



Why should you book this trip?

- It is a unique experience where boat safaris in the Gal Oya reservoir take 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 Gal Oya Park.
- An opportunity to meet the only indigenous, tribal community of the country – Aadi Vaasi or the Veddas – a fast dwindling community.
- You have 3 options to book safaris in the Gal Oya National Park: [1] morning safari [2] evening safari [3] full day safari.
- The skill of an experienced guide is included and it makes your Gal Oya safari experience unique.
- Specially modified, comfortable jeeps are provided for safaris.
- We also extend customised services for our guests (family safaris/honeymoon safaris/photography safaris etc.)

Quick Facts

- Starting time: Morning: 6 a.m. Afternoon: 2.30 p.m.
- Duration of tour: Half day or Full Day.
- Possible period: All around the year.
- Arrival and departure transport for any location could be arranged on request for an additional cost.

You will meet



Keith

Keith is a young and hands-on naturalist who is bursting with enthusiasm for the work he does. Starting his volunteer work in his teenage years and having studied subjects pertaining to biodiversity, conservation and environmental degradation throughout his university career, he has stepped into the professional arena with a glowing portfolio of qualifications and field work. He is a dedicated animal handler, having worked closely with animals from a very young age, while he has also participated in and contributed to several research projects pertaining to matters of biodiversity.

Included in the price

- Experienced local guide
- Jeep cost
- Entrance fees
- Bottled water

Exclusions

- Arrival and departure transportation
- Any extra beverages or food consumed
- Any tips to the staff
- Any personal effects not mentioned above

Tour in brief

You will first meet up with the Sri Lanka Day Tours crew and your safari guide at the gate entrance to the Gal Oya National Park. For the morning half-day tour, the starting time will be at 6 a.m. while the afternoon tour begins at 2.30 p.m.

You will be taken through most of the Gal Oya Lake, making longer stops at certain locations for unique photography opportunities.

We will stop at a designated spot where you can get down, stretch your legs and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee prepared by our crew.

Finishing the safari, either round 11 a.m. or around 6 p.m. you will be dropped at the park entrance.

Important

- Suitable casual clothing for windy, rainy, warm weather conditions should be considered.
- Insect repellents, sun-protection creams etc. are recommended.
- Cameras/video recorders to capture those amazing moments.

Safari at Gal Oya National Park

This is an exclusive tour that takes you through the enthralling Gal Oya National Park in Sri Lanka. Renowned as one of Sri Lanka's best national parks, Gal Oya offers nature enthusiasts and birders, the perfect opportunity to get close to the exotic animals and birds on show in this esteemed wildlife sanctuary.

Established in 1954, the Gal Oya National Park serves as a main catchment area for the Senanayake Samudraya, Sri Lanka's largest reservoir. Boasting a spectacular list of flora and fauna, this park is famous for its large herds of elephants that can be spotted throughout the year. The magnificent sight of the elephants swimming across the reservoir lures many tourists to these parts and is certainly a highlight of this safari.

Among the other mammal species found in this wild haven are the Axis Deer, Water Buffalo, Toque Monkey and also the regal and iconic Sri Lankan Leopard.

The Gal Oya Park also contains what is known as "Bird's Island", which is an island used by birds for nesting purposes. The park is blessed with a simply dazzling array of colourful and vibrant bird species including endemics such as the Red-faced Malkoha as well as other water birds including the Indian Cormorant and the Grey Heron. This has made the Gal Oya National Park a must-see destination for birding enthusiasts.

The water ways within this grand park allows visitors to be part of the unique experience of exploring its inner-workings either with an exciting jeep safari or an intimate boat expedition.

Gal Oya offers you the quintessential safari adventure with a twist. This is your chance to witness some of Sri Lanka's wild and natural beauty with a fresh look at one of its most enigmatic and captivating national wildlife parks.

Can be extended to a full day safari with packed lunch at the park.