



—Sri Lanka—  
**Day Tours**

## **Snorkel in tropical waters overwhelmed with reef fish – Hikkaduwa**

“Explore Sri Lanka’s most popular Marine National Park with snorkel gear, and meet the sea creatures of Hikkaduwa – from the pouting Wrasses to algae-riddled turtles.”

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### **Why should you book this trip?**

- Hikkaduwa’s brilliant coral reef and bountiful underwater ecosystem makes it one of the best locations in the country for snorkelling excursions in particular.
- Hikkaduwa offers excellent snorkelling opportunities very close to the shore. Just 200m offshore, in shallow waters no more than 4m deep, a reef protects an expanse of brilliant coral which is populated by vividly colourful reef fish.
- It is ideal fun and adventure-filled activity for professionals and amateurs alike. You can come and learn snorkelling if you are a beginner while experienced snorkelers can also enjoy Sri Lanka’s tropical waters and its colourful reefs and fish.

- There are around 60 species of hard coral along with over 170 species of tropical reef fish in the fringing reef at Hikkaduwa National Park.
- Very easy access from the most popular beach resorts. If you are looking for things to do in Hikkaduwa, you've come to the right place.

## Quick Facts

- Availability – November to April
- Transfer arrangements to be picked up and dropped off to any preferred destination could be provided on request
- Meeting point – Hikkaduwa
- Best possible times – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m
- Children 6 to 12 years of age will be charged 50%
- Not recommended for children under 6 years
- Possible to extend the activity with accommodation and other activities like fishing and diving

## Tour in brief

- Do get in touch with your sales consultant as soon as the booking is confirmed and you will be advised on the meeting point.
- You will be met by the excursion leader at this point. After the safety briefing, you will be directed to the location which is best at that time of year and day.
- Your instructor will be there for any orientation needed. If you are not comfortable to be on your own, please request for a life vest.
- You will observe the various types of tropical reef fish during the two-hour snorkelling excursion.
- Schools of colourful fish as well as various species of turtle and crustacean are found along these corals. This makes for a truly unique experience that has earned Hikkaduwa its reputation as a must-see location in Sri Lanka.

## Important

- Hikkaduwa is a town on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka around 17km away from Galle. It is best known for its gorgeous golden beaches and warm, inviting ocean. The famed Coral Gardens and Telwatte Bird Sanctuary are the main nature attractions of Hikkaduwa which lies 98km from Colombo.
- Its beaches and nightlife have made it one of the top tourist destinations in Sri Lanka. It is also a popular destination for ocean-based activities like board surfing, scuba diving and snorkelling.
- We offer you an exclusive snorkelling day tour designed to give you the best possible sub aqua experience. The package provides all essential equipment as well as trained and experienced UDI and PADI instructors.
- The best time for snorkelling is between 9 a.m. and 11a.m. when the sun is directly above and visibility is at its peak.
- In 1940, the islets of Hikkaduwa were declared sanctuaries and were limited to their land boundaries. In 1998, it was upgraded to the status of a nature reserve and later to a national park. The famous “coral gardens” of Hikkaduwa are a major attraction for tourists who want to

dive in and get close to the stunning marine life while glass bottom boats are also available for those who prefer to stay dry.

- Hikkaduwa National Park is one of three marine national parks in Sri Lanka and contains a fringing coral reef with a high degree of biodiversity. The growing number of tourists to the area meant an increase in degradation which resulted in the reef being declared a national park in 2002.
- There are around 60 species of hard coral along with over 170 species of tropical reef fish in the fringing reef in the Hikkaduwa National Park. Visitors to the reef can find large stands of cabbage-type Montipora corals and small stands of branching Acropora corals. There is also an abundance of boulder type and encrusting corals.
- You can also see angel fish, butterfly fish, parrot fish, snapper, wrasses, trevally, and various species of sea turtle.

## Included in the price

- Professional instructor
- Entrance fees to the Hikkaduwa National Park
- Hire of snorkelling equipment
- Government tax

## Exclusions

- Any transportation up to the point
- Any tips to the staff
- Any extra equipment hired beyond what we provide