



14 Night Sri Lankan Family Adventure

On this once in a lifetime holiday explore Sri Lanka's diverse nature and culture with a packed itinerary featuring rainforests, beaches, wildlife, and history.

It has a great mix of adventure, culture relaxing at the beach – perfect for families! This itinerary has been planned to make the most of the weather in the summer months between April and October when the central and eastern part of the island usually has blue skies and sunny weather.

Tour Summary:

Day 1 Chilaw

Day 2 & 3 Wilpattu National Park

Day 4–6 Nilaveli Beach Resort

Day 7– 9 Sigiriya

Day 10 & 11 Gammaduwa

Day 12 & 13 Kandy

Day 14 Departure

Sri Lanka is popular holiday destination because it has so much to offer in a relatively small country, so the travelling time is comparatively short between the amazing cultural, historical, scenic and wildlife attractions. Amidst all the amazing historical sites (including eight UNESCO sites) the diverse unique landscapes and the relaxed culture, it is the friendliness of the people you meet that will be your stand out memory.

The weather in Sri Lanka is seasonal, and this itinerary has been chosen to make the most of the climate during the Summer months between April and October.

You will start with a big game safari staying in traditional safari tents and taking game drives to spot elephants, leopards, sloth bears and others before staying at an amazing beach resort for some real rest and relaxation, swimming in the turquoise ocean and lazing on the white sand beach.

You will visit the most famous historical sites in the cultural triangle climbing spectacular Lion rock, meeting the monkeys that live and play in Dambulla, embark on a comfortable trek in hill country and take in the spectacular views of tea country.

In Kandy you will see the ancient temple of the tooth and stay in a luxury guesthouse where you can try cooking local dishes with your host and take a fun tuk tuk ride! After packing in so much, but at a leisurely pace, the whole family will be left in awe of this spectacular small island; its wildlife, history, food, culture, and of course, its people.

*From price is based on 2 people sharing a room travelling between the 1st May to 30th June and 1st September – 31st October. For large groups or solo travellers please enquire directly to hello@nitgb.com

Please note

All accommodation will be reserved at time of booking. Depending on availability there may be changes to similar accommodation.

This is a private itinerary but on some experiences throughout the tour you may join a small group.

Highlights

- Explore the cultural triangle – a must see
- Enjoy Safaris to spot elephants and leopards
- Get off the beaten path discovering paddy farms, forests and villages
- Visit the temple of the tooth

Included

Private airport transfers

1 night Chilaw

3 nights Nilaveli

2 nights Gammaduwa

2 lunches

Guided visit to Visit Dambulla Cave Temples

Guided walk to explore Polonnaruwa

Optional guided walk to Riverstone

Village Walk, Tuk Ride, Market Visit and Cooking Class in Kandy

Transportation and guide throughout the tour

2 nights Wilpattu

3 nights Sigiriya

2 nights Kandy

Game drives at Wilpattu

Guided visit to climb Sigiriya rock

Guided walk to Gammaduwa

Guided tour of Kandy and the temple of the tooth

Location

Your adventure starts and finishes at Bandaranaike International Airport, where you will be met by your driver/ guide.

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Don't just see the world...Experience It!





Day 1

Arrival Day

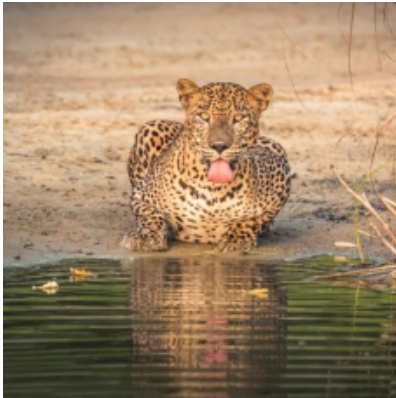
Arrive into Bandaranaike International Airport, where you will be met by your driver/ guide and transferred to Chilaw for your first night in Sri Lanka.

Chilaw is a lovely coastal town in the north west of Sri Lanka with a palm fringed sandy beach, perfect for your first dip after a long flight!

Tonight you will stay in Anantaya Resort and Spa, the perfect place to relax and unwind, with the Mangrove lagoon on one side and the ocean front sandy beach on the other.

Accommodation: Anantaya Resort

Meals: none



Day 2

Wilpattu National Park Safari

Today you will transfer to Wilpattu National Park where you will spend the night in an African style safari camp.

Wilpattu has a dense forest landscape interspersed with scrub, sand dunes and the unique Villu wetlands.

It is the largest National Park in Sri Lanka and you will embark on an evening game drive in search of elephants and leopards, which are drawn here by the many lakes. You may also spot sloth bear, crocodiles and more.

Accommodation: Big Game Camp

Meals: Breakfast and dinner





Day 3

Morning Game drive in the park

This morning you will have the opportunity to return to the park in search of leopard, elephant, crocodile and sloth bears to name just a few of the animals calling this park home.

Your driver is an expert in seeking out the best spots to viewing and photographic these amazing animals.

In the afternoon you can relax and enjoy the camp. At sundown, after a rewarding safari, sit by a roaring campfire with a chilled beer while lighting is supplied by flame torches, hurricane lamps, and the moon.

Nightfall brings new excitement; the thunder crack of 'Elephant Crackers' in the distance lit by farmers as a warning to elephants wandering too close to their harvest, an occasional hoot of an exotic owl, the soft purr of a jungle cat... you don't quite realise you're in the middle of an adventure until you live it!

Accommodation: Big Game Camp

Meals: Breakfast and dinner



Day 4 - 6

Relax at Nilaveli Beach Resort

Today after breakfast at the camp you will head to the beach resort of Nilaveli with its white sand beach, calm turquoise waters ideal for paddling and swimming or more adventurous watersports.

Enjoy three nights at your beach side resort.

Accommodation: Nilaveli Beach Resort

Meals: Breakfast and dinner





Day 7

Dambulla Cave Temple

After breakfast you will head to Dambulla and its Cave Complex, the largest and best-preserved cave temples in Sri Lanka and a UNESCO world heritage site. There are more than 80 documented caves on this impressive site.

You will spend the afternoon exploring the cave complex, and its many statues and brightly coloured frescoes, watching the playful monkeys that live in and around the temple. Watch out for them as they will have an eye on your snacks and other belongings.

Late afternoon, you will head back to the hotel for dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel Sigiriya

Meals: Breakfast and dinner



Day 8

Lion Rock and Pidurangala Rock

Though you may have seen many pictures of 'Lion Rock', nothing can quite prepare you for the real thing.

Sigiriya, the 5th century "Fortress in the Sky" is perhaps the most jaw-dropping single wonder on the island. It's known as Lion Rock because it was said there was a huge lion that used to stand at the entrance to the Palace, on the summit of the 600-foot high rock.

The walk to the summit leads you on paths and staircases through some of the oldest landscaped gardens in the world, past pools, statues, carvings and caves with ornate frescoes. There are plenty of stopping places on the ascent where you can admire the stunning panoramic views.

Once you reach the summit you can still find the foundations of the Royal Palace, which you will explore with your guide and learn the many fascinating stories about what took place in this incredible location.

This evening climb up Pidurangala Rock to view the wonderful sunset.

Accommodation: Hotel Sigiriya

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner





Day 9

Cycling and Monkeys

Today you'll visit another World Heritage Site, the capital of Sri Lanka from 11th–13th Centuries, Polonnaruwa.

The city contains splendid and spectacular statues and the medieval capital was fortified with inner & outer moats and walls.

Explore royal palaces, audience halls and other spectacular examples of ancient Sri Lankan architecture by bike, the best way to see as much of

possible of the city.

This evening, head out on a guided walk of the ruins with a local primatologist. You'll learn about the different monkey species that make the ruins their homes, an atmospheric tour you're sure to remember.

Accommodation: Hotel Sigiriya

Meals: Breakfast and dinner



Day 10

Easy walk to Gammaduwa (8 kms)

Today you will be driven to Andawala, where you will begin your guided walk (8 kilometres) to the remote village of Gammaduwa, a spot where you'll get a taste of true Sri Lankan culture.

Your suitcases will be transported to your hotel and you will take the rest of the journey on foot.

Your walk starts on tiny village paths and then leads you across small paddy farms, you will walk along narrow irrigation streams for the first 2 kilometres before turning off into the forest. The trek continues through patches of forest interspersed with pepper farms until you reach the village of Hanguranketa. Here you will take a short break and refill your water bottles before the next stretch through this lush green landscape to reach the forest bungalow where you will spend the night.

You'll stay at Gammaduwa Heritage Bungalow, a beautiful building on an old tea plantation, and a great base from which to start your journey to Riverstone tomorrow.

Accommodation: Gammaduwa Bungalow

Meals: Breakfast and dinner





Day 11

At Leisure or walk to Riverstone

Today your optional walk starts from the remote Gammaduwa village, in total it is around 12 kilometres, winding along trails to an extremely remote village named Kargastene. Getting properly off the beaten track, you'll then walk with a local guide across wide open grassland, before heading back into the jungle.

Stop at Puwakpitiya, a village with beautiful waterfall in the jungle, where you can swim and help to prepare a lunch of delicious, authentic Sri

Lankan cuisine using fresh local ingredients. Your afternoon trek takes you to Riverstone, through jungle where elephants are often seen freely roaming.

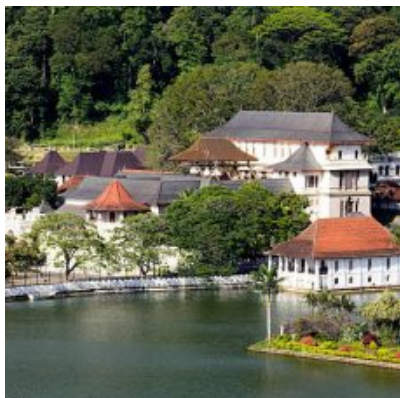
Your guide can tailor the walk to your ability or how much you want to walk on the day so they can pre-plan your route.

In the afternoon you will return to your hotel to shower and relax after your amazing day of wonderful jungle trekking.

Alternatively you can spend the day at the tea plantation, 7 acres of land with glorious views where you can enjoy leisurely walks, and mountain biking on the trails, or join in the hands on tea making experience learning the secrets of how tea is grown, plucked, withered, rolled and oxidised on the plantation today, to make their own Monkeytail tea. You will learn the art of the connoisseur tea taster and how to distinguish the flavour and aroma of different teas.

Accommodation: Gammaduwa Bungalow

Melas: Breakfast and dinner



Day 12

Travel to Kandy & Visit the Botanical Gardens

After breakfast you will depart for Kandy where you will visit one of the most important Buddhist pilgrimage sites in the world, the Temple of the Tooth, believed to hold one of the Buddha's teeth.

You'll have chance to wander round the Botanical Gardens which has more than 4000 species of plants and a renowned collection of orchids, before checking in to your hotel.

Accommodation: Kandyan Manor

Meals: Breakfast and dinner





Day 13

Village Walk, TukTuk Ride, Market Visit and Cooking Class

Today your guided village walk will take you through a local village near Kandy, allowing you to observe daily life in a rural setting. Interacting with locals, discovering traditional homes, and learning about local customs and traditions.

Back in the kitchen, you'll have the chance to learn how to prepare traditional Sri Lankan dishes under the guidance of a local chef.

Tuk-tuks are a popular mode of transportation in many Asian countries, known for their open-air design and agility in navigating through narrow streets, and you will have the opportunity to take this fun mode of transport to go a little further afield, with your local driver, see the local countryside and the rural community here in Kandy.

Accommodation: Kandyan Manor

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner



Day 14

Hundira

Today, after breakfast you will transfer to Negombo (approximately 3 hours) so you are close to the airport for your flight home tomorrow, and can spend your last night on the coast.

Accommodation: Villa Hundira

Meals: Breakfast and dinner





Day 15

Departure

Today you will be transferred back to Bandaranaike International Airport for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

Where you'll stay



Anantaya Resort and Spa (or similar)

Located on the sandy beachfront, Anantaya Resort & Spa Chilaw offers an outdoor pool.

Tucked away in the charming coastal town of Chilaw, Anantaya Resort & Spa offer a sanctuary that is surreally positioned with a soft sandy beach on one side and a charming lagoon on the other. Cocooned in seductive seclusion unique among the myriad of Sri Lanka beach resorts.

Guests can enjoy the swimming pool and spa which offers revitalizing wellness treatments in our tranquil space.

The on-site restaurant serves local and international cuisine.

Amenities

En suite bathroom, Balcony or terrace, Air conditioning





Big Game Camp (or similar)

The camp is set inside a flat and spacious bush forest overlooking a man-made reservoir on the eastern boundary of the Udawalawe National Park, surrounded by a bush forest, it is visited by elephants and has a very rich birdlife. you can enjoy alfresco meals near the lake, surrounded by the serenity of nature and there is plenty of wildlife within the campsite wandering across from the Wilpattu National Park itself!

Tents are spaciously set up to ensure a great setting and maximum enjoyment of the breathtaking sunset in the bush. Within the campsites

private forest is a lake teeming with pelicans, storks, and lapwings, and on the borders is a stunning rock cliff – frequented by elephants – with a part aerial view of Udawalawe National Park.

Amenities

En suite bathroom, Balcony or terrace, Ceiling Fan



Nilaveli Beach Resort (or similar)

Nilaveli Beach Resort is set on the bronzed sands of Nilaveli Beach – situated on the eastern shores of Sri Lanka, the property is less than 50 metres from the beach and 300 metres from Nilaveli Lake.

This tranquil resort welcomes guests with a private beach area and swimming pool with terrace. The resort can organise activities such as diving and fishing. There are also barbeque facilities and bicycle rentals available.

Guests can enjoy a delectable spread of traditional Sri Lankan meals as well as international cuisines at the in-house restaurant.

Amenities

En suite bathroom, Balcony or terrace, Tea and coffee set





Hotel Sigiriya (or similar)

Hotel Sigiriya is located within the Cultural Triangle of Sri Lanka, an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Featuring the best view of the Lion's Rock, it has an outdoor pool, a restaurant serving buffet breakfast and international dishes and there are three on site bars. Massage services can be booked at the Ayurveda Spa.

Amenities

En suite bathroom, Air conditioning, Tea and coffee set



Gammaduwa Bungalow (or similar)

The bungalow lies in 7 acres of tea estate land with glorious mountain views, with the opportunity for hill country tea trail walks or mountain biking.

The luxurious guest house accommodation offers superb Sri Lankan food cooked in traditional ways within a tranquil rural village environment.

The property features a garden and inner courtyard with views, outdoor dining area, guests can relax in the on-site bar or lounge or play darts at the guest house.

Amenities

En suite bathroom, Free WIFI, Ceiling Fan



Kandyan Manor (or similar)

Kandyan Manor is a traditional Kandyan home located just 4.5km away from the noisy city. Listen to the chirps and songs of the amazing variety of rare and colourful birds. Experience the warmth and uniqueness of a family's own house, get to know local habits and culture as you participate in the daily life of the locals. Eat local food, and perhaps learn how to cook a complete meal on firewood in a traditional kitchen.

A trip to the Kandyan Manor is an opportunity to feast on its delicious, melting-pot cuisine, prepared by Suzy and her team.

Amenities

En suite bathroom, Ceiling Fan, Free WIFI





Villa Hundira (or similar)

Located just half an hour away from the airport but situated beside a tranquil lagoon lined with palm trees, Villa Hundira is an exceptional stylish villa with excellent food and service. There are two pools, spa, bar and views out to sea and thoughtfully designed corners to sit and relax.

The perfect quiet slice of paradise for your last day in Sri Lanka.

Amenities

En suite bathroom, Air conditioning, Tea and coffee set

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