

Mahoora Camps at Yala National Park

Mahoora Safari Camp at Yala National Park. Best Location for Safari Camping and Observing Leopards. Bird Watching and Wildlife Safaris in Sri Lanka

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Why should you book this trip?

- Boasting the highest density of leopard population in the world, the Yala National Park is widely noted as being the best place in the world to film and photograph the Sri Lankan leopard with the population density being as high as one leopard per square kilometer.
- The Mahoora Tented Safari Camp in Yala borders the northwest boundary of the Yala National Park. The camp is located in one of Sri Lanka's best strategic locations for high end wildlife viewing.
- The Mahoora tented camps border the Yala National Park with a 15 to 20 minute drive to the park's ticket office. Guests are able to experience something very similar to living inside the park where you may encounter wildlife, including elephants and leopards, in the campsite itself.

- You are able to start the Yala safari as early as 5.30 a.m. and continue till 7 p.m. Early morning and late evenings are the best times for wildlife viewing and photography/filming.
- You are provided with two safaris in the Yala National Park. One in the evening of Day 1 and the one on the morning of Day 2.
- You can experience authentic fully-serviced, mobile, tented safari camping, with its many comforts. An array of delicious local food coupled with a BBQ dinner around the warm campfire under the stars is bound to exhilarate you.
- It's an all-inclusive safari camp experience where all your drinks are also included.
- The skills of an experienced naturalist to guide you on the safari drive make your experience unique. A facility that Mahoora Safari Camp guarantees.
- Specially modified, comfortable jeeps are provided for safaris.
- Guided night walks/day walks are also included in this tour.
- We also extend customised services for our guests (Family safaris/honeymoon safaris/photography safaris etc.)
- Your stay in a Yala Mahoora Tented Safari Camp is completely carbon neutral.

Quick Facts

- Meeting point – Hikkaduwa Harbour
- Meeting time Morning – 7 a.m. (most preferred) Evening – 2:30 p.m.
- Duration of tour: Max. 4 hours
- Maximum 6 pax per boat
- Possible period November-April
- You will be picked up and brought back from any hotel in Hikkaduwa. If you are away from Hikkaduwa, additional changes may apply. Alternatively you could come to the meeting point on your own as well.

You will meet



Puwathara

Puwathara's passion for wildlife, at a very early stage, made him a member of the Young Zoologists' Association (YZA) where he initially gained his theoretical and practical knowledge on wildlife. Due to his many involvements in environmental protection as a volunteer and a facilitator, his exposure and experience to the diversified national parks and natural terrains of wilderness in Sri Lanka is enormous. He now serves as a naturalist for Mahoora Tented Safari Camps & Eco Team (Pvt) Ltd.

Included in the price

- Accommodation in the tent of your choice (Elite Safari Tent or Explorer Safari Tent)
- Exclusive, specially designed front-faced jeep
- Service of a professional naturalist
- Park entrance fee and the tracker fees
- Picnic basket with snacks, hot and cold beverages
- Unlimited beverage service
- All meals during your stay
- Bottled water throughout the day
- Government tax

Exclusions

- Tips for staff
- Anything that is not mentioned above

Tour in brief (1 night, 2 day)

We request you to get in touch with your safari specialist as soon as the booking is confirmed. He will brief you on the meeting point and the meeting time. You will be picked up and driven to the campsite at the pre-arranged meeting point at 12.30 p.m. by Mahoora staff.

Upon reaching the campsite, the Camp Manager will warmly welcome you and brief you about your stay with Mahoora. Thereafter, you will be accompanied to your tent by our staff. 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, 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 12.30 p.m.; late or early arrivals may result in inconveniences

- Mahoora Camping's meal basis is on full board, from lunch on the 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 safari/activity. Guests should leave the campsite the latest by 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.

Yala National Park

The Yala National Park is among the oldest and best known of Sri Lanka's 15 national parks. It covers approximately 1,300 square kilometres and is home to a range of ecosystems found nowhere else in Sri Lanka. With vegetation including moist and dry monsoon forests, thorn forest, savannah grasslands and fresh and saltwater wetlands, it comes as no surprise that the Yala National Park has the perfect habitats for the large number of endemic plant and animal species unique to the country, thus making it one of the chosen wildlife safari destinations that features on everyone's tour itineraries. There are 44 species of recorded mammals in this National Park, which include the Sri Lankan Leopard, Sri Lankan Sloth Bear and Sri Lankan Elephant, 215 species of birds, 46 species of reptiles and 21 species of amphibians.