

INTO THE WILD **SRI LANKA**



Guided tours blending adventure,
photography, and conservation.



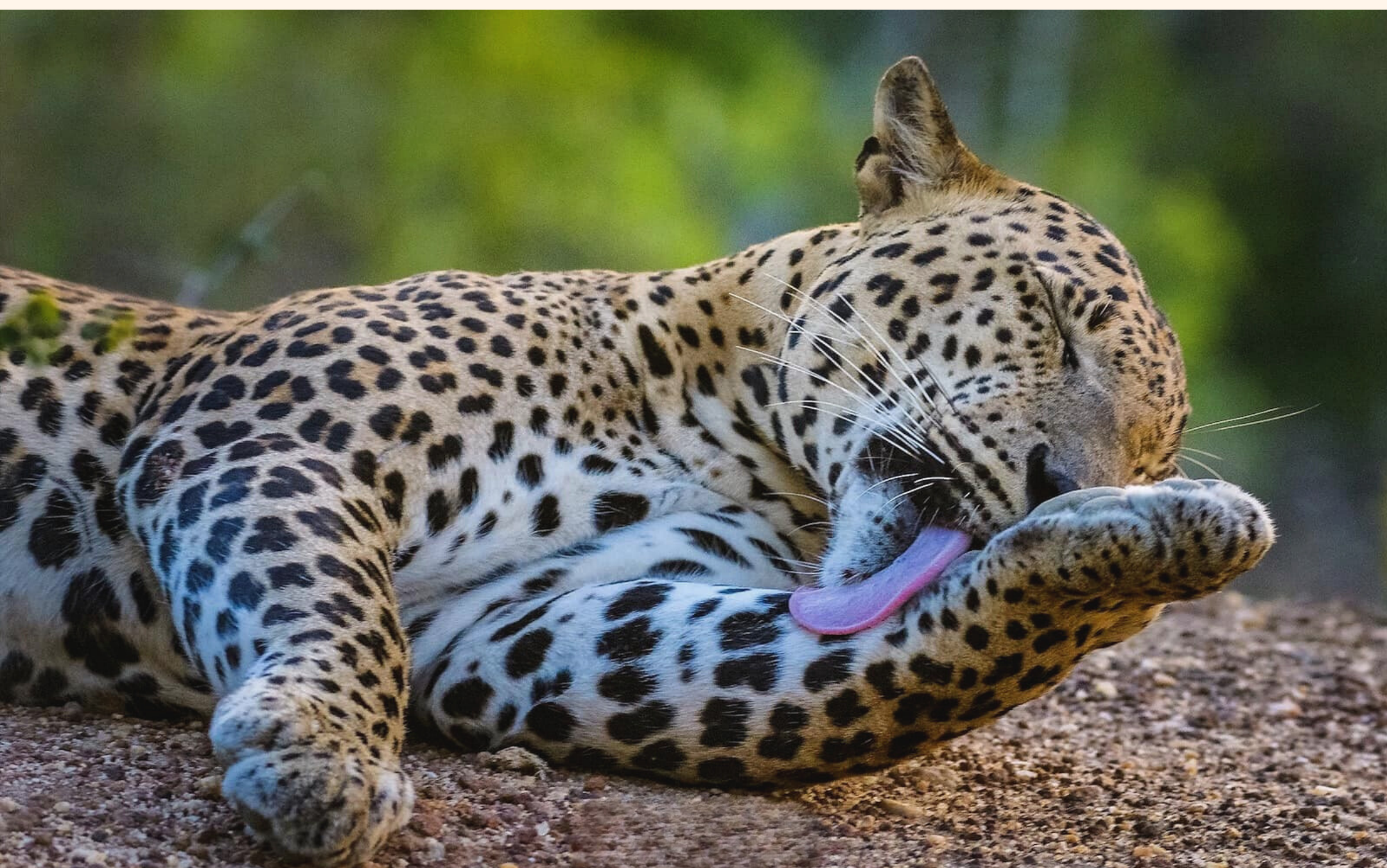
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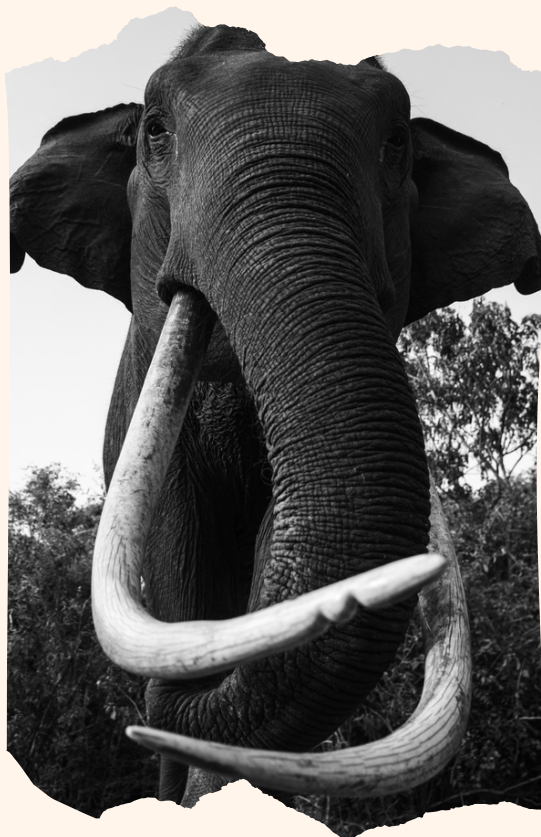
As a wildlife photographer and naturalist guide, I've spent years exploring Sri Lanka's landscapes and national parks. These tours were born from my lifelong passion for photography and conservation, and my desire to share Sri Lanka's extraordinary biodiversity with those seeking something more than a typical safari.

Sri Lanka's wilderness is one of the few places on Earth where leopards still rule the landscape. On this guided experience, you'll learn to read the rhythm of the wild, how to track movement, sense behavior, and capture the raw beauty of untamed life through your camera. Each day offers the chance to create images that reveal not just animals, but the spirit of the wild itself.

These tours are designed for all skill levels, from beginners to seasoned photographers. All tours are designed as exclusive small-group experiences, crafted for a more personal experience and customisable to other national parks on request.

My goal is simple: to ensure you return home not just with stunning images, but with a deeper connection to Sri Lanka's wild beauty and a story to tell.





Why Sri Lanka for Wildlife Photography

A biodiversity hotspot where every frame tells a story of the wild

Sri Lanka is one of the world's true biodiversity hotspots — a compact island that offers photographers an incredible diversity of species and landscapes within just a few hours' travel. From dense jungles and dry-zone forests to misty highlands and coastal wetlands, every national park offers unique photographic opportunities.

The island is home to some of the highest leopard densities on the planet, offering chances to capture these big cats stalking through scrub jungles or resting on sunlit boulders with the Indian Ocean shimmering behind them. In the cool highlands, leopards appear through drifting fog — rare and ethereal moments few photographers ever witness. Add elephants, sloth bears, and vibrant birdlife, and Sri Lanka becomes one of the most rewarding wildlife destinations on earth.





Wild encounters in Sri Lanka's land of lakes

Wilpattu National Park

5 Nights / 6 Days

Day 1 – Arrival in Colombo → Wilpattu (4 hr)

- Your journey begins with a warm welcome at Colombo Airport, followed by a private transfer to a wildlife lodge near Wilpattu.
- In the evening, gather with fellow guests for a welcome dinner where a short orientation session will be held and an introduction to the week ahead and sharing photography tips to prepare you for the wild encounters to come.

Day 2 to Day 5 – Four Full Safari Days in Wilpattu

- Wilpattu National Park, Sri Lanka's largest park known for its unique villus (natural lakes) offers excellent opportunities to photograph leopards, elusive sloth bears, and herds of elephants in a serene, untamed setting.
- The park's lakeshores, forests, and scrublands offer excellent opportunities to photograph predators, waterbirds, and raptors.
- Each safari is timed to make the most of morning and evening light, giving you dynamic wildlife images
- Evenings at the lodge feature image review sessions to improve technique and storytelling, along with guided night walks to spot nocturnal wildlife

Day 6 – Wilpattu → Colombo Airport

- After a final breakfast and reflection on the week's highlights, we journey back to Colombo.

Upon request – Additional safari or optional detour (cultural or scenic sites)

Highlights of the Wilpattu Tour

- Exclusive private or small-group experience (max. 6 guests) for tailored guidance.
- Explore Sri Lanka's largest national park, home to lakes and ancient forest.
- Strong chances to photograph leopards and rare sloth bears.
- Diverse wildlife: elephants, deer, jackals, raptors, and wetland birds.
- Daily evening workshops and photo critiques to elevate your craft.
- Lodge accommodation combining comfort and proximity to the park.



Ultimate leopard photography experience

Yala National Park

5 Nights / 6 Days

Day 1 – Arrival in Colombo → Yala (4.5 hr)

- Your journey begins with a warm welcome at Colombo Airport, followed by a private transfer to a wildlife lodge near Yala.
- In the evening, gather with fellow guests for a welcome dinner where a short orientation session will be held and an introduction to the week ahead and sharing photography tips to prepare you for the wild encounters to come.

Day 2 to Day 5 – Four Full Safari Days in Yala

- Over the next four days, immerse yourself in safaris inside Yala National Park, home to one of the highest leopard densities in the world.
- This is one of the few places on Earth where you can reliably photograph wild leopards even against the dramatic backdrop of Indian Ocean.
- Expect close encounters with elephants, sloth bears, jackals, mugger crocodiles, and a dazzling array of birdlife.
- Each day is crafted to maximize photographic opportunities in different light conditions, from golden sunrise to soft dusk.
- Evenings at the lodge feature photography review sessions to refine techniques, assess the day's shots, and enhance wildlife storytelling.
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Day 6 – Yala → Colombo Airport

- After one last breakfast we depart for Colombo.
- Upon request – Additional safari or optional detour (cultural or scenic sites)

Highlights of the Yala Tour

- Exclusive private or small-group experience (max. 6 guests) for tailored guidance.
- 4 full days of safari focused on leopard tracking and wildlife photography.
- Coaching tailored to all levels — from beginners to seasoned photographers with professional gear.
- Daily evening sessions: editing, field techniques, and photo storytelling.
- Hand-picked lodge accommodation combining comfort and proximity to the park.



Where leopards roam among ancient ruins

Kumana National Park

5 Nights / 6 Days

Day 1 – Arrival in Colombo → Kumana (8 hr)

- Your journey begins with a warm welcome at Colombo Airport, followed by a private transfer to a wildlife lodge near Kumana.
- In the evening, gather with fellow guests for a welcome dinner where a short orientation session will be held and an introduction to the week ahead and sharing photography tips to prepare you for the wild encounters to come.

Day 2 to Day 5 – Four Full Safari Days in Kumana

- Over four days, we explore Kumana National Park, home to leopards, elephants, and rich birdlife, with unique chances to photograph leopards near village ruins, an old school, and along the Indian Ocean coast.
- .The park's wetlands teem with elephants, crocodiles, and vibrant birdlife, including the rare black-necked stork.
- Evenings at the lodge feature photography review sessions to refine techniques, assess the day's shots, and enhance wildlife storytelling.

Day 6 – Kumana → Airport

- After breakfast proceed to Airport.

Upon request – Additional safari or optional detour (cultural or scenic sites) or enroute stops at lagoos or coastal wetlands

Highlights of the Kumana Tour

- Exclusive small-group experience (max. 5 guests) for personal attention.
- Unique opportunity to photograph leopards among ancient ruins.
- Rich wetlands offering elephants, crocodiles, and abundant birdlife.
- Photography coaching tailored to all skill levels.
- Daily evening workshops on editing, fieldcraft, and composition.
- Comfortable, hand-picked lodge close to the park.



14 Days of Leopards, Wild Landscapes & Legends

Sri Lanka Untamed

15 Days / 14 Nights

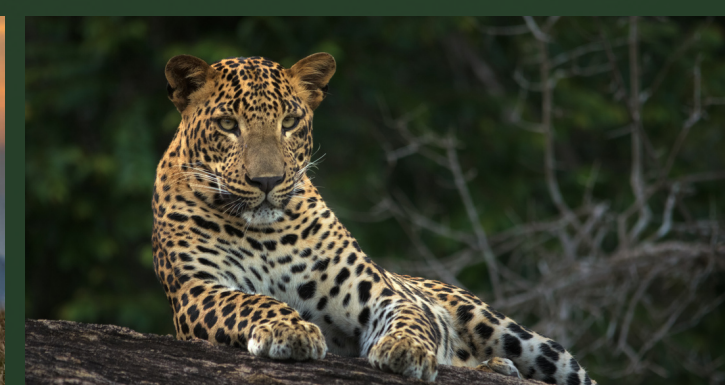
The Ultimate Leopard & Wildlife Experience

Embark on the most complete wildlife photography journey across Sri Lanka — from the leopard-rich forests of Wilpattu and Yala to the misty highlands of Horton Plains, the elephant plains of Habarana, and the wild coasts of Kumana.

This exclusive expedition now includes a finale at sea, with a chance to photograph the mighty blue whale off Sri Lanka's southern coast.

What to Expect :

- Leopards in Wilpattu's forested lakes and glades.
- Photograph elephants on the plains of Habarana.
- Misty highlands of Horton Plains, capturing sambars and highland leopards in the fog.
- Yala's world-renowned leopard sightings against jungle and ocean backdrops.
- Kumana's coastal wilderness, where leopards roam near ancient ruins and birdlife fills the wetlands.
- End in Mirissa, photographing blue whales and dolphins along the southern coast (November to April)
- Evenings feature photography workshops, image reviews, and guided night walks for nocturnal species.
- Small-group or private tours, tailored for beginners to professionals.
- Each day is designed to maximize your time in the field, with safaris planned for the best light and wildlife activity.





14 Days of Leopards, Wild Landscapes & Legends

Sri Lanka Untamed

13 Nights / 14 Days

● Day 1 – Arrival in Colombo → Wilpattu National Park

- Your adventure begins with a private transfer to your hotel near Wilpattu.
- If time permits, you may add an optional afternoon safari or enjoy some sightseeing along the way
- In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner and orientation session, with an introduction to the journey ahead and share key tips.

● Day 2 to Day 4 – Exploring the land of the lakes

- Over the next three days, we dive into Wilpattu, Sri Lanka's largest national park, known for its unique villus (natural lakes) offers excellent opportunities to photograph leopards, elusive sloth bears, and herds of elephants, jackals, deer and raptors.
- Full-day safaris offer diverse lighting for photography
- Evenings for image reviews and optional night walks to spot nocturnal wildlife.

● Day 5 – Wilpattu to witness the gathering of giants

- After a final morning safari, enroute we travel to Dambulla Cave Temple or Sigiriya Lake View,
- In the afternoon, we visit one of the famous elephant gathering sites — Minneriya, Kaudulla, or Hurulu Eco Park — to photograph wild herds in their natural setting.
- After dark, join a guided night bush walk to search for lorises, fishing cats, and owls.

● Days 6 – A scenic drive to the highlands

- A scenic drive through tea country and winding mountain roads leads us to the cool, misty heights of Horton Plains.
- In the evening, we head into the park for a first encounter with the mysterious “ghosts of the cloud forest” — the elusive highland leopards.

● Days 7 – In Search of Ghosts of the clouded plains

- A full day in Horton Plains offers rare chances to photograph leopards in misty highlands, sambar deer, and endemic birds, sometimes emerging dramatically through fog and cloud, with rolling grasslands and cool air providing striking photographic contrasts.



14 Days of Leopards, Wild Landscapes & Legends

● Day 8 – Horton Plains → Ella → Yala National Park

- Descending from Ella with a quick stop at a tea plantation
- We reach Yala for an afternoon leopard safari,
- Evenings include photo reviews and workshops to refine skills.

Day 9 to Day 10 – Yala National Park: Big Cats of the South

- Two full days in Yala offer prime leopard photography, with frequent sightings and dramatic settings, alongside elephants, sloth bears, jackals, and crocodiles.
- Evenings include photo reviews and workshops to refine skills.

● Day 11 – Yala → Kumana National Park

- We begin with a morning safari in Yala before transferring to Kumana.
- After checking into the lodge, we head straight out for our first evening safari in Sri Lanka's most iconic big cat destination.

● Days 12–13 – Kumana : The Coastal Wilderness

- Two full days in Kumana focus on photographing leopards in village ruins, elephants, crocodiles, and birds in the wetlands.
- Evenings include storytelling workshops and night walks.

● Day 14 – Kumana → Mirissa: The Ocean Connection

- After a serene sunrise on Sri Lanka's east coast, we leave Kumana and head to Mirissa, a coastal town for a relaxing day by the sea, offering a peaceful break after days in the wild.

● Day 15 – Mirissa → Colombo: Whales & Farewell

- An early morning boat ride for blue whales and spinner dolphins marks the unforgettable finale of your Sri Lankan wildlife journey, followed by a return to Colombo for departures or onward travel.

Highlights of the 14-Day Expedition

- 15 days across Sri Lanka's premier wildlife destinations.
- 22 sessions including national park, night, and ocean safaris.
- Exceptional chances to photograph leopards, elephants, blue whales, and sloth bears.
- Varied ecosystems — dry forests, highlands, wetlands, and coastlines.
- Exclusive private or small-group experience (max. 6 guests) with personalised guidance.
- Coaching for all levels — from beginner to professional.
- Optional add-on safaris available on arrival and departure days.



Your Wildlife Photography Adventure

Inclusions & Essentials

What's Included

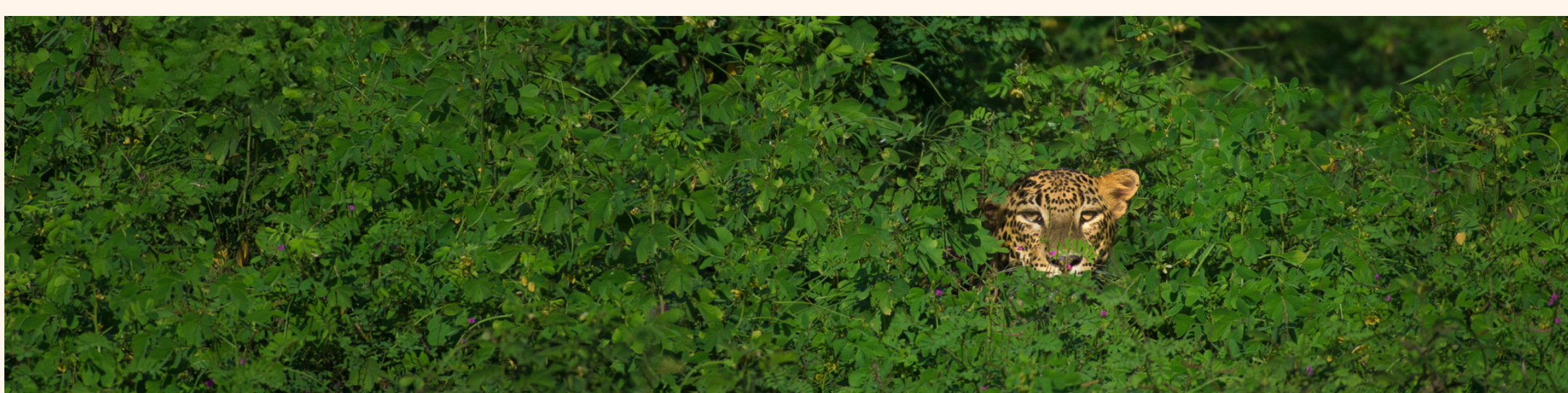
- Accommodation in nature lodges or boutique hotels, carefully selected for comfort and proximity to wildlife areas.
 - All safaris (jeep & boat) and national park entry fees included.
 - Specially modified 4x4 safari vehicles (where available) designed for optimal photography at eye level.
 - Transport for all transfers and park visits.
 - A dedicated naturalist and photography guide providing expertise throughout the tour.
 - Photography guidance at every step — from tracking wildlife to capturing the perfect shot.
 - All meals and refreshments: breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks during safaris.
 - Professional handling of park tickets, permits, and logistics.
 - Photography equipment rental assistance, available on request.
 - Bespoke itineraries designed by safari specialists to match your interests.
 - Assistance at Colombo International Airport and city hotel bookings if required.
 - All government taxes and service charges included
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What's Not Included

- International flights to and from Sri Lanka. / Airfare and airport embarkation tax (included in air ticket)
 - Travel insurance.
 - Personal expenses, Tips and optional activities outside the standard itinerary.
 - Visa fees – <https://eta.gov.lk/slvisa/> (required to obtain electronic travel authorisation – ETA)
 - Tips & portages
 - Other extras of personal nature (photo and video camera permits)
 - Services other than specified above
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Who Is This Tour For?

- Photographers of all levels, from beginners to professionals with full kits.
- Wildlife enthusiasts eager to explore Sri Lanka's rich biodiversity.
- Adventure travellers seeking immersive, off-the-beaten-path experiences.
- Families or small groups looking for a unique and intimate wildlife adventure.





Untamed Nomad Expeditions

Into the wild Sri Lanka

“Join me on an unforgettable journey into the wild heart of Sri Lanka.”

Bring your wildlife photography dreams to life and experience Sri Lanka's extraordinary biodiversity up close.



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