



WildWings

Sri Lanka – Tailor-made Bird and Wildlife holidays NEW!

“Ayubowan” – may you be blessed with a long life, Sri Lanka’s gesture of welcome and respect, which is how you will be received throughout the country.

A bird and wildlife gem set in the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka offer 33 species of endemic birds plus many more residents and migrants and is also becoming one of the best places in the world to see Blue Whale and Leopard.

Amazing diversity and beautiful scenery – tropical rainforest, golden sandy beaches, brilliant green paddy fields, Ancient ruins, cities, lively small villages, arid dry zones, temples, wildlife sanctuaries, hill tea plantations all with in a few hours drive of each other, Historical invaded throughout time. Traditional values and pride are still shown in a rich culture, and the warmth and friendliness of it’s people, a mixture of Sinhalese, Buddhist, Hindi, Tamils, Islamic moors, Dutch and Portuguese Burghers, now living in harmony again.

It’s warm climate averages 30C, in the hill country it can be 20 degrees lower at night however. There are two wet seasons, which are best to avoid, May – July and December and January.

The food is famed for it’s spicing, which is showcased in the staple diet of boiled rice and curries, meat, fish, vegetable or omelettes in coconut milk seasoned with chillies, peppers, cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, nutmeg, and turmeric. A main course will often consist of five to seven dishes!

WildWings spent three weeks on the island in spring 2011 and have teamed up with the country’s most experienced team of local bird and wildlife guides.

We have two suggested itineraries, a bird endemics special and a Blue Whales and other mammals tour. Not only can you pick your dates and itinerary, you can pick you travelling companions too!

Or contact us to discuss the perfect itinerary for you and your party, mixing such sites as

Sinharaja Man and Biosphere Reserve

A UNESCO World Heritage Site for lowland endemics and rain forest birds. Endemic birds include the Ceylon Spurfowl, Ceylon Junglefowl, Ceylon Wood Pigeon, Ceylon Hanging Parrot, Layard's Parakeet, Red-faced Malkoha, Green-billed Coucal, Serendib Scops Owl, Chestnut-backed Owlet, Ceylon Grey Hornbill, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Ceylon Small Barbet, Crimson-backed Flameback, Black-capped Bulbul, Spot-winged Thrush, Ceylon Rufous and Brown-capped Babbler, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Ceylon Blue Magpie, White-faced Starling, Sri Lanka Myna, Ceylon Scaly Thrush, Ceylon Scimitar Babbler and Ceylon Crested Drongo. Malabar Trogon and Ceylon Frogmouth also occur here. Many of Sri Lanka's endemic mammals and butterflies are also found here. Many Endemic lizards can be found including the Whistling and Rough-nosed Horned Lizards.

Kithulgala Forest Reserve

This lowland tropical forest reserve is reached by crossing the river in a dugout canoe. A good number of endemic birds occur such as Sri Lanka (Pompadour) Green Pigeon, Green-billed Coucal, Spot-winged Thrush, Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Brown-capped Babbler and Red-faced Malkoha, Ceylon Grey Hornbill, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Ceylon Rufous Babbler, Ceylon Scimitar Babbler, Sri Lanka Myna, Ceylon Swallow, and Legge's Flowerpecker.

Bundala National Park

A chain of wetlands with shallow, brackish water lagoons, mixed with thorny scrubland, bordering the sea, with the beaches being important sites, for nesting turtles. The park's lagoons and lakes hold good numbers of birds and crocodiles. Endemic birds include the Brown-capped Babbler, Ceylon Woodshrike and Ceylon Junglefowl. Mammals likely to be seen include Elephant, Hanuman Langur, Jackal, Black-naped Hare and Spotted Deer.

Yala National Park

Yala is Sri Lanka's oldest, largest and most visited national park, dry semi-arid conditions prevail, and is the place for viewing Leopard with its unspoiled beaches, scrub and grasslands, lakes, brackish lagoons and dry stream beds.

Udawalawa National Park

Udawalawe is a beautiful place and the site to see wild Asian Elephants roaming in the open grass and scrubland. Endemic birds include the Ceylon Junglefowl, Ceylon Grey Hornbill, Ceylon Woodshrike and Ceylon Swallow, Spotted Deer, Wild Pig, Black-naped Hare, Ruddy Mongoose, Sambar, Toque Monkey and Hanuman Langur are all possible here too.

Horton Plains National Park and Nuwara Eliya

Horton plains is the highest plateau on Sri Lanka with a mixture of cloud forest, valleys swathed with grasslands, and spectacular panoramic views. Nuwara Eliya offers a few good birding sites around the town situated in the central highlands with a temperate

climate and home to Sri Lanka tea industry. Ceylon Wood Pigeon, Yellow-Eared Bulbul, Ceylon Scaly Thrush, Ceylon Whistling Thrush, Sri Lanka Bush-Warbler, Dusky Blue Flycatcher and Ceylon White-Eye.

Udawattakele Sanctuary,

A [historic forest reserve on the hill-ridges of Kandy](#), birds include [Ceylon Hanging Parrot](#), [Layard's Parakeet](#), [Ceylon Small Barbet](#) plus [Crimson-Backed Flameback](#).

Sigiriya Sanctuary

The 5th century Rock Fortress is surrounded by roads and trails in this good birding country, mixed evergreen forest. With numerous 'village tanks' that have many interesting species. Sigiriya is one of the better sites, to see the Shaheen (a local race of the Peregrine Falcon). While night drives offer up the chance of the fish-owl, Jerdon's Nightjar and possibly the Slender Loris.

Kalametiya Bird Sanctuary

An important site for migratory birds. A small but diverse area with habitats from shoreline, marshes, brackish water lagoons, mangrove forest to scrubland. An area for common wetland birds including Slaty-breasted Crake, Watercock and Black Bittern.

All tours includes all ground transport in an air-conditioned vehicle with a top driver/guide, all meals, accommodation, jeep excursions and boat trips as itinerary. Our website has full versions of both version of the suggested itineraries with potential key species.

10 DAY WildWings Sri Lanka BIRD ENDEMIC TOUR

Day 1. ARRIVAL / KITULGALA

Arrival and proceed to Kithulgala. With birding a Kithulgala flight times permitting. Overnight stay in Kithulgala includes dinner.

Day 2. KITULGALA

After breakfast full day birding in Kithulgala Forest Reserve. Overnight stay in Kithulgala includes breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 3. KITULGALA / SINHARAJA

After breakfast birding around Kithulgala and proceed to Sinharaja
Birding around Sinharaja.
Overnight stay in Sinharaja. includes breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 4. SINHARAJA

After breakfast full day excursion to Sinharaja World Heritage Reserve.
Overnight stay in Sinharaja. includes breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 5. SINHARAJA

After breakfast full day birding in Sinharaja Forest Reserve .
Overnight stay in Sinharaja. includes breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 6. SINHARAJA / EMBILIPITIYA

After breakfast leave for Embilipitiya.
afternoon birding in Kalametiya Bird Sanctuary.
Overnight stay in Embilipitiya. includes breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 7. EMBILIPITIYA / UDAWALAWE /NUWARA ELIYA

After breakfast Jeep safari in Uda Walawe National Park.
Proceed to Nuwara Eliya. Overnight stay in Nuwara Eliya.

Day 8. NUWARA ELIYA

Very early start to visit Horton Plains National Park, with picnic breakfast.
afternoon Birding around Nuwara Eliya. Overnight stay in Nuwara Eliya.
includes breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 9. NUWARA ELIYA

After breakfast birding in Victoria Park.
Proceed to Kandy
Overnight stay in Kandy. includes breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 10. KANDY / AIRPORT

After breakfast birding in Udawattakele
Lunch in Kandy.
Transfer to hotel near Airport.

Departures year round from £1279 per person sharing a twin room. Based on a minimum of two people travelling.

Price includes: Ground transportation by air-conditioned vehicle with driver/guide throughout, rooms with private facilities and breakfast, lunch and dinner, tips and portorage, jeep excursions in National Parks, entrance fees, boat trips if applicable, taxes.

Price excludes: Air travel (UK – Colombo from £649 return non-stop, from £529 taking a connection), drinks, driver/guide tips, travel insurance and items of a personal nature.

We also offer a suggested 12 day Whales and other Mammals tour from £1789 per person (see website). Please contact Sarah-Jane Thompson at WildWings for your quote today!