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## SAFARI GUIDE



Sri Lanka's national park safaris offer an enchanting glimpse into the island's vibrant wildlife and stunning landscapes. Whether you're a nature enthusiast or simply looking for a unique adventure, these safaris promise an unforgettable experience.

Here's a quick rundown of the key national parks and the best times to visit them.

- **Yala National Park**

- **Location:** Southeast Sri Lanka
- **Known for:** leopard sightings. Also home to elephants, sloth bears, and various bird species
- **Best time to visit:** February to June (low water levels increase wildlife sightings)

- **Udawalawe National Park**

- **Location:** South-central Sri Lanka
- **Known for:** Elephant sightings. Best viewed around the Udawalawe Reservoir
- **Best time to visit:** Year-round destination; best sightings from May to September

- **Wilpattu National Park**

- **Location:** North-west Sri Lanka
- **Known for:** Largest park in Sri Lanka. Natural lakes ("willus"). Wildlife includes leopards and sloth bears
- **Best time to visit:** February to October (lush greenery and wildlife activity)

- **Kumana National Park**

- **Location:** Adjacent to Yala
- **Known for:** Birdwatching. Also features elephants and occasional leopards
- **Best time to visit:** April to July (nesting season)

- **Minneriya National Park**

- **Location:** Situated in the North Central Province of Sri Lanka
- **Known For:** Famous for its breath-taking gathering of elephants
- **Best time to visit:** From July to October

