

Live amongst swimming elephants and indigenous tribes – Gal Oya National Park

“Wake up in a savannah wilderness, home to an ancient Vedda clan, and witness swimming elephants on your boat safari and campout inside Gal Oya National Park”

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Why should you book this trip?

- You will be led by an enthusiastic, professional naturalist guide.
- It is a unique experience where boat safaris in the Galoya reservoir take the centre stage – a rare occurrence.
- The highlight of your stay will be to witness elephants swimming from one island to another in the reservoir in the Galoya Park.
- Camping is in the heart of the wilderness in Galoya, 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 will add to the flavour of your experience.
- An opportunity to meet the only indigenous, tribal community of the country –AadiVaasi or the Veddas – a fast dwindling community.
- Your experience is led by a professional naturalist cum environmentalist who is very familiar with the Galoya National Park.
- Unique photo opportunities in the Galoya National Park that will turn your friends green with envy

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 12.30p.m. at the park entrance. 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 GalOya National Park.
- Camping in the outskirts of the Galoya National Park, as per the Mahoora Explorer Camping package

Tour in brief

- Upon your arrival, we advise you to touch base with us in order to provide detailed information on the pickup point. Considering the terrain, it would be difficult to find the campsite on your own. You will be picked up and driven to the campsite at the pre-arranged meeting point (Gal Oya park entrance) at 12.30 p.m. by Mahoora staff and no extra cost will be charged, or your driver can be guided over the phone step by step.
- At the campsite, you will be welcomed by the Camp Manager who will brief you of the day's plan and activities including an introduction to the area. Once refreshed, your lunch will be served in your tented accommodation. Thereafter, your naturalist will guide you in setting for the evening safari. The safaris are done by boat due to the setting of the national park where the best viewing is possible.
- Your return to the campsite is marked with freshly brewed tea and coffee with time to unwind and relax. Dinner is served under the stars amidst a blazing campfire to keep you warm. Our very special five-course BBQ dinner is bound to tantalise your taste buds. The nights are quiet and calm and it is bound to give you peaceful rest after a full day of activities.
- The wakeup call is given at 5 a.m. and by 5.45 a.m. as you need to be up for tea and coffee by 6 a.m. and leave for an adventurous morning safari.
- Once you are back at the campsite, a sumptuous Sri Lankan cum continental breakfast is served. You will depart from the campsite late morning with one of the best experiences of your life.

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 safari/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

Included in the price

- Tented Accommodation.
- One jeep safari and one boat safari
- Service of a professional naturalist who is very well familiarized with Galoya National Park Safaris.
- 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 taxes.

Exclusions

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