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Gal-Oya Paradise tour

8 Days / 7 Nights

Negombo – Sigiriya – Pasikudah – Gal Oya – Kandy –Colombo

This tour will take you all the way to the eastern coastline of Sri Lanka, with untouched sandy beaches, great waves and some of the most unique wildlife parks in the country.

Gal Oya is the only place in Sri Lanka where you can experience a wildlife safari on a boat. You will see elephants swimming in the largest reservoir in the country. We will offer you an unforgettable stay in the Gal Oya Eco Lodge that is packed with exiting activities to explore the stunning nature and wildlife of Sri Lanka without any extra cost.

Full itinerary of the tour

Day 1: Airport – Negombo

You will land at the Katunayake Airport situated next to the beautiful Negombo Lagoon and spend the night in Negombo. You will have the rest of the day to rest and get adjusted to the tropical climate. In the evening our company representative will come to you for a complimentary tea to discuss the program ahead. He will present you different options you can take and the complimentary offers especially designed to make your trip memorable.

Airport arrival: Welcome to Sri Lanka by our concierge and transfer to the hotel

Accommodation: Ranweli Holiday Village in Negombo or similar/ Meals included: Breakfast

Transportation: 30km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 2: Negombo- Sigiriya – Hiriwadunna village - Ayurvedic massage

With an early checkout after breakfast we will proceed to Sigiriya. Before checking in to the hotel, you will visit the ancient city of Sigiriya. You will surely enjoy the 8th wonder of the ancient world, Sigiriya Rock Fortress, an important UNESCO World Heritage site and testament to the sophistication of ancient construction. Be blown away by this architectural masterpiece with fountains that still work after 2500 years. Give yourself time to fully grasp the beauty of the ancient frescos of half-naked royal women on the rock face, the fortifications around the rock and the grand city built in the 5th century BC. Enjoy the breathtaking aerial view over jungles, rural villages and giant lakes and mountains after going up more than 1000 steps carved into the rock face. After climbing down, experience the authentic life of villagers with a special lunch in the Hiriwadunna village. Walk around the village and its lake, watching birds and wildlife as well as bullock carts transporting goods to the market.

Indulge yourself in the luxuries of the hotel and relax, so that you are fresh and ready for exciting visits on the following day. From your hotel you can enjoy watching the sunset on the Sigiriya plain with a freshly squeezed fruit juice of your choice.

Accommodation: Kuwera Eco Lodge in Sigiriya or similar/ Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch
Transportation: 180 km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 3: Sigiriya - Pasikudah beach

You will arrive in your beach paradise time of your life. One of the most beautiful beaches in Sri Lanka secluded from thousands of tourists like other places. You will stay in the world famous Anilana Beach Resort where you can truly pamper yourself in this sun and sand paradise. If you get tired of lazing by the pool, or relaxing under a tree, embark on an adventurous safari, trek through nature reserves and scenic locations where elephants and other wildlife can be spotted. Discover the colorful underwater world along Pasikudah coastline, abundant with tropical fish and magnificently coloured coral reefs. Go deep sea fishing, whale watching or racing with dolphins, all adventures for you to discover and choose from.

Accommodation: Anilana Beach Resort in Pasikudah or similar/ Meals included: Breakfast
Transportation: 140 km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 4: Pasikudah beach

You can enjoy a great breakfast before you venture to the golden beach and the blue waters beyond. Anilana Pasikudah is a great destination for lovers of Water Sports and Diving. With beautiful Coral Reefs for snorkeling, top quality internationally experienced Scuba Diving Instructors are available including a Base Leader, Course Manager.

Pasikudah Bay provides a great venue for Water-Skiing, Jet Scooters, Windsurfing and Canoeing. These options are all available at reasonable prices, we can also arrange for you to enjoy Banana Boat Rides, Hobby Cat Sailing and even Speed Boat rides. Anilana Pasikudah will be happy to make arrangements on your behalf and looks forward to receiving your enquiries.

Accommodation: Anilana Beach Resort in Pasikudah or similar/ Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5: Pasikudah - Galoya

This morning you will be leaving your Pasikudah beach paradise to another true nature paradise in Gal Oya National wildlife sanctuary and its surroundings. Gal Oya Lodge is more than just a Sri Lanka Eco lodge. The concept lives in every detail, from the undisturbed lush forest of our mountain site to the natural materials – such as cajan, wood and illuk – used to create our bungalows. This unique lodge use appropriate methods and recycling to preserve precious natural resources such as water and energy. It is one of the best place to experience the wildlife in Sri Lanka while enjoying the beauty of the nature going beyond a traditional hotel. We have included several activities as part of your tour program with no additional cost to you during your stay in this magical place. However Gal Oya Eco lodge has many other activities that you can choose from at your discretion.

Bird walks and hikes through the local area for 1-5 hours (included in your tour package)

You will be joined by a resident naturalist for a walk to enjoy the beauty of the area around the lodge and enjoy the abundant birdlife the area is known for. There are a number of possible routes, from leisurely strolls around our lake to more strenuous hikes up impressive granite mountains to enjoy stunning view of the surrounding mountains. Please discuss your interests with your naturalists for a tailored trip to suit your preferences.

Night safari for 3-4 hours (included in your tour package)

If you wish to try your luck in viewing some of Sri Lanka's nocturnal animals, an experienced naturalist will take you on a jeep safari in the Watawana forest reserve. Leaving the lodge at around 5pm, drive out near the Watawana Lake, where you first can visit some archeological sites including some ruins and an ancient water duct system as well as some Vedha caves. When it gets dark begin driving back to the lodge with spotlights, keeping a look out for eyes shining back at you! Amongst other things you can hope to see Jackal, Elephants, Nightjars, Sri Lankan Frog Mouths, Jungle Cats and the elusive Stripe Backed Golden Civet.

Accommodation: Galoya Lodge in Gal oya or similar/ Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Transportation: 140 km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 6: Gal-Oya

Boat Safari on Sri Lanka's largest lake for 4 hours (included in your tour package)

A unique opportunity to observe the local wildlife from the stunning Gal Oya Lake: including crocodiles, deer, elephants and many rare and endemic species of birds. This experience is the only one in Sri Lanka that enables you to spot wildlife from the water and to truly immerse yourself in the animals' habitats. You may be lucky enough to see the elephants swimming between islands or bathing at the lake's edge. The Safari involves a 40-minute drive through villages and the national park to the boat point followed by 2-3 hours on the boat. Don't forget your hat and sunscreen, as the sun can be very strong.

Gal Oya Lodge animal monitoring program (included in your tour package)

This is one of the two programs you can choose from after lunch. Join one of our resident naturalists for a walk to enjoy the beauty of the area around the lodge and enjoy the abundant birdlife the area is known for. There are a number of possible routes, from leisurely strolls around our lake to more strenuous hikes up impressive granite mountains to enjoy stunning view of the surrounding mountains. Please discuss your interests with one of our naturalists for a tailored trip to suit your preferences.

OR

Bike Tour for 1-3 hours (included in your tour package)

Join one of our naturalists on a leisurely bicycle ride during your stay at the lodge. You may choose to ride on a shorter off-track trail to the small Kiri Oruwa Lake, which is teeming with bird species. Alternatively, you may Ride on the longer main road which cuts through the national park to the beautiful Namal Oya Reservoir. Helmets are provided.

Accommodation: Gal-Oya Lodge in Gal-Oya or similar/ Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included

Day 7: Gal-Oya - Kandy

After your last breakfast in the middle of this natural wonderland, you will be driven across the mountains to Kandy. There will be several stops to rest and eat during this long but beautiful ride. Once In Kandy you will immediately be checking in to your hotel. Depending on your choice we can help you stroll through the colourful markets of Kandy and visit the serene Temple of the Tooth, the center of Buddhism in Kandy and the last seat of the Sinhala kings. You can also choose between strolling the city and taking one of our complimentary tours in Kandy as well. To visit ancient temples in the outskirts of Kandy.

Accommodation: Urban castle Hotel in Kandy or similar/ Meals included: Breakfast
Transportation: 180 km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car

Day 8: Royal Botanical Gardens – Tea Plantation & Factory – Colombo

You will be driven from Kandy directly to the airport or Colombo depending on your choice and time of departure. However if you have few hours to spare we can take you for a guided stroll through the lush Royal Botanical Garden of Peradeniya and admire the hundreds types of orchids that you have never seen before. On the way back to Colombo, take a break at a tea factory to enjoy a fresh cup of the best tea in the world as well.

Say good-bye to Sri Lanka at the airport, or let us drop you in Colombo or Negombo to continue your dream holiday on the beach.

Transportation: 120 km by special tourist coach, mini bus, van, car
Meals included: Breakfast from the hotel

Complimentary offers (Depending on your location and tour package):

1. Optional tour in Kandy to famous royal temples of Gadaladeniya, Lankathilake and Ambekke Temple saving you 60 Euro per person.
2. Hiriwadunna village tour and lake safari including bullock cart tour across the village and jungle road and a tuk tuk adventure, saving you 30 Euro per person.
3. Exotic elephant safari ride tour in Pinnawala, saving you 18 Euro per person.
4. Traditional 80 minute Ayurvedic massage saving you 40 Euro per person.

Price includes:

-)] We cover all costs included in your itinerary description inside Sri Lanka (no air fare)
-)] Best reviewed and ranked boutique luxury hotels
-)] Accommodation in shared double rooms on bed and breakfast basis in specified luxury hotels (can be upgraded on customer request)
-)] Private luxury van, mini bus or car with an experienced driver and/ or guide with special tourist insurance
-)] All government charges and taxes
-)] Meals on bed and breakfast basis (Can be upgraded on customer request)
-)] Safaris with specialist jeeps and wildlife expert drivers; meals included during safaris
-)] Free complementary excursions and herbal treatments, massages and lunches
-)] Extras on the way such as traditional delicacies and traditional handcraft souvenirs
-)] Water and snacks on the way

Price excludes:

- J Medical/ travel insurance
- J Optional tours and activities that are not part of the complimentary offers that come with your package
- J Special permits including camera and video permits to designated sights
- J Tips and other expenses of personal nature
- J Entrance fees to national monuments, wildlife parks and other attractions that are not covered in your offer (can be upgraded on customer request)

Special notes to all travelers

1. All rates are subject to change in case of sudden government charges on fuel and transport, hotel rates, entrance fees and taxes.
2. Above rates are calculated at the latest available conversion rate. You will be informed about any major differences and the final tour price may be reduced or increased.
3. Our cancellation policy will be applicable for any reduction of rooms after the release period.
4. We keep our costs to absolute minimum by picking nonrefundable reservations. Therefore, all tour reservations are subject to a 100% non-cancellation policy. However we may help you to change the dates or change the tour program depending on costs and availability.
5. All reservations are subject to availability at time of booking.
6. Reservation confirmation shall be subject to availability after your consent to confirm the room /round tour package.
7. The official check-in time at all hotels is 14:00. The official check-out time at all hotels is 11:00.
8. Alcohol will not be served by any hotel on Poya Days (full moon) and other days prohibited by the government. Guests are advised to abide by the law at all times.
9. Optional excursions and additional services outside our large number of complimentary options can be provided at additional charge.
10. Visits to wildlife parks will be at client's own risk.
11. Safari vehicles have very basic insurance cover (not as comprehensive as in the case of vehicles used for tours).
12. By booking a tour or request a booking you agree to the following terms:
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 - b. Please visit our Important travel information and disclaimers. [Click here](#)