

Water based activities in Sri Lanka

Bentota

Sun-kissed beaches that glisten under brilliant blue skies, greet you the moment you enter the town of Bentota. Luxury resorts encircle the shoreline while the spectacularly gorgeous Indian Ocean ceaselessly ripples and crashes upon it. Albeit its fame, the little town of Bentota is a quiet one, and you will be able to look forward to hours of blissful contentment upon these pristine shores while tiny sand crabs keep you company.

While Bentota features one of the best beaches to visit in Sri Lanka, it has more than seaside delights to look forward to. The region has many popular tourist attractions too so a tour here will certainly be a richly rewarding one. The Galapota Temple which houses a large statue of Buddha is a popular attraction, as is the Paradise Island, which is a sandy strip of the Bentota Beach that runs parallel to the Bentota Lagoon. Visit the famed architect, Geoffrey Bawa's home, Lunuganga, open to those who appreciate fine architecture and design.

Water sport fanatics will be delighted to learn that Bentota offers quite a few easy to access diving and snorkelling sites. Among these, the Canoe Rock is quite famous. The many resorts, as well as the water sports centres in the region, provide equipment and facilities needed to enjoy hours of blissful indulgence in the waters here.



Water Sports

Sports	Rate	Picture
<p>Jet Ski</p>	<p>Rate (15 min)</p> <p>Low Speed : 57 USD Medium Speed : 65 USD High Speed : 73 USD</p>	
<p>Banana Boat</p>	<p>(Min 5 Pax) rate : 33 USD (Per Pax)</p>	
<p>Tube Boat</p>	<p>(Only 1 Pax) rate :33 USD (Per Pax)</p>	
<p>Canoeing</p>	<p>rate :32 USD (Per Pax)</p>	

<p>Surfing</p>	<p>01 Hour : 40 USD (Per Pax) Lesson 03 Hour : 100 USD (Per Pax)</p>	
<p>Wind Surfing</p>	<p>01 Hour : 40 USD (Per Pax) Lesson 10 Hour : 215 USD (Per Pax)</p>	
<p>Water Skiing</p>	<p>01 Round : 45 USD (Per Pax) Lesson (1/2 HRS Duration) : 65 USD (Per Pax)</p>	
<p>Deep Sea Fishing</p>	<p>Bentota (Nov - Apr) 04 Hour : 250 USD (01 Boat)</p>	

<p>Speed Boat Rides</p>	<p>Bentota (All year) - (Max 04 Pax) 15 Minute : 65 USD (01 Boat)</p>	
<p>River Cruise</p>	<p>01 Hour : 35 USD (01 Pax)</p>	
<p>Body Board</p>	<p>Rate : 30 USD (01 Pax)</p>	
<p>Sailing</p>	<p>01 Hour (Hobby Cat) : 45 USD (01 Pax) Lesson 05 Hour : 125 USD (01 Boat)</p>	

Hikkaduwa

Hikkaduwa is a stylish seaside resort town in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka. The number of luxurious resorts that are scattered along the golden shores of Hikkaduwa Beach in Sri Lanka makes this gorgeous destination an immensely popular one among tourists around the world.

Picture perfect vistas of golden beaches, turquoise oceans and dazzling blue skies are all yours to enjoy when you visit this enchanting little coastal getaway. You can laze upon the beach and soak up the golden sun or give yourself an epic adrenaline rush by enjoying the many forms of water sports that the region offers. Take a snorkelling tour and delve into the mysterious depths of the ocean to discover some of its best-kept secrets. The mesmerising beauty of the coral reef here can be observed when taking a glass bottom boat ride across the Hikkaduwa National Park, a world-famous coral sanctuary.



Dotted along the coastline are plenty of restaurants that serve mouth-watering seafood concoctions! Be brave and sample the fiery crustaceans placed before you and fall in love with the flavours of this magical paradise island. After a hearty meal, visit one of the many pubs dotted along the coastline and dance the night away!

<p>Snorkeling</p>	<p>Rate : 75 USD (01 Pax)</p>	
<p>Glass Bottom Boat Rides</p>	<p>30 Minutes 100 USD (01 Boat)</p>	

Galle

Full of old world charm, the city of Galle is one of the most popular destinations in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka. The azure blue ocean that borders the city and adds a remarkable allure to the colonial structures.

Among the many leading Galle attractions, the Dutch or Galle Fort certainly is prominent. Built by the Portuguese back in the year 1588 this iconic fort stands tall and proud to this very day. The Galle Fort was extensively fortified by the Dutch after they invaded the country. The British also did their share to make the fort stronger when the island's reign was taken over by them. Today, the fort area is occupied by diverse people who lend much colour and life amidst age-old buildings and winding cobbled streets that add to its beauty.



You can visit the many quaint shops that line the streets to buy exquisite gifts that are tinged with the charm of the island. There is something for everyone here in Galle! Whether you are looking for expensive jewellery or unique handcrafted mementos, you certainly will be able to find a delightful array of products at the many stores here.

On your exploration, you can visit the Galle Lighthouse, National Museum of Galle, Maritime Archaeology Museum, Historical Mansion Museum, Dutch Reformed Church and All Saint's Church. Of course, if you want to just laze on the shore you can always head to nearby Unawatuna Beach or Jungle Beach too.

Lagoon Canoeing	Rate : 65 USD (01 Pax)	
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Mirissa

Mirissa offers an unforgettable coastal adventure along the southern coast of Sri Lanka. In addition to the characteristic appeal of a seaside resort town, Mirissa offers all of its visitors the opportunity to embark on whale and dolphin watching adventures.

Voyage into the heart of the sea and witness the awe-inspiring grandeur of blue whales and the childlike friskiness of dolphins with your loved ones; create a perfect memory to cherish for a lifetime. Bring along your cameras and click away as the magnificent giants of the depths majestically part the waters.

The whale watching season in Mirissa starts in the month of November and generally lasts till April. So if you happen to be travelling in the region during this time, do schedule a whale watching tour and treat yourself to this epic indulgence!

After your exciting expedition, you can go back to the town and relax at one of the many beachside restaurants and sample the sensational tastes of the paradise island. Mirissa Beach, Sri Lanka is also home to a large number of luxury hotels and resorts so you can be pampered like royalty here. You will also find many nightclubs in the town that offer plenty of fun after the sun has set.



WHALE & DOLPHIN WATCHING	Rate : 75 USD (01 Pax)	
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Kithulgala

Experience an exciting rafting adventure in a jungle paradise. The Kitulgala-Kelani Forest Reserve, which sits on the edge of the island’s central highlands, is the best place to go white-water rafting in Sri Lanka. The Kelani River runs down from Adam’s Peak, Sri Lanka’s highest mountain, and offers adventure enthusiasts a range of different activities, from the popular white-water rafting to canyoning. Sri Lanka’s low-country lakes, lagoons and rivers in other parts of the island also offer opportunities for scenic boat rides, canoeing and kayaking.



White-water rafting options range from a one-hour ride along the Kelani River at Kitulgala, an ideal spot for beginners, to the ‘experienced paddlers only’ routes down the rivers of Kotmale, Mahaweli and Kalu Ganga. Between the exhilarating patches of grade 3 and 4 rapids, enjoy calm sections where you float serenely down the river and take in the spectacular scenery of tea and rubber plantations and mountains covered in patches of rainforest – one moment you can hear nothing but the pounding water and the instructions of your guide, and the next only the soft fluttering of birdcall breaks the silence. Rafting mixes the ups and downs of rapids with calm sections perfect for looking at the tea and rubber plantations or mountains covered in jungle rainforest. In one section all you can hear is the pounding water rushing through the rapids and the cry of the guide’s instructions. In the next only the chirping birds break the silence

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