

# 12 Day - Endemic Bird Trails with Hiking & Trekking

# Highlights

Welcome to our captivating world of endemic bird trails with hiking and trekking in Sri Lanka! Embark on an unforgettable 11-night, 12-day journey that will ignite your passion for both hiking and bird watching. Immerse yourself in the lush landscapes and vibrant avian life of this tropical paradise. Our well planned trip highlights Sri Lanka's incredible birdlife. Your knowledgeable guides will show you a variety of island-endemic birds while you hike the scenic pathways. You'll see the Sri Lanka Blue Magpie and the secretive Sri Lanka Frogmouth.Sri Lanka's rich avifauna is complemented by its breathtaking scenery, making each hiking tour a feast for the senses. Take photos of colorful birds flying over the canopy to create lasting memories.Our Sri Lanka bird trips are unmatched for birders and wildlife lovers.Join us on a wonderful hike and birdwatching adventure.Book your spot today and prepare to be enthralled by the enchanting world of Sri Lanka's endemic bird trails.

## Day 1 : Airport - Chillaw, Sri Lanka



# WELCOME TO SRI LANKA AYUBOWAN!!!

("Wishing you a long life" in Sinhala Language)

Welcome to Endemic Bird Trails with Hiking & Trekking! Get ready for an unforgettable journey through the breathtaking landscapes of Sri Lanka. On the first day of our package, we invite you to experience the charm of Pledge Scape Hotel, a tranquil oasis nestled amidst nature's beauty. From Bandaranaike International Airport, we'll whisk you away to Negombo, where a delightful boat ride in the lagoon awaits. Take in the peace and quiet of your surroundings as you see beautiful birds and scenic views. Let us take you on an exciting journey that includes both birding and treks. Join us on this remarkable escapade into nature's hidden gems.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Pledge Scape Negombo 4\* or Similar

### Day 2 : Negombo - Matale - Knuckles



On the second day of our package, we invite you to indulge in the tranquility of Corbert's Rest. We'll go towards the Knuckles Mountain Range after a delicious breakfast.We'll visit Sri Lanka's Matale Spice Gardens. Our next destination is Kandy, where a captivating city tour awaits, allowing you to explore this remarkable city's rich heritage and vibrant culture. As we settle in, get ready for a 2-3 hour trek through the charming villages surrounding Sphinx Eyrie. Traverse forest paths and village tracks adorned with lush foliage, providing a truly immersive experience of the Knuckles range. Join us on this unforgettable expedition into nature's breathtaking wonders.

#### Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Corberts Rest camping site or Similar

#### Day 3 : Knuckles



On the third day of our package, we invite you to experience the captivating Corbert's Rest Campsite. Embark on a trek of approximately 3-4 hours through scenic scrub jungle and dense forests, leading you to the charming farming village of Meemure nestled deep in the Knuckles Valley. Traverse rough trails and ford a few streams along the way, immersing yourself in the raw beauty of the surroundings. Take a pause in the village store to have a cup of hot tea sweetened with coconut sap "jaggery" when you arrive. Join us as we discover nature's hidden treasures and make lifelong memories.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Corberts Rest camping site or Similar



### Day 4 : Knuckles - Kitulgala



On the fourth day of our package, get ready to immerse yourself in the beauty of Rafter's Retreat. After a delicious breakfast, we'll venture to the captivating destination of Kithulgala. In the afternoon, prepare for a thrilling trek through the enchanting Kelani Valley Forest Reserve. As you step onto a suspension bridge, a world of wonder unfolds before you. Enter the dense forest cover and be mesmerized by the lush foliage that surrounds you. The Kelani River's rainforest-like environment is full with beautiful birds and butterflies. Join us on this unforgettable expedition into the heart of Sri Lanka's natural treasures.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Rafters Retreat camping site or Similar

# Day 5 : Kitulgala – Nallathanniya



Welcome to Endemic Bird Trails with Hiking & Trekking! Get ready for a thrilling adventure that combines birding and hiking. On the fifth day of our package, we invite you to experience the charm of Slightly Chilled Hotel in Nallathnniya. Get ready for an amazing river rafting trip for 12–65-year-olds. In the afternoon, we'll drive to Maskeliya and stay at a charming roadside hotel near Adam's Peak. Enjoy a delightful dinner and take a few hours to rest, rejuvenating your spirit for the exciting adventures that lie ahead. Join us on this extraordinary escapade as we discover the beauty of Sri Lanka's nature and create lasting memories together.

#### Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Slightly Chilled Hotel 4\* or Similar



### Day 6 : Nallathanniya - Nuwara Eliya



On the sixth day of our package, we invite you to experience the elegance of Jetwing St. Andrews. Brace yourself for an early morning start as we begin our climb around 0200 hrs to reach the summit of an iconic landmark. As you conquer the heights, be prepared to witness a breathtaking sunrise that will leave you in awe. After the thrilling ascent, we'll visit famous tea factories in the gorgeous central highlands. Immerse yourself in the rich history and stunning landscapes of this remarkable region. Join us on this remarkable expedition as we uncover the natural wonders and cultural treasures of Sri Lanka.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Jetwing St. Andrews 4\* or Similar

### Day 7 : Nuwara Eliya – Horton Plains – Veddagala



On the seventh day of our package, we invite you to immerse yourself in the enchanting Blue Magpie lodge in Sinharaja. Start your day with a packed breakfast and a trip to Horton Plains for an unforgettable birding excursion. Marvel at the diverse avian species that inhabit this breathtaking landscape. Afterward, we'll transfer you to a location near the esteemed Sinharaja Forest, renowned for its pristine rainforest ecosystem. Indulge in leisurely activities in the evening, allowing you to unwind and appreciate the natural beauty surrounding you. Join us on this remarkable expedition as we explore the hidden treasures of Sri Lanka's rainforests and create unforgettable memories together.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Blue Magpie Lodge 3\* or Similar



### Day 8 : Veddagala - Sinharaja - Veddagala



Welcome to Endemic Bird Trails with Hiking & Trekking! Get ready for a thrilling birding and hiking excursion. On the eighth day of our package, we invite you to immerse yourself in the wonders of the Blue Magpie Lodge in Sinharaja. After a delicious breakfast, get ready for an enchanting guided walk through the magnificent Sinharaja Forest. Our skilled guides will show you the rainforest's hidden beauties and intriguing facts about its varied flora and wildlife. Listen to rare bird melodies and enjoy the forest's natural beauty. Join us on this captivating expedition as we explore the breathtaking wonders of Sinharaja and create memories that will last a lifetime.

#### Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Blue Magpie Lodge 3\* or Similar

### Day 9: Veddagala – Udawalawa



On the ninth day of our package, we invite you to experience the comfort and luxury of Waraka Hotel. After a delicious breakfast, prepare yourself for an unforgettable adventure as we head to the renowned Udawalawa National Park for an exhilarating safari. Join a unique wildlife adventure to see elephants, leopards, and other intriguing animals in their native environment. Discover amazing birds and stunning flora in the park's various environments, from wide meadows to thick woods. Join us on this remarkable expedition as we explore the wonders of Udawalawa National Park and create memories that will last a lifetime.

#### Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Waraka - Udawalawe Standard Boutique Hotel or Similar

### Day 10 : Udawalawa - Bundala - Galle



On the tenth day of our package, we invite you to indulge in the luxury of Radisson Blu Resort in Galle. After breakfast, we'll take you to Bundala National Park for a memorable experience. In the park's diverse environment, you'll get the best birding and animal experience. Marvel at the diverse avian species that grace the skies, from elegant waterbirds to striking raptors. Keep your eyes peeled for encounters with fascinating wildlife, such as majestic elephants and elusive leopards. Let the natural beauty of Bundala National Park captivate your senses as you create memories to cherish. Join us on an incredible tour to discover Sri Lanka's wildlife and make memories.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Radisson Blu Resort 5\* or Similar

## Day 11: Galle - Kosgoda - Galle



On the 11th day of our package, we invite you to indulge in the luxurious Radisson Blu Resort in Galle. After a delicious breakfast, get ready for a day filled with exciting adventures. We'll take you to Balapitiya for a Madu River boat excursion. Enjoy the river's mangrove woods, birds, and fishing towns. We'll visit a fantastic turtle farm to learn about turtle conservation. Afterward, we'll continue our journey with an exhilarating excursion to Galle. Discover Galle City's colonial architecture, rich history, and dynamic environment on a guided tour. Join us on an incredible adventure to discover Sri Lanka's natural and cultural riches and make lifelong memories.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Radisson Blu Resort 5\* or Similar



# Day 12 : Departure



We hope you've had an unforgettable journey filled with mesmerizing birdwatching experiences, thrilling hikes, and breathtaking treks. As your adventure comes to a close, we invite you to savor one final morning in Sri Lanka. After a delightful breakfast, we'll transfer you to the airport, where you'll bid farewell to this remarkable island and head back home. Reflect on your amazing recollections, intriguing bird species, and breathtaking sceneries. We hope our trip inspired a love of nature. Thank you for joining us on this amazing excursion. We hope to see you again on future expeditions. Safe travels, and until we meet again!

#### Meals: Breakfast

#### Inclusions:

- 11-night accommodation in hand-picked Guest Houses, 3 Star comfort, 4 Star & 5 Star Hotels including meals as per itinerary
- Airport transfers
- Hire an air-conditioned vehicle including fuel
- Services of an English-speaking Driver/guide
- Entrance fees for Knuckles Trek, Kitulgala Forest, Water Rafting, Horton Plains, Sinharaja Forest Trek, Udawalawe National Park, Bundala National Park, Turtle Hatchery, Galle Maritime Museum
- Boat ride in Negombo lagoon & Madu River
- Jeep Coast for Horton Plains & Udawalawe National Park
- Applicable all taxes

#### **Exclusions:**

- Airfares & Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Early checking & late checkouts
- Tips & other personal expenses of a personal nature.
- All entrances, tours, or optional excursions not mentioned in the above inclusions
- Private departure transfers for individual extensions
- Camera permit charges & video permits at certain locations
- Any other items not under inclusions