

Nature & Wildlife Tour 14 Days

From **USD 1015** per person

CODE: ACME 201115

DAY 01: AIRPORT/ SIGIRIYA

On arrival in Sri Lanka you will be met at the international airport and then you transferred to Sigiriya.



Ancient City of Sigiriya

The ruins of the capital built by the parricidal King Kassapa I (477–95) lie on the steep slopes and at the summit of a granite peak standing some 180m high (the 'Lion's Rock', which dominates the jungle from all sides). A series of galleries and staircases emerging from the mouth of a gigantic lion constructed of bricks and plaster provides access to the site.

Overnight: Hotel in Sigirlya

Meals: Half board basis

DAY 02: POLONNARUWA / MEDIRIGIRIYA

After breakfast get ready for an excursion to Polonnaruwa,

The second most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms, Polonnaruwa was first declared the capital city by King Vijayabahu I, who defeated Chola invaders in 1070 to reunite the country once more under a local leader. The Ancient City of Polonnaruwa has been declared a World Heritage Site.

Currently the new Polonnaruwa is under going a major development project known as the "Awakening of Polonnaruwa" under the concept of President

Maithripala Sirisena. It envisions the development of all sectors in Polonnaruwa including roads; electricity, agriculture, education, health and environment will be developed comprehensively.



You will see many well-preserved ruins of palaces and monasteries. Visit Medirigiriya in the early evening and an optional tour is the Elephant back jungle Safari for 01h30 minutes (Payment direct).



Medirigiriya Watadage is one of the oldest ruins in South Asia. The Medirigiriya Watadage (circular relic house) along with the two watadages at Polonnaruwa and Thiriyaya in the Trincomalee district are examples of the architecture that is unique to the ancient Sinhalese. The Polonnaruwa and Medirigiriya watadages are said to be identical in measurement and design but the setting of the latter adds to its mystic appeal.

Overnight: You Hotel in Sigiriya
Meals: Half Board Basis

DAY 03: DAMBULLA / WASGAMUWA

After breakfast proceed to Wasgamuwa en route visit the cave temple at Dambulla. This cave temple dates back to the 2nd century BC. It was known even before the making of the complex, as one of the largest monasteries in Sri Lanka and the caves became a major religious center during that period. Dambulla is a UNESCO declared World Heritage Site.



Wasgamuwa National Park is a natural park in Sri Lanka situated in the Matale and Polonnaruwa Districts. This park is a major refuge for displaced wild animals during the Mahaweli Development Project in 1984 and is one of the four National Parks designated under the Project to protect wildlife. Originally it was designated as a nature reserve in 1938, and then in the early 1970s the area was regarded as a strict nature reserve. Elephants can be seen in large herds. It is also one of the Important Bird Areas in Sri Lanka.

The name of the Wasgamuwa has derived through the words "Walas Gamuwa" "Walasa" is Sinhala for sloth bear and "Gamuwa" for wood.



Overnight: Basic accommodation in Wasgamuwa

Meals: Half Board

DAY 04: WASGAMUWA / KNUKLES RANGE MOUNTAINS / MATALE/ KANDY

After breakfast you will depart for Kandy via the knuckles range.

The Knuckles range is one of the loveliest nature attractions of Sri Lanka. The changing terrain of grasslands, rugged mountain peaks interspersed with streams and cascading waterfalls make Knuckles mountain range that covers an area of 18512 hectares the trekker's paradise.



Kandy is a large city in central Sri Lanka. It's set on a plateau surrounded by mountains, which are home to tea plantations and bio diverse rainforest. The city's heart is scenic Kandy Lake (Bogambara Lake), which is popular for strolling. Kandy is famed for sacred Buddhist sites, including the Temple of the Tooth (Sri Dalada Maligawa) shrine, celebrated with the grand Esala Perahera annual procession.

After you check into your hotel you will visit the temple of the sacred tooth relic of the Buddha. Late in the evening watch the Kandyan cultural performance and return to your hotel for the night.

Overnight: Hotel in Kandy

Meals: BB

DAY 05: KANDY / PERADENIYA / PINNAWELA / NUWARAELIYA

The Peradeniya botanical gardens were at one time reserved exclusively for Kandyan Royalty. Today it is open to locals as well as tourists. The highlights of these gardens are the fine collection of orchids and a stately avenue of royal palm trees. The giant fig tree is another great attraction for photographers and nature lovers.



Next you can visit the elephant Orphanage at Pinnawela. (Optional) Pinnawala orphanage was established to feed, nurse & house young elephants abandoned in the wild. This Elephant Orphanage is one of Sri Lanka's most popular animal attractions. Although the conditions here are generally better than at some other establishments in the region, the welfare of the animals is a cause for concern.

Overnight: Hotel in Kandy

Meals: BB

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage



DAY 06: NUWARAELIYA / HORTON PLAINS / KITULGALA

Enjoy an early breakfast on the way to Kitulgala you will stop at the Horton Plains Nature Reserve and embark on a guided tour with a resident naturalist guide. Horton Plains is another wildlife hot spot, the vegetation over here is open grassy woodland, home to species such as the sambar, and leopard and endemic purple-faced langur here onwards you will continue to Kitulgala.



Experience White Water Rafting in the picturesque Kelani River in Kitulgala covering 5 major rapids and 4 minor rapids. This activity is for anyone above the age of 10 years with safety gear, modern rafts, and a comprehensive safety briefing will be given by our white water rafting instructors beforehand. The distance covered is around 5 KM. The river and its surrounding will make you feel enchanted, with a memorable experience during your White Water Rafting Tour in Kitulgala. Minimum 2 persons are required & payment direct.

Nuwara Eliya (City of Lights) is a resort city in the Central Mountain range of Sri Lanka. Nuwara Eliya has a salubrious climate with breathtaking views. This town in the hills is often referred to by the Sri Lankan tourist industry as 'Little England'. While most British visitors struggle to recognise modern



England in Nuwara Eliya, the toy-town ambience does have a rose-tinted English country village feel to it.

Horton Plains National Park is a protected area in the central highlands of Sri Lanka and is covered by montane grassland and cloud forest.

Overnight: Kithulgala

Meals: BB

DAY 07: KITULGALA / SINGHARAJA

After breakfast you will drive out to Sinharaja Rain Forest.

Sinharaja Forest Reserve is a national park and a biodiversity hotspot in Sri Lanka. It is of international significance and has been designated a Biosphere Reserve and World Heritage Site by UNESCO.



Overnight: Sinharaja
Meals: Half Board

DAY 08: SINGHARAJA / BANDARAWELA

After breakfast you will spend the morning exploring the rain forest. Due to the dense vegetation wildlife is difficult to view and elusive mammals such as the leopard are rarely seen.

You may see some of the brightly coloured birds of the region, which tend to move through the jungle in mixed feeding flocks.

In the afternoon you would leave for Bandarawela.

Bandarawela, 10km north of Haputale but noticeably warmer, is a busy market town that makes a good base for exploring the surrounding area. Due to its agreeable climate, it's a popular area to retire to.

Each Sunday morning the town has a lively market. Otherwise Bandarawela has little to attract tourists. It's a good transport hub if you're heading east or further into the Hill Country.

Overnight: Hotel in Bandarawela
Meals: BB.

DAY 09: BANDARAWELA / UDAWALAWE

After breakfast go for an early morning trek down town. After your morning trek proceed to the Udawalawe National Park for a wildlife safari.



With herds of elephants, wild buffalo, sambar deer and leopards, Uda Walawe National Park is the Sri Lankan national park that best rivals the savannah reserves of Africa.

In fact, for elephant watching, Uda Walawe often surpasses many of the most famous East African national parks. The park, which centers on the 308.2-sq-km Uda Walawe Reservoir, is lightly vegetated but it has a stark beauty and the lack of dense vegetation makes game watching easy.

It's certainly the one national park in Sri Lanka not to miss.

Overnight: Hotel in Udawalawe
Meals: Half Board

DAY 10: UDAWALAWE / YALA

After breakfast in the morning you will head to the southeast to Yala National Park.



Yala National Park is the most visited and second largest national park in Sri Lanka. The park consists of five blocks covering 979 square kilometers and is located about 300 kilometers from Colombo. The park is best known for its variety of wild animals. 25 individual leopards are estimated to roam in Block I. The elephant herd of Yala contains 300–350 individuals. Sri Lankan sloth bears, Sri Lankan leopard, Sri Lankan elephant, wild water buffalo are threatened species that Yala is harboring.

Overnight: Your Hotel in Yala
Meals: Half Board

DAY 11: YALA / BEACH

After breakfast you will travel to your beach hotel down South. You will pass the coastal town of Weligama and watch the fishermen on stilts patiently catching fish from the shallow waters of the sea.

Weligama (meaning ‘Sandy Village’) is located about 30km east of Galle and is an interesting and lively blend of international beach resort and raucous fishing town. You can spend a happy day wandering around, getting a feel for local life, dipping your toes in the ocean and watching the spectacular sunsets.



Overnight: Hotel in Unawatuna.
Meals: Half Board

DAY 12: BEACH FREE DAY

Relax and enjoy the sun and sea. If you want to explore the area you can hire a boat to the lighthouse situated on an off-shore island. A steep climb to the top offers fantastic views of the Sri Lanka coast.

Overnight: Hotel in Unawatuna.

Meals: Half Board

DAY 13: BEACH / GALLE / NEGOMBO

After breakfast leave for Negombo en-route visit Galle. You can visit the Old Portuguese fort, later rebuilt and extended by the Dutch. The view from the ramparts is superb.



Take a boat ride on the Madhu River that meanders around a tiny village. Visit a turtle hatchery afterwards and proceed to Negombo.

Overnight: Hotel in Negombo

Meals: Half Board

DAY 14: TRANSFER AIRPORT

The tour ends today, a transfer vehicle will be provided to take you to the airport for your flight back home.

Accommodation Details

Per person Sharing

DAY DETAILS	ECONOMY USD	COMFORT USD
Day 01	J. C. Village	Thilanka Eco Hotel
Day 02	J.C Village	Thilanka Eco Hotel
Day 03	Safari Village (Basic)	Far Cry Wasgamuwa

Day 04	Mutton Button	Thilanka Hotel
Day 05	Windsor/ Rock/Heaven Seven	St Andrews Hotel
Day 06	Rafters Retreat	Royal River Eduruella
Day 07	Blue Magpie (Basic)	Rain Forest Edge
Day 08	Orient Hotel	Bandarawela Hotel
Day 09	Ganghadara Camping With attached bathroom/toilet	Ganghadara Camping With attached bath/toilet
Day 10	Hibiscus Garden	The Safari
Day 11	Paradise Beach Club DLX room	Calamender Deluxe room
Day 12	Paradise Beach Club DLX room	Calamender Deluxe room
Day 13	Sunset Beach Hotel	Camelot Beach Hotel
Day 14	Departure	Departure

SUMMER 2016 EXCLUDING KANDY PERAHARA AUG2016 - 1ST MAY 2016 TO 31ST OCTOBER 2016

Per Person	Economy (USD)	Comfort (USD)
2 Individuals	1250 per person	1575 per person
4 Individuals	1015 per person	1340 per person

WINTER 2016/17 (EXCLUDING 20DEC TO 10JAN) – 1ST NOVEMBER 2016 TO 30TH APRIL 2017

Per Person	Economy (USD)	Comfort (USD)
2 Individuals	1365 per person	1780 per person
4 Individuals	1125 per person	1650 per person

Services Included

INCLUDES

Welcomed at the airport by an ACME representative.

Meals:

8 nights on Half Board (Dinner/Breakfast)

5 nights on Bed & breakfast

Meals start on 2nd day Breakfast & ends on Last day Breakfast.

The excursions sightseeing & visits as per program without entrance fees. (To be paid by clients directly all entrance fees).

Basic Jeeps to visit wherever applicable reserves included (Entrance fees to be paid directly to reserves by clients.)

English speaking chauffeur in air-conditioned private Vehicle will be provided.

No vehicle will be provided on any free days if any as per program.

Fuel and Local assurance for the vehicle included (No vehicle on free days unless specifically mentioned in the program).

Working hours of chauffeur will be between 08h00 to 19h30 on any given day. This arrangement can be modified by discussing with the chauffeur.

Sufficient resting time has to be provided for the next day's trip. (Arrival & departure transfers can be at any time).

The chauffeur will look after his meals & accommodation by him self.

EXCLUDES

There has to be a minimum of two persons. If you are traveling alone please contact us for further details.

All entrance fees as per program to be paid directly as applicable for different programs. (Entrance Fees are Subject to Change sometimes slightly without Prior Notice.)

Sri Lanka Nature Tour - Around USD 250 per person
(Some places of visits will provide children under 12 year's half rate charges.)

*Super Peak Period – 21st December 2016 to 15th January 2017

For Reservations on the above period please contact us for further details with your specific dates.

As Peak supplements apply at hotels during this period & this will change according to the category of hotels & the date of reservations.

Single room supplement, the personal spending (tips, laundry, mini bar, telephone, fax etc....)

Beverages, the rights to use cameras or video at sites where most places they are free when you pay the entrance fees except at Kandy Tooth Temple & Pinnawela Elephant orphanage there are extra charges for Video around USD 05 per person, medical expenses, insurance, international flights.

Additional Information

Sri Lanka Visa charges USD 35 per person for NON SAARC countries & USD 20 for SAARC countries, can be obtained directly via the Internet please visit this site. <http://www.eta.gov.lk/>

The process is not complicated if you have any difficulty we could make arrangements for same too in 48hrs to obtain same if details are provided to us by mail.

The process is very simple payments can be paid online & with the confirmation document print out & code you have to submit passport on arrival only.

The passport has to be valid for six months from the day of arrival return air tickets & sufficient funds or reservations for the holiday should be with you.

All have to obtain a visit visa except for Singapore & Maldivian passport holders.

CANCELLATION

TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY:

You may cancel your booking at any time prior to commencement of the tour by notifying us in writing, which must be acknowledged by our company.

If you cancel on or before 30 days before the first day of the tour, we will retain your small deposit to cover our costs. In addition, if the cancellation notification is received less than 30 days prior to the first day of the tour, additional cancellation charges shall be as follows:

AMOUNT CHARGED FOR CANCELLATIONS:

29-15 Days before the first day of the tour - 50%

Less than 14 Days before the first day of the tour 75%

Less than 7 Days before the first day of the tour 100%

No-show or early departure 100%

Thank you for choosing Leisure World Tours for your holiday program. Our Team at ACME will take care of all your needs. Once confirmed your chauffeur details will be sent to your along with emergency contact number in case of need.

For any clarification you can contact reg@leisureworldtours.net

We wish you a pleasant holiday in Sri Lanka.