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TRIP IDEA · 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

Beaches, Leopards & the Wild East

Colombo → Hikkaduwa → Galle → Yala → Arugam Bay → Kumana → Anuradhapura → Wilpattu

from **€1,500** – €2,400 per person (estimate)

LENGTH	BEST TIME	SUITS	STYLE
9 days / 8 nights	Apr–Sep (east-coast season)	Couple, Family, Friends / group	Beaches, Wildlife

Overview

Based on a real route from a Sri Lankan trip organiser: south-coast beaches, Galle Fort, three national parks and the surf coast of Arugam Bay.



Highlights

- Snorkelling at Hikkaduwa (or Unawatuna)
- Galle Fort, a UNESCO site
- Yala safaris and the Sithulpawwa rock temple
- Full-day safari in quiet Kumana
- Leopard country at Wilpattu

Best months

Jan | Feb | Mar | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | Oct | Nov | Dec

Day by day

DAY 1 **Arrive, down to the south coast**

Welcome at the airport and about 1.5–2 hours down the expressway to Hikkaduwa (or Unawatuna, if you prefer a quieter bay).

Overnight: Hikkaduwa

DAY 2 **Reefs and Galle Fort**

Morning snorkelling or a glass-bottom boat over the coral. After lunch, Galle Fort's ramparts and lanes.

Overnight: Hikkaduwa

DAY 3 **To Yala**

About 2.5 hours east to a jungle lodge near Yala. Evening bush walk or birdwatching.

Overnight: Yala

DAY 4 **Sithulpawwa and safari**
Early visit to the ancient Sithulpawwa rock monastery, back before the heat, then an afternoon jeep safari.
Overnight: Yala

DAY 5 **Dawn safari, east to Arugam Bay**
Early safari with a packed breakfast, then a 5-hour drive past Lahugala (watch for elephants) to the surf coast.
Overnight: Arugam Bay

DAY 6 **Kumana full day**
Full-day safari in Kumana, a peaceful park famous for birds and leopards, with a picnic lunch.
Overnight: Arugam Bay

DAY 7 **Across to Anuradhapura**
A long but scenic day (about 6 hours) across the island, with a village tea stop.
Overnight: Anuradhapura

DAY 8 **Wilpattu**
Full day in Wilpattu, the largest and leafiest national park, known for leopards and sloth bears.
Overnight: Anuradhapura

DAY 9 **Back to Colombo**
About 4 hours to Colombo for shopping and your flight; a Colombo night can be added.

What's usually included

Included

- Private vehicle with guide (car, van or luxury coach for groups)
- 4–5-star hotels, 2 sharing, with breakfast
- Airport welcome and transfers
- Local taxes and the driver's costs

Not included

- International flights
- Sri Lanka ETA (visa)
- Entrance and park fees unless listed
- Lunches, most dinners and drinks
- Tips and personal spending
- Travel insurance

About the price: Estimate per person, 2 sharing, 4–5-star hotels with breakfast, private vehicle (car, van or coach by group size) with guide; jeep safaris extra.
Estimate last checked: 13 November 2026. Prices change with season, hotels and group size.

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