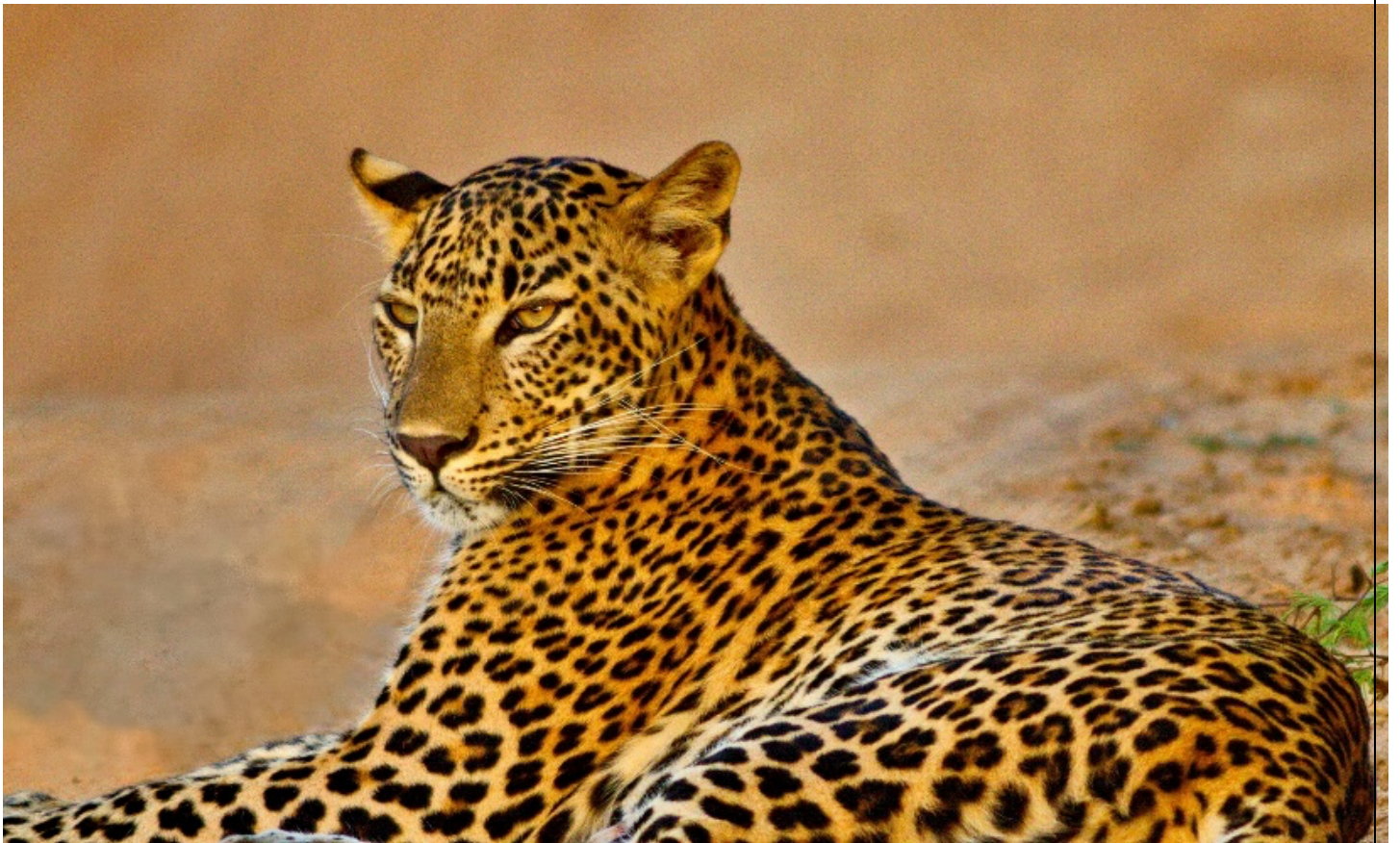


TRACKS SAFARIS

WE GET YOU CLOSER



**SRI LANKA WILDLIFE AND CULTURAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI
FEATURING KANDY ESALA PERSHERA – ONE OF THE GRANDEST
RELIGIOUS PAGEANTS IN ASIA
5TH AUGUST – 15TH AUGUST 2026**



At Tracks Safaris our dedicated team of experienced naturalists and passionate wildlife enthusiasts leads immersive guided explorations through Sri Lanka's breathtaking National Parks and pristine wilderness areas. With deep knowledge and a genuine love for nature and a talent for photography, they ensure every journey becomes an enriching encounter—bringing you closer to the island's unique flora, fauna, and hidden natural wonders. Their expert guidance inspire curiosity and fosters a profound connection with the wild. This photographic journey is accompanied by a local photographic guide throughout.

5TH AUGUST 2025

Upon arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport, guests will be warmly met and greeted. Relax as you are chauffeured in comfort to the iconic Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo with an approximate travel time of one hour.

Meet Chitral Jayatilake and your photographic naturalist guide over dinner for a warm welcome and a friendly discussion about the exciting days ahead.

Overnight stay at Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo.

6TH AUGUST 2026

After an early breakfast, embark on a scenic journey through Sri Lanka's countryside to Wilpattu.

Check into the charming Claughton Wild, your gateway to an authentic wilderness experience, surrounded by the sounds of nature.

In the evening, set off on your first exhilarating safari into Wilpattu National Park in the company of your guide –

where dense forests open to tranquil Villus (natural lakes), and the possibility of spotting leopards, sambar deer, and an abundance of birdlife keeps your camera poised for that perfect shot.

Return to Claughton Wild for a delectable dinner and an overnight stay.



7TH AUGUST 2026

Awaken to the sounds of the wild and set off at first light for your morning safari deep into the heart of Wilpattu National Park. Return to Claughton Wild by late morning, where the rest of the day is spent relaxing at the lodge.

After lunch we set off on our evening safari to Wilpattu in search of the elusive leopards. Hoping we will be blessed with the magical golden hour when the light bathes the park in warm hues, where photography opportunities are abounded.

Conclude the day with dinner and an overnight stay at Claughton Wild



8TH AUGUST 2026

Begin the day with one last morning safari in Wilpattu, making the most of your chance to spot the park's unique wildlife.

Return to the resort for a hearty breakfast, and after lunch, embark on a scenic drive to Habarana – passing through rural villages, lush paddy fields, and coconut groves along the way.

Check in to Cinnamon Lodge Habarana, a luxurious retreat nestled amidst the forests and lakes of the cultural triangle.

In the evening, set off to explore the Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Sri Lanka's most iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site. Climb the ancient rock citadel built by King Kashyapa in the 5th century.

Conclude the day with dinner and an overnight stay at Cinnamon Lodge Habarana.

9TH AUGUST 2026

The day begins after an early breakfast by embark on a fascinating excursion to Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka's first royal capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your visit begins with the magnificent Ruwanwelisaya Stupa, one of the most venerated monuments in the country, and nearby, you will find the revered Sri Maha Bodhi Tree—a cutting from the original Bodhi tree in India under which the Buddha attained enlightenment.

In the evening, set out on an unforgettable safari at Minneriya National Park, home to one of the most extraordinary wildlife spectacles on earth—the Great Elephant Gathering.

Return to Cinnamon Lodge Habarana for dinner and Overnight stay.



10TH AUGUST 2026

After breakfast, begin your journey to Kandy, the cultural capital of Sri Lanka and the island's last royal kingdom. Upon arrival, check into the elegant Cinnamon Myst Hotel.

As evening falls, take your seat for the spectacular Kandy Esala Perahera, one of the grandest religious pageants in Asia. This centuries-old festival pays homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha, preserved in Kandy's revered Temple of the Tooth.



For over 1,500 years, faith and tradition have echoed through the heart of Sri Lanka, marching to the rhythm of a thousand drums. In the historic streets of the island's former capital—the majestic Kandyan Kingdom—a breathtaking spectacle unfolds. Flames illuminate the night, drums beat in unison, dancers swirl in vibrant splendour, and devotion fills the air. It is a celebration where culture, history, and spirituality unite in a dazzling display of pageantry and pride.

Overnight - Kandy Myst by Cinnamon.



11TH AUGUST 2026

Begin the day with a visit to the Temple of the Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa), one of the most sacred Buddhist temples in the world. Housing the revered Tooth Relic of the Buddha, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is a living place of worship. This sacred temple built in 1592 by King Wimaladharmasuriya has over 1000 years of history and is considered the most sacred place for Buddhists in Sri Lanka.

Next, step into the Kandy Wax Museum, where ancient history comes alive through lifelike exhibits that portray the city's royal heritage, cultural traditions, and legendary figures who shaped the last kingdom of Sri Lanka.

Back the Kandy Myst for lunch and we make our way to the central highlands. As the road winds upward, the air cools and the landscapes shift dramatically—lush tea plantations blanket the hillsides.

By late afternoon, arrive in Nuwara Eliya, often called “Little England” for its colonial charm and cool climate. At 6,000 feet above sea level, this hill station offers a refreshing contrast to the tropical lowlands.

Check into the elegant Black Pool Hotel, unwind and enjoy the crisp mountain air.

Dinner and overnight stay at Blackpool Nuwara Eliya.

12TH AUGUST 2026

Rise early for an unforgettable excursion to Horton Plains National Park, perched 6,500 feet above sea level on the island’s central highlands. Enchanting landscapes—a mosaic of rolling grasslands, cloud forests, crystal-clear streams, and cascading waterfalls.

And for the truly fortunate, Horton Plains hides one of its rarest treasures—the elusive mountain leopard, a mysterious predator perfectly adapted to this highland wilderness.

After an amazing Hill Country safari, we return to Nuwara Eliya for dinner and overnight at Black Pool hotel.



13TH AUGUST 2026

This morning, after breakfast set out with an expert naturalist for a guided visit to the enchanting Hakgala Botanical Gardens, the second largest in Sri Lanka and famed for its cool-climate flora.

Evening at leisure.

Dinner and overnight at Black Pool hotel.

14TH AUGUST 2026

Today's journey takes you deeper into Sri Lanka's most breathtaking landscapes as you drive from Nuwara Eliya through the central highlands toward Ella. The route is one of the most scenic in the country, winding past rolling tea estates, misty mountains, and cascading waterfalls that spill dramatically down the hillsides.

Venture out to witness and photograph the iconic Nine Arches Bridge, a marvel of colonial-era railway engineering.

Overnight stay at the Oak Ray Ella gap hotel.

15TH AUGUST 2026

After breakfast, bid farewell to the misty highlands of Ella as you begin your journey back to Colombo Airport.

En route, enjoy a comfort stop in the historic city of Galle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Time permitting, stroll along the ramparts of the Galle Fort, where Dutch-colonial architecture, boutique shops, and the endless views of the Indian Ocean blend history with coastal beauty.

Final stop at Bandaranaike International Airport for your international flight home.

This itinerary can be extended to enjoy some time at the beach in Sri Lanka or perhaps Yala National Park. The Maldives is just a short hop by air which opens up some of the best diving and beaches in the region.

PRICE PER PERSON SHARING

**£2,895 PER PERSON
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ARE EXTRA**

Single supplement is available on request

INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation in mentioned hotels for 10 nights/11 days on twin sharing basis
- Meal plans as mentioned in the itinerary – Full board at all hotels .
- All mentioned excursions and entrance permits to National Parks
- Transport in an air-conditioned vehicle
- Guided by experienced and professional English-speaking Naturalist Photographic Guide
- Bottled drinking water

EXCLUSIONS:

- Alcohol and other beverages.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Refreshments at comfort stop.
- Meals at any hotel restaurant other than the meals mentioned

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WILL ENSURE YOUR HOLIDAY IS ATOL BONDED**

GENERAL INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- There will be tea or coffee in most of the hotel rooms.
- Excursions may change based on weather conditions.
- The excursions times will be communicated by our Naturalist.
- Some of the excursions are weather permitting.
- Sun cream and an Insect repellent is advisable to apply during the excursions.



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