

Eid escapes: The definitive guide to your perfect short break



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With Eid al-Adha approaching, book a last minute jaunt to make the most of your time off.

Jungle Fever

Sri Lanka's star just keeps on shining. The formerly conflict-plagued island has spent the last few years really finding its groove, attracting those who want a lush paradise, still wild at heart and with a focus on sustainable and eco-friendly hotels, once in a lifetime experiences and best of all, it won't break the bank.

On the south coast at Yala, you'll find the island's second largest nature reserve, perfect for safari and bird watching lovers. Between the ocean and the jungle, you'll find UGA Escapes' Chena Huts, which are more like private pavilions on stilts where you can watch storks fish in the shallows (and if you're lucky see whales congregate offshore), spot turtles nesting and head into the jungle on safari tours to look for elephant and leopard - this part of the island has one of the densest leopard populations in the world. Want to do more than explore? Make the most of the island's awesome waves and learn to surf at Soul & Surf found between Galle and Weligama with doses of yoga on the side.



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