



## Why should you book this trip?

- Wasgamuwa National Park has a history of being one of the best places to observe the Sri Lankan Sloth Bear (a recognized subspecies of the Sloth Bear).
- Though it's big and diverse, Wasgamuwa National Park is one of the least visited, least touristic parks.
- Encountering, not very habituated elephants is also a highlight in this park.
- Camping is in the heart of the wilderness in Wasgamuwa NP, giving you the opportunity to go back in time, savour and experience living in the bush.
- The comfortable setting of the tented camp gives you a relaxing atmosphere. A warm campfire and Sri Lankan cuisine coupled together with BBQ dinners will add to the flavour of your experience.
- The skill of an experienced naturalist to guide you on the game drive makes your experience unique. A facility that Mahoora guarantees.
- Unique photo opportunities in the Wasgamuwa National Park.

- Your experience is led by a professional naturalist cum environmentalist who is very familiar with the Wasgamuwa National Park.

## Quick Facts

- Availability – all year around
- Transfer arrangements to be picked up and dropped off to any preferred destination could be provided on request
- Arrival at 12.30 p.m. at the Ranna Junction. You will be dropped back to the same location around 11 a.m. on the following day
- Children 6 to 12 years of age sharing the parents' tent will be charged 50%
- Not recommended for children under six years
- Possible to extend the stay beyond one night. Every additional night entitles you to two safaris in the Wasgamuwa National Park
- Camping in the outskirts of the Wasgamuwa National Park, as per the Mahoora Explorer Camping package

## You will meet



**Devaka**

He was born in southern Colombo, near the Bolgoda Lake in his hometown of Moratuwa. He studied at the prestigious Prince of Wales College in Moratuwa throughout his school career where he developed a deep love for the vibrant nature that surrounded him. He carried on with his academic work, acquiring an English Diploma from the Aquinas University College in Sri Lanka and a Diploma in Wildlife from the Open University of Sri Lanka. Furthermore, he has also completed the Wildlife Conservation course at the Wildlife Trust, amassing a deep knowledge to go with his enthusiasm for nature. Devaka, or someone in his calibre, who is available on the day you book the tour, will be leading this tour.

## Included in the price

- Tented Accommodation in Wasgamuwa National Park
- Two jeep safaris
- Service of a professional naturalist who is very well familiarized with Wasgamuwa National Park
- Park entrance fee and the tracker fees
- Picnic basket with snacks and hot and cold beverages during the safaris
- Unlimited beverage service
- All meals during your stay
- Bottled water throughout the day
- All Government tax

## Exclusions

- Tips for the staff
- Anything that is not mentioned above

## Tour in brief (1 night, 2 day)

Do get in touch with your safari specialist as soon as the booking is confirmed, where you will be advised on the meeting point. You will be picked up and driven to the campsite from the pre-arranged meeting point (entrance to the Wasgamuwa National Park) at 12.30 p.m. by Mahoora staff

In reaching the campsite, the Team Leader will warmly welcome you and brief you about your stay with Mahoora. Thereafter, you will be accompanied to your tent by our staff. The lunch will be served along with the preparation for the afternoon safari where you will be accompanied by our expert naturalist

On your return from the afternoon safari and having rested and refreshed you will have the wonderful opportunity to dine under the stars enjoying the exquisite BBQ meal that our chef prepares

A wakeup call at 5 a.m. will be followed by tea and coffee served at the tea buffet. The early morning safari drive commences at 6 a.m. Back from the safari you can refresh yourself and come out to enjoy a delicious breakfast. Alternatively for longer safaris our chefs will prepare a packed breakfast to enjoy in the park itself

We guarantee that you will depart from the Mahoora campsite with the best ever experience in the Sri Lankan wilderness

## Important

- The pickup time from each pickup point is 12.30p.m.; late or early arrivals may result in inconveniences
- Mahoora Camping's meal basis is on full board, from lunch on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 2. This is a standard procedure and will remain the same for all our guests
- Lunch is served at the campsite; it is an experience by itself (any change to this will be specifically advised by our staff)
- There should be enough time to do an evening activity. Guests should leave the campsite by latest 2.30 p.m. for the afternoon safari after having lunch
- In case you get delayed due to unavoidable circumstances or for help on how to get to the location, please call the contact person early
- Personal effects for warm, windy, rainy conditions should be carried by clients
- Insect repellent, sunscreen etc. are recommended
- Sandals or walking shoes are recommended
- Please refrain from making casual donations to anyone. If you like to tip, please hand it over to the Team Leader at the camp. He will distribute it amongst the staff
- Please do not buy any wildlife-related products from anyone, as it is illegal and against our sustainable policies

## Wasgamuwa National Park

Barring the south, the Wasgamuwa National Park is almost entirely encompassed by rivers. The eastern boundary is defined by the famous long flowing Mahaweli Ganga, while the northern and western sides are bordered by the Amban Ganga and Dunuwila Oya respectively.

The ancient tanks stand as evidence to the historical importance of the Wasgamuwa National Park and the religious sites are part of the story of Yudanganapitiya – the site where Sri Lanka's famous kings, Dutugemunu and Elara, camped during their mighty battles, in the 2nd century BC.

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