

CUSTOMISED ITINERARY- SRI LANKA HOLIDAY: SCUBA DIVING EXTENSION

SRI LANKA: 3 NIGHTS AND 4 DAYS



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Sri Lanka Holiday: Mount Lavinia Diving Extension 3 Nights / 4 Days (12th - 15th April 2016)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ITINERARY:

- Wreck diving off Mount Lavinia

SPECIALLY CREATED FOR:

- Wildlife Enthusiasts

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DATE	SERVICE	ACCOMMODATION
DAY 01 [12 APR]	Upon arrival in Colombo, transfer to the Mount Lavinia Hotel in Colombo (1 hour drive). Remainder of the afternoon at leisure.	

	Spend 03 nights at Mount Lavinia Hotel, Mount Lavinia	Ocean View Room - B&B
DAYS 02-03 [13-14 Apr]	Morning, so scuba diving off Mount Lavinia. Dive sites included are Chief Dragon (Car Wreck), Barracuda Reef, Medhufaru and Pecheur Breton (Cargo Wreck). 2 Dives per person per day covering 2 separate sites will be included. *Please be advised- divers need to have Advanced Open Water Certification for these dives*	
	Afternoon at leisure	
	Overnight at Mount Lavinia Hotel, Mount Lavinia	Ocean View Room - B&B
DAY 04 [15 Apr]	Departure transfer to Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayaka (1 ½ - 2 hour drive)	
	*** End of Services ***	
GLOSSARY		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B&B = Bed & Breakfast (Breakfast with accommodation only) 		

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Tour Plan - Sri Lanka



Map Legends	
Approximation of intended route	
Main destination	

DETAILED ITINERARY:

DAY 1: 12TH APRIL

Spend 03 nights at The Mount Lavinia Hotel, Mount Lavinia. Accommodation is in an Ocean View Room. Your stay is on a Bed & Breakfast basis.



Mount Lavinia Hotel



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DAYS 2-3: 13TH - 14TH APRIL

Make an early morning start and head out to sea from Mount Lavinia beach to go scuba diving. The feature of diving off Mount Lavinia is the many wrecks ranging from WWI armed merchantmen to modern freighters. Many have profuse coral growth and attract large numbers of schooling fish as well as hunting tuna, wahoo and large stingrays. Reef diving is on sandstone ridges covered in a mix of hard and soft coral. There is abundant fish life as well as interesting macro subjects such as nudibranchs, pipefish, fire gobies, scorpionfish and electric rays. Many of the best dive sites are in the 20-30m depth range and suited for divers with Advanced Open Water Certification. It is a perfect location for someone looking to continue their dive education with the Advanced Course or the Wreck specialty. Most dive sites are less than 10-30mins boat ride from our launch point. A few wrecks (below 40m) are only available for certified technical divers but we arrange special expeditions to these as well.

The boat departs by 08:00am and you will do 2 morning dives in two different sites each say. You will return to the mainland around 1:00pm. Drinking water and light refreshments are provided during the trip. The suggested dives sites are:

Chief Dragon (Car Wreck):

Chief-Dragon-A2-laminated-board-X1Chief Dragon (Car Wreck)Depth: 24-35m; Certification: Advanced OW; Travel time: 40 mins. An iconic wreck dive in Colombo and for long known simply as the Car Wreck, the Chief Dragon is a 112m long car transport vessel located northwest of Colombo Harbor. The upper sections of the ship are broken up and lie scattered over a large area but the main hull remains intact and upright. Penetration is possible in sections of the hull, and broken chassis of old cars are scattered across the main deck at a depth of 24m. The wreck is covered in hard and soft coral and attracts large numbers of fish including trevally, mackerel and barracuda. With a maximum depth of 35m and strong currents it is suited for experienced divers.

Barracuda Reef

Depth: 19-24m; Certification: Advanced OW; Travel time: 10 mins. An extensive rocky reef with encrusting coral and a good selection of reef fish. In terms of topography it is a shallower and smaller version of Snapper Alley. The southern end of the reef is covered in blue soft corals. Apart from the regular reef species you may see the occasional pelagic such as a Spanish mackerel or dogtooth tune. We have even had a sperm whale go past. But the real attraction is the small

critters. If you look carefully you can spot banded shrimps, cleaner shrimps, hermit crabs, cowry's, nudibranchs, pipefish, scorpionfish and if you are lucky, even a ghost pipefish.

Medhufaru:

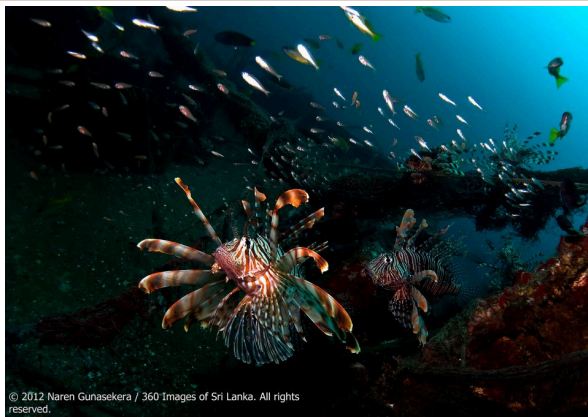
Medhufaru-Wreck-A2-laminated-board-X1Medhufaru-Wreck-A2-laminated-board-X1-300×225(2)Depth: 14-29m; Certification: Open Water; Travel time: 15 mins. A Maldivian cargo vessel that sank during the southwest monsoon in 2009 the Medhufaru sits upright on a sandy seabed at 30m. The top of the bridge is at 14m providing a nice multilevel dive. The ship was carrying construction material when it sank and large cement pipes can be seen on the side of the wreck. On the main deck there is an intact front loader and a couple of cement mixers. A group of batfish hangs out near the wreck and often follows divers and play with their bubbles while lots of lionfish can be found near the bow. Fusiliers school above the wreck and are constantly attacked by large mackerel, wahoo and frigate tuna. Less than 15 minutes from the mainland.

Pecheur Breton (Cargo Wreck):

Cargo-Wreck-A2-laminated-board-X1Cargo-Wreck-A2-laminated-board-X1-300×225(2)Depth: 18-33m; Certification: Advanced OW; Travel time: 20 mins. Popularly known as the Cargo Wreck it was recently confirmed as the MV Pecheur Breton, a French vessel that floundered in 1994 while carrying scrap to India. This is a large intact ship lying on its starboard side with easy penetration into its cargo holds. The decks are covered in hard and soft coral and the resident fish life includes everything from tiny pipefish to larger species like sweetlips, snappers, stingrays and a large resident grouper. Schools of fusiliers congregate above the wreck, and in turn attract tuna and Spanish mackerel while eagle rays make occasional appearances

After returning to the shore, spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

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*Lionfish pack, Medhafaru
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*Fish Storm at Medafuru
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DAY 4: 15TH APRIL

Transfer to Bandaranaike International Airport (Colombo) for your departure flight (1 ½ - 2 hour drive). Please be at the airport 3 hours prior to departure of flight.

***** End of Services *****

ACCOMMODATION				
DAYS	HOTEL NAME	ROOM TYPE	NIGHTS	MEAL PLAN
Days 1-4 [12-15 Apr]	Mount Lavinia Hotel, Mount Lavinia	Ocean View Room	03	Bed & Breakfast

QUOTATION: Validity from 1st March - 10th April 2017

02 / 03 / 04 PAX QUOTE	PER PERSON COST IN US\$
<i>Cost per person</i> based on transportation in an air conditioned Microvan with an English speaking chauffeur guide with a pickup from Colombo and an airport drop-off, scuba diving off Mount Lavinia as outlined above and accommodation at Mount Lavinia Hotel on a Double Occupancy basis on a Bed & Breakfast basis.	
<u>02 Pax Quote:</u>	US\$ 1300.00 Per Person
<u>03 Pax Quote:</u>	US\$ 1130.00 Per Person
<u>04 Pax Quote:</u>	US\$ 1045.00 Per Person
<i>Single Supplement:</i>	US\$ 380.00 Per Person

WHAT YOU GET...

- Accommodation at the Mount Lavinia Hotel for 03 nights on a Bed & Breakfast basis.
- All transport services using an Air-conditioned Microvan with an English speaking chauffeur guide.
- All sightseeing and related entrance charges as mentioned in the itinerary including the charges for diving as outlined above.
- Bottled water during drives and sightseeing.
- All presently applicable government taxes.

....AND WHAT YOU DON'T

- Sri Lankan Visa
- Lunch and Dinner unless stated otherwise
- Beverages, unless stated otherwise
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls etc.
- Any Insurance
- International and domestic airfare.
- Tips to guides, airport and hotel porters and restaurants. (Tipping is expected!)
- Any change in tax structure resulting from the hike in published tariff.
- Any other item not explicitly mentioned under included price.

IMPORTANT REMARKS

- Hotel Check-In 1400 hours, Check-out time 1200 NOON
- Prices are subject to change as per change in Government / Hotel / Airline policy without prior notice.
- All rates are inclusive of taxes , Any further changes in taxes / levies will be charged extra as applicable
- Rates include only those items specified in your itinerary.
- Please note, the names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels. It is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey the confirmations to you on receipt of your acceptance. However in the event of any of the above mentioned hotels not becoming available at the time of initiating the reservations, we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction whichever is applicable) to you.
- In case of any currency fluctuations or amendments in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price accordingly. The due increase or decrease will be communicated accordingly.
- Approximate drive times given in the itinerary are direct drive times and do not take into account any traffic situations, road repairs or stops along the way which might increase the time it takes to arrive at the destination.