

## SRI LANKA ENDEMIC - 10-DAY BIRD WATCHING TOUR

### Day 01

Arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake and proceed to Kitulgala.

Afternoon - Birding in Kitulgala area.

Possible noteworthy species: Serendib Scops-owl, Chestnut-backed Owlet, Brown Hawk-owl, Sri Lanka Frogmouth, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Black-capped Bulbul, Dark-fronted Babbler, Sri Lanka Rufous Babbler, Black-throated Munia, Sri Lanka Hill-myna

Overnight stay at the Kitulgala Plantation Hotel, Kitulgala

### Day 02

After breakfast full day birding in Kitulgala area or Kelani Valley Forest Reserve.

Possible noteworthy species: Black Eagle, Rufous-bellied Eagle, Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Sri Lanka Green-pigeon, Sri Lanka Hanging-parrot, Layard's Parakeet, Green-billed Coucal, Serendib Scops-owl, Chestnut-backed Owlet, Brown Hawk-owl, Sri Lanka Frogmouth, Black-backed Dwarf Kingfisher, Sri Lanka Swallow, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Black-capped Bulbul, Gold-fronted Leafbird, Spotted-winged Thrush, Legge's Flowerpecker, Brown-capped Babbler, Sri Lanka Rufous Babbler, Sri Lanka Hill-myna, Sri Lanka Crested Drongo.

Overnight stay at the Kitulgala Plantation Hotel, Kitulgala

### Day 03

After a short pre/post breakfast birding session in the Kitulgala Village proceed to Sinharaja, having lunch on the way.

Spend the late afternoon birding in the periphery of Sinharaja.

Possible noteworthy species: Sri Lanka Hanging-parrot, Plum-headed Parakeet, Sri Lanka Small Barbet, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Black-rumped Flameback, Sri Lanka Swallow, Forest Wagtail, Asian Paradise Flycatcher, White-browed Fantail, Gold-fronted Leafbird, Loten's & Purple-rumped Sunbird

Overnight stay at the Blue Magpie Lodge, Weddagala

#### Day 04

After early breakfast spend the full day in Sinharaja Forest.

Possible species include Crested Serpent-eagle, Shikra, Black Eagle, Rufous-bellied Eagle, Crested Hawk-eagle, Mountain Hawk-eagle, Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Sri Lanka Woodpigeon, Sri Lanka Green-pigeon, Sri Lanka Hanging-parrot, Layard's Parakeet, Green-billed Coucal, Red-faced Malkoha, Serendib Scops-owl, Chestnut-backed Owlet, Sri Lanka Frogmouth, Malabar Trogon, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Sri Lanka Small Barbet, Crimson-backed Flameback, Sri Lanka Swallow, Forest Wagtail, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, Asian Paradise Flycatcher, Black-capped Bulbul, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Gold-fronted Leafbird, Spot-winged Ground-thrush, Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Brown-capped Babbler, Sri Lanka Scimitar-babbler, Sri Lanka Rufous Babbler, Legge's Flowerpecker, Black-throated Munia, White-faced Starling, Sri Lanka Hill-myna, Sri Lanka Crested Drongo, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie,.

Mammals: Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, S L Giant Squirrel, Layard's Striped Squirrel, Indian Palm Squirrel.

Overnight stay at the Blue Magpie Lodge, Weddagala

#### Day 05

After breakfast full day birding in Sinharaja Forest

Overnight stay at the Blue Magpie Lodge, Weddagala

#### Day 06

After a short pre/post breakfast birding session around the Lodge and drive to Uda Walawe.

Afternoon jeep safari in the Uda Walawe National Park.

Possible noteworthy species for the afternoon include Spot-billed Pelican, Oriental Darter, Lesser Adjutant, White-bellied Sea-eagle, Grey-headed Fish-eagle, Barred Buttonquail, Black-winged Stilt, Great Thick-knee, Yellow-wattled & Red-wattled Lapwing, Pacific Golden Plover, Marsh & Wood Sandpiper, Jerdon's Bushlark, Ashy-crowned Finch-lark, Orange-breasted Green-pigeon, Plum-headed Parakeet, Sirkeer Malkoha, Blue-faced Malkoha, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Malabar

Pied Hornbill, Indian Pygmy Woodpecker, Yellow-fronted Pied Woodpecker and Sri Lanka Woodshrike.

Mammals possible in the park Toque Monkey, Grey Langur, Golden Jackal, Mongooses, Asian Elephant, Spotted Deer, Water Buffalo, Sri Lanka Giant Squirrel.

Overnight stay at the Kalu's Hideaway, Udawalawe

### Day 07

After an early breakfast do another jeep safari in Uda Walawe National Park. Afterwards proceed to Nuwara Eliya having lunch on the way in Ella Rest House.

Spend the late afternoon birding in Victoria Park.

Forest Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Indian Blue Robin, Pied Ground Thrush, Indian Pitta, Kashmir Flycatcher, Sri Lanka White-eye.

Overnight stay at the Jetwing St. Andrews, Nuwara Eliya

### Day 08

A predawn start (with picnic breakfast) to reach Horton Plains National Park at first light. Spend the whole morning looking for the highland endemics.

Birding highlights will include Sri Lanka Woodpigeon, Alpine Swift, Crimson-backed Flameback, Hill Swallow, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Common Blackbird, Sri Lanka Whistling-thrush, Kashmir Flycatcher, Dusky Blue Flycatcher, Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher, Sri Lanka Bush-warbler, Sri Lanka White-eye and Black-throated Munia.

In the afternoon explore Hakgala Botanical Garden for highland birds.

Possible noteworthy species: Sri Lanka Woodpigeon, Alpine Swift, Crimson-backed Flameback, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Kashmir Flycatcher, Dusky Blue Flycatcher, Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher, Sri Lanka Bush-warbler, Sri Lanka White-eye and Black-throated Munia.

Overnight stay at the Jetwing St. Andrews, Nuwara Eliya

### Day 09

After breakfast leave for Kandy visiting a Tea Factory on the way

After lunch in the hotel visit Peradeniya Botanical Garden where possibly Sri Lanka's largest Flying Fox roost can be seen..

Bird species to look for are [Sri Lanka Hanging-parrot](#), [Alexandrine Parakeet](#), [Layard's Parakeet](#), [Yellow-fronted Barbet](#), [Sri Lanka Small Barbet](#), [Common Hawk-cuckoo](#), [Indian Pitta](#), [Forest Wagtail](#), [Large Cuckooshrike](#),

In the evening OPTIONAL visit to the Temple of the Tooth Relic and/or witness a Traditional Dance performance.

Overnight stay at the Hotel Suisse, Kandy

### **Day 10**

After an early breakfast visit Udawattakele Forest Reserve.

Species to look for are [Emerald Dove](#), [Sri Lanka Hanging-parrot](#), [Plum-headed Parakeet](#), [Layard's Parakeet](#), [Yellow-fronted Barbet](#), [Sri Lanka Small Barbet](#), [Crimson-backed Flameback](#), [Indian Blue Robin](#), [White-rumped Shama](#), [Brown-capped Babbler](#) and [Common Hill-myna](#).

After lunch transfer to a hotel near Airport for Dinner & DEPARTURE in the night.

### **END OF SERVICES**

(All passengers should be at the departure lobby of the Airport before 03 hours of their departure flight)

## HOTELS

Kitulgala Plantation Bungalow or Similar – Kitulgala  
 Hotel Blue Magpie or Similar – Weddagala  
 Kalu's Hideaway or Similar – Udawalawe  
 St. Andrews or Similar – Nuwara Eliya  
 Hotel Suisse or Similar – Kandy

### 01<sup>st</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 & 21<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (Off Peak)

01 Pax	Single Occupancy on BB basis	US\$ 3195.00
02 Pax	Double per-person sharing rate (BB basis)	US\$ 1785.00
03 - 06 Pax		US\$ 1500.00
07 - 12 Pax		US\$ 1175.00
13 - 19 Pax		US\$ 1100.00
20 - 35 Pax		US\$ 1025.00
	Single Supplement	US\$ 460.00
	Triple Reduction	US\$ 80.00

### 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (Peak)

01 Pax	Single Occupancy on BB basis	US\$ 3315.00
02 Pax	Double per-person sharing rate (BB basis)	US\$ 1840.00
03 - 06 Pax		US\$ 1550.00
07 - 12 Pax		US\$ 1235.00
13 - 19 Pax		US\$ 1160.00
20 - 35 Pax		US\$ 1085.00
	Single Supplement	US\$ 526.00
	Triple Reduction	US\$ 92.00

## THE ABOVE PRICES INCLUDE

1. Transport in an A/C Vehicle with an English Speaking Chauffeur Guide from/to Airport as per itinerary except free times.
2. Accommodation sharing Double / Twin basis with Breakfast in Hotels as specified above.

3. Entrance Fees to all the tourist sites that are included in the programme.
4. Services of a Bird Watching Guide.
5. Jeep Hire to National Parks (Wherever applicable)
6. Other local assistance

## **THE ABOVE PRICES EXCLUDE**

1. Lunch & Dinner
2. All beverages, Tips and Portages.
3. Compulsory Supplements (Christmas & New Year' Eve Gala Dinners Supplement)
4. All expenses of personal nature such as Telephone Calls, Laundry and Tipping etc.
5. Any supplements that may incur due to events / matches / sports activities taking place in those localities
6. Additional transfers other than the itinerary will be charged locally. Mileage will be calculated from office to office

## **NOTE:**

- ❖ Rates are nett and non commissionable.
- ❖ Change of hotels will be taken as a cancellation on the original booking/change of hotels while on tour will result 100% cancellation on the original booking.
- ❖ Check-in time 1400 hrs.
- ❖ Check-out time 1100 hrs.
- ❖ Hotels to be confirmed on availability basis.

**Disclaimer:** should the hotels come up with supplements due to events taking place in those localities the above rates will be subject to change

**Cancellation:** 21 Days 100% Cancellation / 01 Month 50% Cancellation



