day out at



the 50ft tall cascading pigeon falls, swing in your hammock by the river or just bliss out!

Accommodation: Galapita Rocks

Day 5-

Today visit the Yala National Park

Enjoy the Jeep Safari at the park. There will be a Jeep organized to take you around inside the park together with a well-experienced tracker and guide.

It's not Kenya, but Yala National Park is a major draw in Sri Lanka for its opportunity to see herds of elephants, leopards and an array of other animals, including reptiles and birds.

Accommodation: Galapita

Day 6-

Leave Galapita at 9.30am for Uda Walawe (3 hour drive). One of Sri Lanka's most popular national parks with herds of Elephants, Wild buffalo, deer and leopards, Uda Walawe is the Sri Lankan national park that best rivals the savanna reserves of Africa. There are different varieties of birdlife as well these northern migrants join the residents between November and April.

Afternoon enjoy the Jeep Safari at the park. There will be a Jeep organized to take you around inside the park together with a well experienced tracker and guide.

Accommodation: Kalu's Hideaway or Udawalawe Grand Hotel

Day 7 –

Today you may enjoy a jeep safari at the Uda Walawe National Park either during morning hours or in the evening (The choice is yours!!) You may even experience both the safaris if you desire. There will be a Jeep organized to take you around in the National Park.

During the daytime you may relax at the hotel by the pool area or may be just do some reading while enjoying the nature.

Accommodation: Kalu's Hideaway or Udawalawe Grand Hotel e

Day 8 –

Today depart to Kalawana - Sinharaja

The last major undisturbed area of rainforest in Sri Lanka, this forest reserve occupies a broad ridge at the heart of the island's wet zone. On most days the forest conjures copious rain-clouds that replenish its deep soils and balance water resources for much of southwestern Sri Lanka. Recognizing its' importance to the island's ecosystem, UNESCO declared the reserve a World Heritage Site in 1989.

Accommodation: Boulder Garden or Rain Forest Edge



Day 9 –

Today you may experience another jeep safari at the Sinharaja National Park, during morning hours or in the evening (The choice is yours!!). There will be a Jeep organized to take you around inside the park together with a well-experienced tracker and guide.

Or you may enjoy Canoeing, mountain bike riding and Hiking

Accommodation: Boulder Garden or Rain Forest Edge

Day 10 –

Today depart Kalawana – Sinharaja to Hatton at the Castlereagh Bungalow in time for lunch.

Spend the next 3 nights at Castlereagh Bungalow, a part of Ceylon Tea Trails.

Enjoy playing croquet in the afternoon or walking through the tea.

Accommodation: Castlereagh Bungalow, (Ceylon Tea Trails)

Day 11- 12

Today morning visit a tea factory and see how they make tea.

In the afternoon go bike riding or a canoe on the lake.

Evening set off to climb the Adams' Peak, located in a beautiful and fascinating area of the Southern hill country, this lofty peak has sparked the imagination for centuries. It is variously known as Adams Peak, (the place where Adam first set foot on earth after being cast out of heaven), Sri Pada (sacred foot print, left by the Buddha as he headed towards paradise) or Samanala Kanda (Butterfly Mountain, where butterflies go to die). Some believe the huge 'foot print' on the top of the 2243m peak to be that of St Thomas, the early apostle of India, or even of Lord Shiva. Which ever legend you care to believe, this place has been a pilgrimage centre for over 1000 years.

(Only during the season from Decemebrr Full Moon Poya to April fool moon Poya)

Accommodation: Castlereagh Bungalow, (Ceylon Tea Trails)

Day 13-14

Today depart for Negombo.

Bustling Negombo town is a historically interesting place, strongly influenced by the Catholic Church. The narrow strip of land to the South of the lagoon and the many canals make for good exploring.

After relaxing and enjoying your lunch (depending on your arrival flight time) in the afternoon take in Negombo's fish market where you can see Fish auctions on the beach and sales at the market. Visit the ruins of the Dutch fort near the lagoon which has a fine gateway inscribed with the date 1678, also here is a green, called Esplanade, where cricket matches are a big attraction. You may visit St. Mary's Church in the town centre, has very good ceiling paintings by a local artist.

Accommodation: Jetwing Beach, Blue or Pledge3

Day 15 -
Depart Negombo for Airport.



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