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Soul Food and Bluegrass Jazz; Friday; 7pm–10.30pm Australian Outback BBQ Saturday; 7pm–10.30pm Ape Kama; Sunday, 7pm-10.30pm Shoulders by Harpos Lunch and dinner; daily; 11am–11pm



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July 14

Soul Funk Sundays; 3pm-9pm Entertainment; Friday to Sunday; 7pm onwards The Bayleaf Authentic Italian Specials and Harpo's Pizza menu; Monday to Thursday; 11am–11pm; Friday to Sunday; 11am–midnight

July 1 – 31 Meats and Seafood Grills Promotion Sunday Brunch; 11.30am–3pm Happy Hour; 5pm–7pm

International Sunday Brunch from Hotel MaRadha

INTERNATIONAL

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Drama and Theatre

July 3 and 17 (Sinhala) Sokari (Comedy



One of the oldest folk dramas, based on storytelling style using illustrations. The story revolves around a beautiful lady Sokari and her husband Guruhami. Directed by Jaliya Rajapaksha. July 3 – Venue: Rukmani Devi Theater, Negombo. Time: 8.15am, 10.45am. July 17 – Venue: Tower Hall Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 8.15am, 10.45am.

July 13 and 14 (Sinhala) Lokka Ledawela (Political Comedy)



3.30pm, 6.30pm July 14 – Venue: Karaliya Theater, Kandy. Time:



Written and directed by

award winning playwriter

Dananjaya Karunarathne

July 6 and 13 (Sinhala)

Sihina Rangahala – A

short plays

July 13 (Sinhala)



Written and directed by Somalatha Subasinghe, the play is based on the lives of the youth and how it is dominated by their parent's aspirations and self-capabilities and shows the peer-struggles Theater, Colombo 7. Time: 3.30pm, 7pm

theater).

Time: 7pm

July 10 (Sinhala) **Blood Shadows**



Amila Sandaruwan and Naduni Wanigasundara. Venue: Elphinstone Theater. Colombo 10. Time: 3.30pm, 6.30pm. Tickets: Rs.3,000, Rs.2,000, Rs.1,000, Rs.750

Sinhabahu, a play

July 11 (Sinhala)

Sinhabahu

directed by the celebrated dramatist Prof Ediriweera Sarachchandra is based on the legend of King Sinhabahu, the son of a lion and a royal princess-Suppa Devi. Venue: Tower Hall Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 8.15am, 11am.



Inter School Drama finale of three to four staged. Venue: Lionel Wendt 7pm. Tickets: Rs.2,000,

Art and Music

Art

Till July 20



Hashan Cooray's body of works encapsulates the essence of an Orwellian dream: where freedom is imaginary, resistance is futile, and individual autonomy is absent. Saskia Fernando Gallery

The Order of Nature By Thilini Perera,

The Order of Nature is a curatorial project exploring intersection of queerness, architecture and landscape design with a specific focus on Lunuganga, the garden crafted by architect Geoffrey Bawa in Sri Lanka Lower Gallery

Lunuganga.

10am-4pm

Tharu Raana



July 11 Opening Reception, 5,30pm: Kannangara House, Colombo 2 Installation - Tree Talks Listening Room. 5.40pm. July 12 Exhibitions by Chathuri Nissansala and Ena de Silva at Barefoot Gallery. July 13 Installation - 3.30pm: Botany and Batik: The Living Archives of Ena de Silva; Ena de Silva House at Lunuganga, Bentota Tour - 4.30pm: In between: the

existence of Firdaus by artist Firi Rahman; Field of Jars, Lunuganga Tour – 4.30pm: Queering the Garden: Detour of Lunuganga; Reading Jars, Lunuganga; 2pm Visit: lunuganga.garden/Season-3-Launch



11am, Field of Jars, Lunuganga Picnic by GINI; Butterfly Pond, Lunuganga, 12pm Youth Advisory Board, Field of

July 6

July 6 Jubilee Rhythm Nite -Sing Along and Dance

Music



Featuring Bathya & Santush, Amal Perera, In aid of Tudella, St Mary's Church 175th jubilee fund, Bachi Susan, K Sujeewa Sarith & Surith. the show features Bathya Venue: Nelum Pokuna, and Santhush, Falan with Colombo 7. Time: 7pn



The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Sri Lanka organizes the K-Pop World Festival where 13 performances were

The Royal College Western Orchestra concert will perform a wide array of music spanning many genres including classical works

3.30pm, 6.30pm **Elevate your lifestyle**



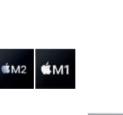














Competition is organized by the Interact Club of Royal College. The grand performances selected from semi-finals will be

Theater, Colombo 7. Time: Rs. 1,500, Rs. 1,200, Rs. 1,000

July 23 (English)





Directed by Gihan Fernando, with a host of popular artistes

Chamila Peiris, Sarath Karunarathne, Ajith Lokuge, Gihan Fernando, Aloka Sampath and other artistes. July 13 – Venue: Nupe Sanasa Hall, Matara. Time

Vikurthi

faced by youth. Venue: Lionel Wendt

collection of five captivating







Written and directed by Prof Mangal Senanayake it features more than 30

unu Dehi hanc

Venue: Avenra Garden Hotel, Negombo. Time: 7pm onwards. Tickets: Rs. 10,000, Rs. 8,000, Rs. 5,000

July 13 **Golden Legends with** Sarith Surith



Featuring Marizelle Goonethilleke, Sohan Weerasinghe and Susil Fernando. Venue: Nelum Pokuna, Colombo 7. Time: 6.30pm onwards. Tickets: Rs. 7,500, Rs. 5,000

onwards. Tickets: Rs. 5,000, Rs. 2,500,

July 14 Semi Unplugged by Marians

shortlisted under singing, dancing and vocalist categories and their performances are staged Venue: BMICH – Main Hall. Colombo 7. Time: 5.30pm.

Free entrance

July 19 and 20 With Love NaDinu



A tribute performance to Victor Rathnayake by Nalin Perera and Samitha Mudunkotuwa Venue: BMICH, Colombo 7. Time: 6.30pm onwards. Tickets: Rs. 10,000, Rs.7,500, Rs. 5,000, Rs.4,000, Rs. 2,000

An acoustic musical journey of Nadika Weligodapola and Dinupa Kodagoda. Venue: Space Eka Maharaaama. Time: 6.30pm. Tickets: Rs.2,000 (for purchasing tickets: theevra.org/with-lovenadinu-spaceeka)

Venue: Bishops College Auditorium Time: 6.30pm. Tickets: Rs.2,500, Rs.2,000, Rs.1,500, Rs.1,000

July 19 and 21 **Rag: The Musical**

July 12

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Rag: The Musical by Jehan Alovsius features a mix of songs and music. Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo 7. Time. 7.30pm. Tickets: Rs. 7,500, Rs.5,500, . Rs.3.500, Rs.2.500

July 27 **Romantic Masterworks**



Symphony Orchestra of Sri Lanka presents an enchanting evening of music by Dr. Jonathan Guist, and pianist Dhiren Fernando. . Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo 7. Time. 7pm. Tickets: Rs. 7,500, Rs.5,000, Rs.4,000, Rs. 3,000, Rs.1,500



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collections/barefoot-aallery **Casa Serena Art Gallery** Colombo 8: +94 76 900 7874. Opening hours:

9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and Weekends by appointments. nisansala.com/casa-

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Paradise Road Gallery Colombo 3; +94 112 582 162/+94 112 556 563; paradiseroad.lk

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Beaches

Galle Face A widely soughtafter destination for individuals of all ages. including children, vendors, teenagers, and pleasure-seekers, is the seaside, where they can engage in their preferred leisure activities under the open sky.

Mount Lavinia

The beach boasts a long and wide expanse of golden sand, dotted with swaying coconut palms along the shoreline. On weekends, the beach attracts families and friends who come to enjoy the scenic views of the waves and indulge in sea-bathing and strolls along the beach

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A coastal town close to Wattala and just a short drive away from Colombo. The view from here is completely unique, a mix of unending seascapes and

urban landscapes.

Casinos and Nightlife Bally's Casino 34, D R Wijewardana Mawatha, Colombo 10; +94 77 146 0460/+94 11 246 0460; info@ ballyscolombo.com

Bellagio Casino

instrumental in gaining independence from the British Rule Colombo 7; +94 112 691 825. Opening Hours: 9am-4.30pm Tuesday to

Museum of Modern and **Contemporary Art**

A public museum dedicated to the display research, collection and conservation of modern and contemporary art for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public, schools and tourists. Ground floor, Crescat Boulevard

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All Saints Church A Roman Catholic church

in Borella dedicated to all saints Borella, +94 112 693 051

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Bellanwila Raja Maha Viharaya

The temple is situated in the suburbs of Colombo. in Bellanwila, nearly three kilometres from the city. Bellanwila. +94 112 738 361; Opening Hours 6am–9pm.

Captain's Garden Built during the latter part of the 1700s, the Kovils at Captain's Garden, Maradana

are believed to be the oldest in Colombo. There are two kovils located here – Sri Bala Selva Vinayaga Moorthy Devasthanam and Sri Kailasanathar Swamy Devasthanam Colombo 10. Sri Kailasanathar Swamy Temple: +94 112 687 110. Opening hours: 6am-11am and 4.30pm-8pm. Sri Bala Selva Vinayagar Temple: +94 112 687 535. Opening hours: 5am-10.30am and

4.30pm-8pm. **Colombo Grand Mosque** One of the oldest mosques in Sri Lanka Colombo 12.

+94 112 432 110; Opening Hours: 8am–6pm

Built in 1820 is the resting place of His Holiness Seyedina As-Sheikh Seyed Usman Siddique Ibn Abdurrahman. Colombo 7. +94 112 683 906. Opening

Dewatagaha Mosque

Hours: 6am–10pm Gangaramaya Temple A place of immense cultural and historical significance that has been attracting visitors from all over the world for over a century. The beautifully illuminated Seemamalakaya, adds to the cultural pageant and is a sight to behold during



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Colombo National Museum

The Museum holds the key to Sri Lanka's rich history, offering a detailed display of artifacts that highlight the lifestyles, beliefs, and ideologies of its people. Colombo 7; +94 112 695 366. Opening Hours: 9am-7pm Daily.

Independence Memorial Museum

The Museum was established with the objective honoring national heroes who were

nbo 2; +94 112 435 169. Opening hours: 5.30am-10pm

this quaint and beautiful

Navam Maha Perahera and

Vesak

Holy Rosary Church, The Golden Shrine of Infant Jesus Church Popularly known as the 'Infant Jesus Church',

church is located in Slave Island at the convergence of six roads. Colombo 2. +94 112 320 158; Opening Hours: 6am-8.30pm.

Jumma Masjid

Having started in 1792 as a small prayer room for Muslims in the area, the Kollupitiva Jumma Masiid has grown significantly to be a landmark place of worship. St Michael's Road, Colpetty/Polwatte +94 112 345 900.

Kotte Raja Maha Vihara The history of the temple goes back to the Kingdom

of Kotte. It was constructed during the reign of King Parakumbha

VI (1415-1467) and was completed in all aspects with the royal patronage Kotte; +94 112 852 759. Opening Hours: 6am–9pm.

Red Mosque

Jamiul Alfar Masjid, also known as the Red Mosque, is an architectural masterpiece located in the heart of Pettah, Colombo's bustling commercial district. It has unique Indo-Saracenic style with pomegranate-shaped domes. Colombo 11: +94 112 451 975. Opening hours: 10am-12noon, 1pm-3pm, 4.15pm-6pm.

Sambodhi Chaithya Of all the sacred

architecture in Colombo -Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim

or Christian - the oldest, though brimming with tradition, cannot compare with the boldness of the skyward design of the stupa of the Sambodhi Chaitya. Colombo 1; +94 112 482 673. Opening Hours: 8am-6pm.

Shakthi Amman Kovil Built in 1947 the kovil is dedicated to Shakthi Amman – Goddess Durga St Michael's Road, Colpetty/ Polwatte. +94 112 394 481. Opening hours: 8am-1pm, 6pm-8pm.

Sri Ponnambala Vaneswarar Temple A majestic religious site made entirely of stone blocks and

columns, located near the Colombo Sea Port in Sri Lanka. Its solid and sculpted stateliness follows the Dravidian temple architecture, and the interior is equally impressive. Colombo 13; +94 112 431 252. Opening hours:

7am–11.30pm and 3.30pm-7pm Daily

Srī Dharmakīrti Temple

This modest Temple was established around 1906 by Ven Induruwe Sri Wimalatissa St Michael's Road, Colpetty/ Polwatte. +94 112 451 224

St Anthony's Church, Kochikade

The church has a remarkable history, having

been transformed from a crucifix to a national shrine, with the stunning Colombo Harbor and sea as its backdrop. Kochchikade: +94 112 329 303. Opening hours: 5am-8pm Daily.

St Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena

The magnificence of this Cathedral is a solemn declaration of the status of the Catholic Church, reflecting the supremacy that it retained throughout history

St Mary's Church, Tudella One of the oldest, most majestic, and peaceful churches in the country. Ja-ela. +94 112 223 6257.

St Michael and All **Angels Church**

Also known as the Gal Palliya in Sinhala, St Michael's Church Polwatte is an iconic place of worship. The magnificent stone structure has a great spiritual presence. St Michael's Road, Colpetty/ Polwatte. +94 112 343 471.

Walukarama Temple

Walukaramava is older than many of today's more famous Colombo temples. It is among the first three Buddhist temples established in Colombo. Colombo 3. +94 112 575 004 Opening Hours: 8am-6pm.

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Diyawanna Oya The place is always bustling with visitors trying to catch a alimpse of the iconic Parliament building in its full majestic view. The salubrious breeze blowing across the waters of Diyawanna Oya is an absolute delight for an exhausted jogger. A boat ride along the waters of Divawanna Ova allows to experience the wetland wildlife

Independence Square Walking Tracks

The Walking Tracks meander around the

Independence Arcade - one of the important cultural monuments of Colombo, As well as for exercising, the Independence Arcade also makes a lovely picnic spot with numerous shops and restaurants located there.

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Viharamahadevi Park

A serene and picturesque location that was originally opened in honor of Queen Victoria of England. It is the perfect destination for families and children, providing a joyful atmosphere for holiday activities. The park is located in close proximity to the Town Hall, a wellknown landmark, and

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in the evening, the park transforms into a magical place where visitors can enjoy the glowing edifice and lush gardens

Historical Sites Colombo Lighthouse A prominent landmark the lighthouse is an important Eyewear watchtower in Sri Lanka Vision Care located at Galbokkka One of the largest eye Point, south of the Port of care solutions providers. Colombo.

Independence Square A symbol of victory commemorating the nation's independence from colonialism in 1948. Adjacent to the square is the Arcade Independence Square, a beautifully restored colonial building that houses an array of shops and restaurants Colombo Racecourse once a hub for horse racing enthusiasts, has now transformed into a tranquil oasis for relaxation

Watersports **Bolgoda Lake**

Located just a short distance away from the hustle and bustle of Colombo, Bolgoda lake is indeed a magical water hideaway for those who enjoy the serene life around a lake. Take a boat ride and explore the picturesque lake

Botanical Garden Seethawaka Wet Zone

Botanical Gardens The 50-kilometer drive from Colombo towards Avissawella to reach the Seethawaka Botanical Gardens. The 105 acres boasts tea plantation, plant collection, and floriculture area Openina hours: 7.30am-5pm

Wetland Park Beddagana Wetland Park

Throughout the Beddagana park criss-crosses a wooder platform, a few inches raised above the marsh It's a magical route to experience the wetland. A birdwatching tower is nestled inside that offers a vast panorama. Kotte

Thalangama Tank

A man-made wetland of 50 acres and a socalled basin for storing water, Thalangama Tank originated during the time of King Parakramabahu VI (1551-1547 AD) of the Kotte Kingdom

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Arugambay

Arugambay, a charming Ja-ela, Kandy. +94 112 910 southeast coastal town, is a vear-round beach paradise that promises unique experiences for every traveler. It was ranked as the number 8 Best Place to Visit in Asia by Lonely Planet in 2018 and is considered the number one destination in the island. Visitors can witness herds of elephants, leopards, deer, and birdlife at the National Parks, Sanctuaries, and lagoons providing an opportunity to explore its untouched wilderness. Arugambay is also known for its rich culture, lifestyle, history, and wildlife. Catching sight of elephants strolling along the

roadside is a common

sight, particularly at

dawn and during the

from a quiet road to a

sets. Arugambay also

offers a gastronomical

adventure to diners,

featuring

evening. The Main Road

of Arugambay transforms

bustling street as the sun

Sri Lankan dishes, BBO, or a fusion of western and eastern cuisine. For an unforgettable adventure, take the Buttala-Sella Kataragama Road, where the gentle giants roam close to the road. Or hop on a Tuk Tuk and explore Arugambay, Pottuvil, Urani, and Panama Arugambay is a little paradise that has retained its inherent simplistic charm and beauty.

Kalkudah The beach is ideal for

surfing and wind surfing during the month of September. Kuchchaveli A sandy stretch with calm and peaceful

surroundings, perfect for a walk along the beach

Nilaveli

At the end of the 10km stretch of beach beginning at Uppuveli, this is the closest beach to Pigeon Island and is one of the most-popular tourist attractions

Passekudah

Turguoise waters shimmer and fringe the pale sands curving Passekudah bay. Located on the north eastern part of the island, approximately 35 kilometres from Batticaloa, Passekudah offers a serene getaway.

Uppuveli Located 5km from

Trincomalee, a beach stretch with golden sand and a friendly community.

Whisky Point

Situated in Urani, Pottuvil about ten minutes away from the main town of Arugambay, Whisky Point is a peaceful stretch of beach that is far away from village life. It is not busy or crowded but is a laid-back area where visitors can enjoy the beauty of the ocean undisturbed.

Surf the Arugambay is a surfer's paradise. Whisky Point, Pottuvil Point, Arugambay Point, Crocodile Rock, Elephant Rock, Okanda Point, Light House/Green Beach, Panagala Point and Panama Point are best to visit from April to October.

Arugambay point

This is one of the most popular surf breaks in Arugambay as well as one of the top surf points in the world. Easily accessible from the beach, the rolling waves reach up to six feet making this point an ideal destination for professional surfers.

Crocodile Rock/Elephant

Point The rock gains its name with a characteristic shape resembling a crocodile The surf point can be accessed by passing through the bushes. Climb the rock to enjoy stunning views of the sunset.

Lighthouse Point

professionals. The waves Sangaman Kanda The most eastern point depend on the season and in Sri Lanka. The beaches

diving and scuba diving,

be mesmerised by the

colorful world under the

sea. One can also enjoy

Buddhangala Forest

The Monastery lies deep

in the jungles about 7

kilometers off Ampara.

Magul Maha Viharaya

Lahugala sanctuary, it

is famed for the 'Magul

Maduwa', the altar upon

married King Kavantissa

Muhudu Maha Viharaya

the sand dunes of Pottuvi

The temple is found on

and the beautiful white

stupa can be seen all the

way from Arugam Bay

beach. Muhudu Maha

Vihara is said to be the

ancient temple built by

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migratory and indigenous

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beauty of the wild

Ampara

monastery which is

situated along the

Mahiyangane-

Park

King Kavantissa in the

second century BC.

Pottuvil

Nuwaragala

thus becoming Queen

Viharamaha Devi of

Lahugala, Ampara

Located within the

which the princess

whale watching.

Monastery

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Ruhuna

here are still unspoiled and the Sangaman Kanda

One of the most scenic Lighthouse was built in surfing points in Sri Lanka. 1947. Surfers gather here even before dawn breaks to Trincomalee It is home to the Island's ride the whisking waves and enjoy the stunning most beautiful beach atmosphere. The rock Nilaveli. Bask in the outcrop is a favorite spot privacy of the scenic for watching the sunrise Marble beach with crystal and to feel the cool breeze clear waters or enjoy of the East coast. the shore of Uppuveli. The waters are ideal for

Where to stav

weather

Whisky Point

Paper Moon Kudils Enjoy barefoot luxury at the oceanfront Paper Moon Kudils. With 20 spacious and fully AC Kudils located in two sections (pool/restaurant side and garden side). This unique property has a swimming pool (Water Hole) and restaurant (Kusini) serving delicious

cuisine. Whisky Point, Arugambay. +94 719 97 97 97; papermoonkudils.lk

Arugambay Roccos

A chic and modern cube style hotel. The 22 Cubes (upper and lower) provide air-conditioning and offer either balconies or verandahs. The restaurant, The Square and The Space upstairs, offer panaromic views of the Water Cube (swimming pool) and the Indian Ocean. Main Street, Arugambay, Pottuvil; +94 718 10 99 99; arugambayroccos.lk

Arugambay PodBay A novel concept that comprises compact convertainers (NapPods) in pastel

hues, HomePods, and Bay rooms. The seaside hotel has a swimming pool (WaterPod), and a restaurant (PotPod). Main Street, Arugambay Pottuvil; +94 718 10 99 99;

arugambaypodbay.lk Places to vi

Batticalao Batticaloa, known as the City of the Singing Fish, is a major city in the eastern coast of Sri Lanka. The

Batticaloa lagoon is one of the largest in the island partially enclosed from the coastal waters.

Kanniya Hot Springs The legendary Kanniya hot springs, dating back nearly 26 centuries, is something from the past that's refreshingly mind boggling Trincomalee

Oluvil Lighthouse The Lighthouse is situated approximately 12km south of Kalmunai in the southern east coast of Sri Lanka

Kattankudy

Located along the eastern coast of Sri Lanka, just a few miles south of the city of Batticaloa is Kattankudy. Adding to the Arabian flavor of Kattankudy is a special attraction of its own

Kallady Beach

Enjoy the fabulous waves at Arugambay

varieties of birds. The best time for safari along the Urani Lagoon is at 6am and 3pm

Religious Deegavapi Maha Stupa

'Deegawapiya' graced by the Lord Buddha is one of the sacred ancient religious sites among the sixteen places of worship of the Buddhist devotees. Ampara

Galmaduwa Raja Maha Vihara

An ancient Buddhist temple believed to be constructed during the during the reign of king Saddha Tissa Ampara

Girihandu Seya

Situated at Thiriyaya, some 40km north of Trincomalee, this stupa, according to some accounts, is the first dagoba ever built in Sri Lanka. Trincomalee

Grand Jumma Masjid, Kattankudy

Located in Kattankudy this mosque is an important religious site with an impressive exterior, similar to that of Al Aqsa Mosque in Katankudy. +94 77 727 0387. Opening hours:

Kudumbigala monastic complex in Panama, off the coastal district of Ampara in the East of Sri Lanka was built as far back as 246 BC during the reign of King Devanampiyatissa. It is the very first sanctuary built for Buddhist monks in Sri Lanka and therefore holds immense historical value.

Lakshmi Narayana Perumal Kovil The Kovil in blue and

and gold hues is purely dedicated to the supreme deity Vishnu and his consort Lakshmi. Nilaveli, Trincomalee +94 262 051 333

Mahiyanganaya

A popular pilgrimage site for Buddhists. It is said to be the first place on the Island visited by the Buddha in 528 BC, and the Miyuguna Seya, Sri Lanka's first stupa, was built shortly afterwards.

Okanda Kovil

elephants in the world. Rambukkana +94 352 266 641

Puppet Showrooms and

Masks in Ambalangoda

Thirukoneswaram Temple

+94 262 222 760

Trincomalee

Cholan (1012-1044 BC).

The majestic temple is Ambalangoda is famed for its traditional mask one of the five Ishwarams. production. Generation The kovil has a distinct upon generation of location as it is situated artisans create colorful atop the Swami Rock. A masks that have become huge statue of Lord Shiva, symbolic of traditional rising to a height of 33 ft is Sri Lanka. Traditional found outside the kovil. puppet showrooms Trincomalee and mask makers' halls +94 263 267 588. Opening showcase the crafts of hours: 6.30am–1pm, Ambalangoda. 4pm–7pm daily.

Richmond castle Built in 1896 by Don

Kalutara

plants.

Rumassala

Arthur Siriwardena, the

district, it has a quixotic

Mudaliyar of Kalutara

mix of eastern and

western architecture.

Both the forest and the

forest is home to many

species of birds, reptiles

and mammals including

several endemic species,

as well as rare medicinal

Serin River Park

The ecological park in

Holuvagoda, features

a lake, walking paths,

iron bridges, children's

park, market stalls, and

The Great Basses and

A 45-minute boat ride

will take the adventurous

diver and explorer to the

Basses reefs from Kirinda.

The Basses are considered

one of the three best dive

sites around the island, a

must visit in March and

The season from February

to July also signals the

start of turtle nesting,

beautiful spectacle at

and Ambalantota.

Galle Fort

and you can witness the

Kosgoda, Rekawa, Bundala

Turtle Watching

Great Basses and Little

Little Basses Reef,

ecosystems.

Galle

Kirinda

April.

ocean around Rumassala

are rich in biodiversity. The

Maritime and Naval **History Museum** Located in the historical Fort Frederick, it provides a good perspective on the history of how the Dutch set foot into the island during the 16th century. +94 262 227 053, +94 262 227 054

Transport Services

Colombo to Arugambay Semi-luxury buses; leaving from Maradana, Colombo from 7pm onwards daily. (prior bookings are essential). +94 767 980 024

Southern Coast Galle For culture and tradition with a bonus of sights, sea and sun, then Galle would be your hot spot for an intriguing time in the past, as well as enjoying time in the present. Other sites worthy of visiting due to their historical value include the Galapatha Temple, the Richmond castle, Nupe market and the Keechimalai mosque

Places to visit

Ambalangoda The cultural seat of the southern part of the country and is the renowned for the coveted devil masks Ambalangoda is also the hub of Southern dances; The devil dances and Kolam Netum - a satirical

theatre performance with elaborate head gears and costumes, are regular happenings. Dondra At the southernmost tip of the Island and situated 6km from Matara, Dondra is believed to be the

Overlooking the Indian Ocean, it is declared a World Heritage site, the Fort itself is a vibrant part of this city as is apparent as you walk through its inner streets, where houses have been converted into restaurants, art galleries and antique and fashionable shops. The Lighthouse stands in the Fort waiting to be explored.

Highway in Ampara. **Flood Plains National** Jerusalem. Situated along the the Flood Plains is an 4am-10pm elephant corridor in Kudumbigala

with Mlesna, the pioneers of presenting Cevlon tea as exquisite gifts. Explore their range of regional and blended teas, specialty estate black teas, green and flavored teas. mlesnateas.lk; mlesnateas.com Mlesna Tea Centre; 29, Ground Floor, Liberty Plaza; Colombo 3; +94 112 57 4545/ +94 762 492 031 Mlesna Tea Kiosk: 43A. Ground Floor, Liberty Plaza; Colombo 3; +94 112 575 101 Tea Centre; 1-08B, Maiestic City, Colombo 4: +94 11258 4492 Tea Centre; L-12 Crescat Boulevard, Colombo 3: +94 11 553 6654 Tea Centre, Galadari, Lotus Road, Colombo 1; +94 112 54 4544 Ext. 483 WP4, 30, Arcade Independence Square Colombo 7; +94 112 68 5828 Tea Centre; Airport Garden Hotel, Negombo Road,

512. thilakawa

Pettah

An enchanting labyrinth of buzzing streets that's bound to leave you mesmerized! It's a hub of activity where sellers showcase their magnificent wares, and

customers haggle for the best price. You'll find heaps of goods in abundance, and the prices are unbeatable! In . its vicinity are the iconic Red Fort, Khan Clock Tower, and Wolvendaal

World Market

Located in Colombo Fort it is filled with great bargains in clothes, shoes, souvenirs and many other items

Church

LeLily Spa Discover the ultimate relaxation at LeLily Spa, where an expert team specializes in a range of Asian traditional massages, including

Located along the Komari beach, the Lighthouse Point is a scenic surfing destination with beautiful waves against the backdrop of the blue sky **Okanda Point**

Reached through an off-the-beaten-track path by the Kumana National Park and Kudumbigala Sanctuary, Okanda Point is for the daring surfers.

Panama Point Travel through the charming village of Panama to this rightbreak surf point where you can witness colorful fishing boats.

Peanut Farm

Shaded by shrubberv and palu trees and located near a lake, Peanut Farm is a playful surf point, ideal for beginners and intermediates.

Pottuvil Point

Known for its big swells Pottuvil Point is for the

The beach offers serene views of the Indian Ocean. The bridge was built in 1924 during British colonial rule. It crosses the Batticaloa Lagoon at Batticaloa

Marble Beach

To many the allure of Marble Beach is its untouched pristine beauty where a dip in the sea or stroll on the beach soothes your senses. Snorkelling is a popular activity.

Maha Oya Hot Springs

This hot water well is located about 2km off Maha Oya Ampara

Panama

Located in close proximity to the Kumana National Park, it is known to be the farthest village in this region. The Panama Wewa, where cattle graze on its green pastures, and the Panama Beach are some attractions in the area.

beauty under the bright sun. The Park is renowned for its diverse wildlife. especially the elephants. The three tanks, namely, Lahugala, Kitulana, and Senagamuwa, serve as vital watering holes for the animals inhabiting the area.

Maduru Oya

Established as a National Park of Sri Lanka under the Mahaweli Development project, the park provides a sanctuary to wildlife

Wasgamuwa National Park

An untamed evergreen wilderness spanning 39,300 hectares, the national park is home to elephants, aquatic birds, mugger crocodiles, sloth bear and other wildlife. +94 663 669 046

Urani Lagoon

Urani Lagoon safari is a popular eco touristic activity to witness aquatic life, gentle giants and

Also called as Ukanthamalai Murugan Kovil, devotees journey throworship on the annual Pada Yatra that journeys from Jaffna to Kataragama via the Kumana National Park Okanda

Samangala Forest Hermitage

Samangala Cave Temple Complex is believed to be built by the King Saddhatissa (137-119 BC) This cave complex consists of about 50 drip-ledged caves in the eastern slopes of the Samangala rocky hill. The ancient Buddhist monks have used these caves for meditation. Ampara

Seruvila Temple

An ancient temple sacred to Buddhists. Trincomalee

Shri Badrakali Amman Kovil

It is believed that the Kovil was built during the reign of the Chola ruler Rajendra

or God Vishnu.

Koggala.

site.

Madu Ganga

Situated 74km from

coastal region near

Colombo in the Southern

Balapitiya. A renowned

aquatic sight, a wetland

river safari in the Madu

Ganga will be 2-3 hours.

You'll probably spot the

Doowa Rajamaha Viharaya

and cinnamon-processing

Buddhist temple, Koth

Koggala Lagoon

abode of Upulvan Deviyo

The mysterious mangrove island that was the inspiration for Sri Lankan author Martin Wickrmasinghe's famous novel 'Madol Doova' is located in the large freshwater lagoon in

Kalutara

The Kalutara Bodhi, bridge and Gangatilleke Viharaya are among other historical landmarks.

Madunagala hot water wells

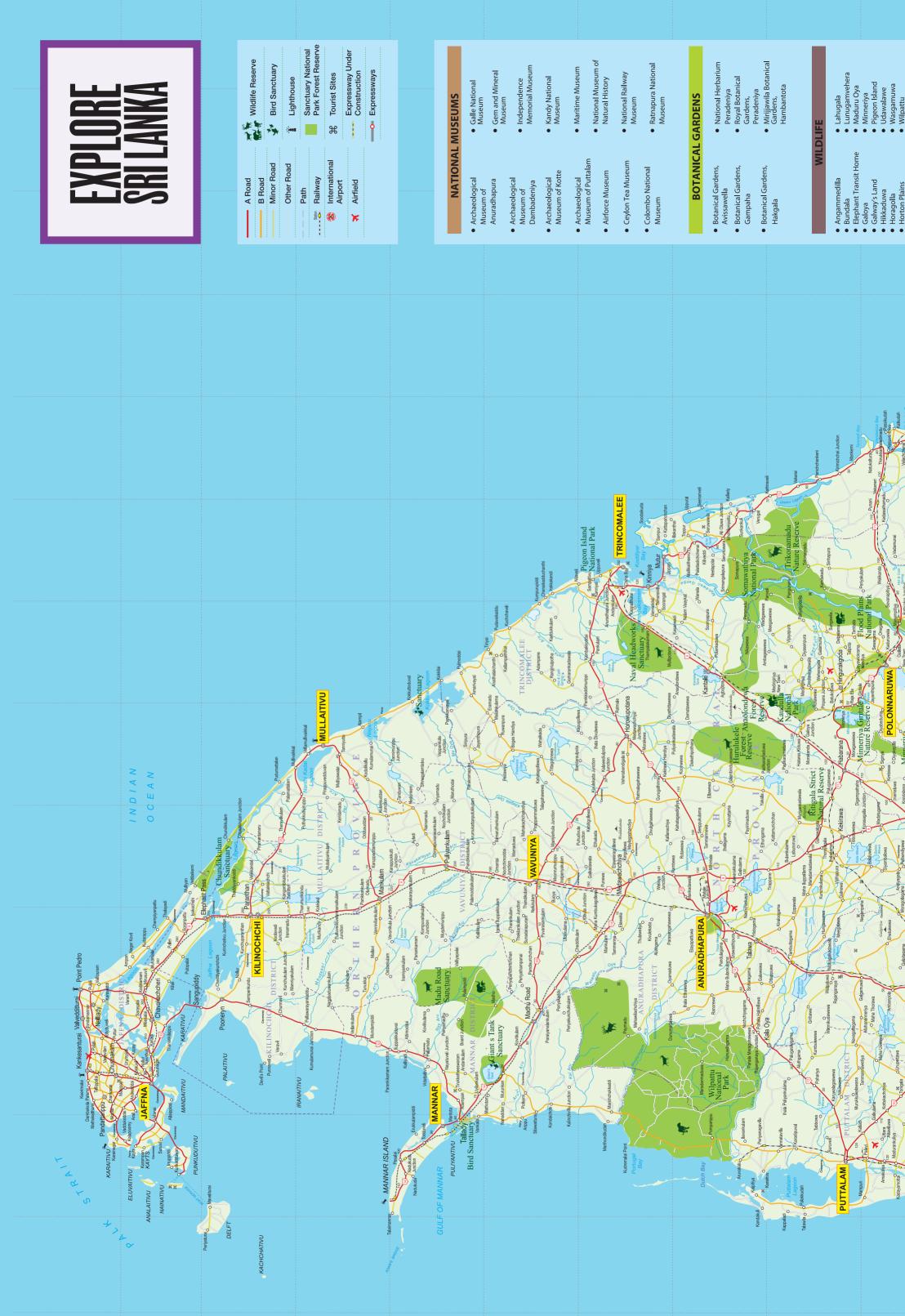
The Madunagala hot spring is located in the Highland and Vijayan boundary. This hot spring is 11, 582ft deep with its water running at a speed of about 645ml per second, and is of varying temperatures.

Matara Fort

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

Pinnawala was set up in 1975 to care for orphaned elephants, and now has the largest herd of captive

The Matara Dutch Fort, built by the Dutch in 1645 and then handed over to the British in 1796, still stands strong and proud at the centre of the town.





Star Fort

The only fort in Sri Lanka, built in the form of a star has its own historical significance and stands in the town of Matara.

Beache Bentota

Known for the ideal seas for water sports, visitors find themselves enjoying a thrilling speed boat ride, iet ski ride, and surfing, water skiing or kite surfing. Venture inland for an artistic treat at the Lunuganga and the Brief Garden by Geoffrey Bawa and Bevis Bawa

respectively. Beruwala

A stretch of golden sandy beach offering a tropical paradise.

Dickwella

Hummanaya Blow Hole The name Hummanaya is attributed to the noise made when the water gushes up the narrow fissure. Watch the sea water spurt out to towering heights when it thrusts water against the narrow rocky cove and pushes it through a hole in the rock bed with a

Hikkaduwa

'wheezing' sound

One of the most popular beaches and emerged as a surfing and backpacking hotspot in the 1970's. The town continues to maintain its laidback atmosphere, as well as a vibrant nightlife, which attracts large numbers of young travellers

Hiriketiya

A small cove on the southern coast, Hiriketiya is also known as the 'Blue Beach' by the international tourists who make their way to the beach, attracted by the splendid surfing opportunities.

Kalutara

With the rare combination of seascapes, river views and a beautiful skyline with the stupa, Kalutara beach is perfect for a stopover. Soft sand gives way to crashing waves and if you wait for the sunset, it will be one of the most spectacular ones you have ever seen.

Koggala Koggala is also the home of the famous Martin Wickramasinghe Folk Museum, and watch stilt fishermen – a popular sighting.

Mirissa

Whale watching is one of the many delights that Mirissa has in store. Famous for the sightings of the gigantic blue whale, it is also in close vicinity to several charming beaches like Dalawella and Polhena.

Tangalle

Tropical sunlight abounds in Tangalle, a coastal town 35 kilometres to the east of Matara. Reminders of 18th century Dutch days, old villas and a fort add historical presence along with a centuries' old rock temple, Mulkirigala.

as St Marv's Church. hours: 9am-4.45pm Matara; +94 412 222 056

Tuesday to Sunday

Maritime Museum

The museum featuring

marine biological and

anthropological aspects

of the southern coastal

Galle Fort; +94 912 242

8.30am-4.30pm Tuesday to

s sites

During the Lenten Season,

Hiniduma. +94 913 912 285

large crowds of devotees

journey on pilgrimage

Sunday. Monday closed.

261. Opening hours:

Cavalry Shrine

can be seen.

year around.

+94 342 226 483

Kande Viharaya

Built during colonial

times, the temple has

seen several modifications

including the addition of a

library, museum and new

devalas, but the ancient

grounds within remain

Kasagala Raja Maha

archeological site by the

with 28 Buddha statues

leads towards the heart

museum. Kasagala Raja

Maha Viharaya traces its

origins back to the time

Devanampiyatissa's reign.

of the Anuradhapura

Ketchimale Mosque

A mosque of miracles,

with its 1000-year history

Harbor.Beruwala. +94 342

overlooks the Beruwala

An ancient temple built

pilgrims. With a historical

stupa on the coast, this

area is renowned for the

Princess Viharamaha Devi,

Meeran Jumma Mosque

Commonly called the

Galle Fort Mosque, this

mosque has a history of

is an amalgamation of

British Victorian and

Islamic Architecture.

Galle. +94 76 866 5435.

Opening hours: 5am–9pm

Mulkirigala Raja Maha

Inland from Tangalle, this

natural rock monolith was

a cave retreat of Buddhist

monks dating back to

Kataragama Devalaya

of pilgrimage among

Buddhists and Hindus for

the divine intervention of

+94 472 235 122. Opening

A little town located a few

kilometres from the city

with a shrine dedicated

to Lord Ganesh. It is also

recognised as the place

where god Kataragama

met one of his partners,

Valli Amma, under the

Shrine of our Lady of

Positioned across from

Beach Park, where many

find a welcome interlude

among the waves, is the

Matara, formerly known

Shrine of our Lady of

tamarind trees.

Matara

centuries. Pilgrims seek

God Katargama.

rmkd.lk.

hours: 4.30am-9pm.

Sella Kataragama

Ruhunu Maha

Vihara

130BC

over 300 years. The design

legendary accounts of

to whom the temple is

dedicated.

by King Kavantissa,

it attracts numerous

era during King

Hambantota

276 481

Kirinda

of the temple with a

government. The pathway

It is declared as an

untouched.

Aluthgama

Viharaya

+94 342 274 453

Kalutara Bodhi

The Kalutara Bodhiya

the Sri Maha Bodhiya of

Anuradhapura, is revered

by Buddhists who visit it

which is a sapling of

Kalutara

area is located within the

Monday closed

Galle Fort.

Sri Meenachi

Sundareshwarar Kovil Located in the city center of Galle, the temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. The gopurams are intricately decorated with structures and stone carvings. Galle +94 912 234 186.

Sri Kathirvelayutha Swami Kovil

Dedicated to several shrines with deities Lord Shiva, Murugan, and more, the temple's origin dates back to the fifth century. Galle

Gangatilake Viharaya Tissamaharama Raja Passing the bridge of Kalutara, amidst the trees Maha Vihara and above the waters of One of the four major Buddhist monasteries, to Kalu Ganga a strikingly beautiful white Dagaba

be established after the arrival of Arahant Mahinda Thero

Yatagala Rajamaha

Viharaya It is believed to have been established during the reign of King Devanam Piyatissa of the Anuradhapura period, when one of the first saplings from the revered Sri Maha Bodhi was planted here Unawatuna

Bundala National Park Sri Lanka's first site to receive Ramsar site status, it is home to multitudes of waterfowl species, both residential and migratory.

Birds Park Hambantota

The park stretches over 50 acres. Home to about 200 bird species, the centre has for its aim the conservation of both fauna and flora +94 47 493 7111. Hambantota. Opening hours: 6am–6pm. birdspark.lk

Kanneliya Forest Reserve

Kanneliya alone is responsible for 5,276 hectares of the Galle district. While much of the terrain is flat with mild inclination, there are a few summits ideal for trekking, of which the Kabbala Kanda is the most hiked due to the awe-inspiring view from the top Galle

Kalametiya Bird Sanctuary

A coastal wetland on the southern part of the island with marine, birdlife, coastal lagoons, mangrove swamps, scrub jungles and open grassy areas.

Kottawa Rainforest Reserve

The reserve is part of the Kottawa Kombala **Conservation Forest** covering 1,800 hectares Galle

Lunugamvehera Situated between

Udawalawe and Yala, Lunugamyehera provides a safe path for elephant migration.There are other flora and fauna.

Yala National Park A wildlife sanctuary bordering the south-

eastern coast of Sri Lanka, is home to the most enigmatic of creatures - the leopard, majestic elephants and elusive sloth bears. Wildlife enthusiasts and visitors can spot leopards around the year. +94 112 888 585

Hill Country

Ella A vibrant holiday destination teeming with visitors, exuding the charm of a quaint European town. The town boasts of an array of elegant restaurants and rustic eateries, each wafting the air with tantalizing aromas. Among the many peaks to conquer are Little Adam's Peak and Ella Rock, trails that offer an immersive experience of the lush, wild emerald landscape of the area. A brisk walk to the iconic Nine Arches Bridge is another popular activity, with eager sightseers waiting to capture a train passing along the bridge. Close by is the ancient and picturesque Ravana Ella **Cave Temple**

Nuwara Eliya

Commonly called the 'Little England' the verdant hills with a misty aura, colourful flower gardens, strawberry fields and little cosy English cottages, create the idyllic setting of Nuwara Eliya. As the season begins in April, flowers start blooming, and the climate is pleasantly chilly attracting vacationers to visit the many exciting places in town

Places to visit **Adisham Bungalow**

A four-kilometre drive from Haputale will take you to the colonial Adisham bungalow. The stunning edifice lies amidst the verdant scenery and plush tea estates +94 572 268 030

Bandarawela Bandarawela has one of the most invigorating climates in the island. Several tea estates surround Bandarawela Walking is the best option and you could walk

through the beautiful trails, which pass through the tea estates

Bogoda Bridge The Bogoda wooden

bridge rests proudly just as it had for over centuries making it one of the oldest wooden bridges of its kind in existence. At the end of the bridge is the Bogoda Raja Maha Viharaya

Castlereigh reservoir

The hauntingly beautiful Castlereigh reservoir with its large collected water span is

The must see include

Adisham bungalow,

Idalgashinna, Horton

of the Bambarakanda

as well as Diyaluma

Another ideal hiking

the railway lines is the

small hamlet that leads

destination. Trekking past

the adventure enthusiasts

to explore the mountains.

Along the lake you will see

groups either enjoying

horses, on a paddle boat

or taking a leisurely stroll.

The name Lipton's Seat

Thomas Lipton who had

was derived from Sir

enjoyed views of the

a family picnic, riding

Plains, Thangamale

Haputale

Lipton's Seat

waterfalls

Idalgashinna

Lake Gregory

Lipton's Seat

Muthiyangana Raja Maha Viharaya

picturesque mountains

The town is an intriguing

combination of ancient

and modern tea country

lifestyle. Places to visit are

Gartmore falls, Maskeliya

reservoir, Laxapana

falls and the Warleigh

Church, built in 1878

perched overlooking

the hauntingly beautiful

Surrounded by beautifully

pruned tea estates, misty

mountains, and a mini-

World's End in Elemana.

The central plain located

vast greenland complete

with a surrounding forest

gardens and vegetable

Pidurutalaga 2,524m is Sri

Lanka's highest mountain.

and Lake Gregory and well

as that of Adam's Peak to

The peak offers views of

the Nuwara Eliya town,

in Nuwara Eliya. It is a

reserve, tea estates,

Castlereagh Reservoir.

Madulsima

Moon Plains

farmlands.

Pidurutalagala

The impressive

the Southwest.

Raxagala is popular

among hikers owing

to the stories of lore

Raxagala is supposedly

the place where Ravana.

hidden Sita for a while.

the king of Sri Lanka had

Thangamale Sanctuary

Part of the Glenanore Tea

Estate, it is a 131-hectare

sanctuary and is a two-

kilometre drive from

A sheer cliff, located

Park in Nuwara Eliya,

World's End is a deadly

drop shrouded by cold

Bambarakanda and

The tallest waterfall in the

island, the Bambarakanda

falls pours continuously

while the stunning

Divaluma falls takes

the credit for being

family or friends.

Located along the

down the falls

Gardens

Devon Falls

the third highest in the

island. Picnic or enjoy a

moment while engaging

in a memorable time with

Talawakele-Hatton Road

green and foaming water

Parks and Botanical

Sits over 1,745m above

about 28 hectares. Within

the Glass house there are

+94 812 388 088. Opening

hours: 7.30am-5pm. Daily

Named to commemorate

the Diamond Jubilee

of Queen Victoria, the

park has beautiful flower

Victoria Park

many varieties of flora.

sea level and extends

Hakgala Botanical

it is a vision of striking

in the Nuwara Eliva district

in Horton Plains National

Haputale town

World's End

white mist.

Water falls

Divaluma falls

associated with it.

Raxagala

and emerald hills.

Maskeliya

One of the 16 sacred places visited by Gautama Buddha. Badulla. +94 552 222 313.

Ramboda Shri Bhakta

Hanuman Temple The 16-foot statue of Shri Hanuman had been chiseled from rock in Mahabalipuram, India and brought to Sri Lanka and was first placed on this site in Ramboda and the temple had been built around it. +94 522 259 645. Opening hours: 7am-1pm, 3.30pm-6.30pm

Saparagamu Maha Saman Devalaya

The history of the temple could be traced back to the Kingdom of Dambadeniya, to the time of King Parakramabahu II. Ratnapura; +94 452 221 411

Seetha Amman Kovil

A remarkable religious and historic temple. It is said to be the place where Sita was held captive by Ravana according to the Ramayana +94 522 222 038. Opening hours: 7am-1pm, 4.30pm–7pm.

Sri Pada (Adam's Peak)

Sri Pada, Samanalakanda or Adam's Peak, is the 2,242m tall mountain with the pilgrimage season beginning from Unduvap Poya in December that runs till Vesak Pova in Mav

St Xavier's Church

An age old church in the midst of the Nuwara Eliya town. With its pews that continue all the way to the altar and grand interior, the church is pervaded with the spiritual essence that seems to attract many who seek the blessings of the lord. Nuwara Eliya. +94 522

Wildl Belihul Oya

222 564

A charming hillside village situated in the Ratnapura District. It is nature's marvel, a miracle of creation blessed with an abundance of waterfalls, streams, nature, cycling trails and numerous opportunities for bird watching and camping.

Horton Plains

As part of the UNESCO Central Highlands of Sri Lanka heritage site, the Park is regarded a super biodiversity hotspot.

Transport Services Train

Ella Odyssey Colombo to Badulla Thursdays and Saturdays; 5.30am and Badulla to Colombo; Fridays and Sundays; 9.50am seatreservation.railway. gov.lk/mtktwebslr Mobile M Ticketing Service

Dial 365 hotline





Enjoy birdwatching and other wildlife at Wilpattu National Park

here. The area, is fast becoming a hub for beach lovers.

Pigeon Island

This beautiful island is

one of the two marine

Lanka, ideal for diving

and snorkelling. The

about 200m long and

100m wide has over 100

species of coral and 300

The resident of the first

British Governor of Ceylon,

The octagonal shaped fort

and Karaitivu on the Jaffna

is located between Kayts

The Grand Mosque was

built by Muslim traders

during the Dutch era in

Built by the Portuguese,

evidence of the colonial

designed in the shape of

a pentagon, is a symbol of

The colossal building that

is a landmark in Jaffna is a

center of knowledge and

intellectual gathering

Kandarodai Temple

Viharaya, it is located

within a residential area

in Chunnakam. Stupas of

various sizes are visible

amongst the palmyrah

trees. Quiet and peaceful,

Arahants and their sacred

remains have been placed

it is believed that this is

the resting place of 60

within each stupa.

Kudiramalai

Also known as Kaduragoda

this fort is standing

past of Sri Lanka. The

400 year old edifice,

Dutch architecture.

Jaffna Library

+94 212 226 028

coral reef, which is

species of reef fish.

Places to visit

Frederick North

Peninsula.

1973.

Jaffna

Jaffna Fort

Fort Hammenheil

Grand Mosque

Doric House

national parks in Sri

Religious sites

Kudiramalai beach Dambakolapatuna Accessed via the Wilpattu National Park, it is a A historically significant serene expanse of scrub temple situated in forests, coastal cliffs with the Jaffna district. a red hue, and wind-It is said that King swept driftwood. To get Devanampiyatissa there, one must traverse received the Great Theri the coppery-colored with the sacred Bo sapling sands of Thambapanni. at this port.

Maviddapuram Kandaswamy Kovil

of vintage cars, too.

Navatkuli, +94 212 052 585;

sivapoomimuseum.com

The Maviddapuram Kandaswamy Kovil is nestled close to KKS. It is a shrine that is dedicated to Lord Skanda, god of war Tellippalai. +94 212 243 334

Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil

With elaborate gopurams and interiors of detailed artistry is one of the most venerated religious sites in Sri Lanka. The monthlong annual festival also known as Nallur Festival (Mahotsavam) during August is held in a grand manner with vibrant chariot processions. +94 21 222 2631. Opening hours: 4am–5.30am 7.30am-12.30noon, 3pm–6pm Monday to Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. 4am–12pm, 3pm–6pm Friday.

Naguleswaram Kovil

The spiritual energy of the Naguleswaram Kovil in Keerimalai, is one of pure divinity, as it is one of the five Iswarams dedicated to Lord Shiva in the island. The water from the pond is believed to have healing and mystical powers and many who visit the Kovil, make sure that they have a bath in the pond

Nagadeepa Rajamaha Viharaya

One of the 16 Solosmasthana, the Nagadeepa Rajamaha Viharaya is believed to have been visited by the Buddha. Nainativu Island

Nagapoosani Amman

Kovil Situated on the islet of Nainathivu and is a boat ride away from the Jaffna peninsula. Dedicated to Nagapooshani Amman, it is said that this temple has great divine power. Nainativu

August season), grapes, Kotta Kilangu (Odiyal), crunchy peanut cookies, Kuddan (thal jaggery packed in palmyrah) and Jaffna Nelli Crush. Wildlife Chundikulam Sanctuary Located along the thin strip that connects the

northern peninsula with the mainland of Sri Lanka, the Chundikulam Sanctuary is a haven for birds and other wildlife. Magical greater flamingoes can be sighted in flocks creating a picturesque sight during the migratory bird season from November till February.

ruins, been restored,

by various royals and

devotees throughout

its history. The temple

overlooks the ancient

Manthai and Kudiramalai.

A famous spot for selling

spices local confections,

mangoes (during May to

juicy Karthakolomban

fresh produce, exotic

Tamil port towns of

Mannar.

Shopping

Jaffna Market

renovated and enlarged

Wilpattu National Park Over 30 species of

mammals can be seen in Wilpattu and includes leopards, sloth bears, elephants, buffaloes, spotted deer, barking deer, sambar deer, grey langurs, wild boars and jackals +94 112 888 585

Kandy and Central Kandy

Kandy, the last sentry of Sri Lanka's regal heritage radiates a sense of quiet dignity in the midst of frenzied movement. It is an epitome of modern urban living, but its rich history resounds in every corner

Mall/Entertainment/ Kandy City Centre (KCC)

KCC Kandy's largest shopping mall, with over 100 shops selling everything under the sun, whether it's for clothes, shoes, bags jewelery, wellness, flowers, souvenirs, handicrafts or phones. From eateries and goody booths, a supermarket, a vast offering of entertainment attractions and virtual reality experiences, including the three cinema KCC Multiplex. World Spice Restaurant, Sri Lankan Restaurant at the Terrace, Café Walk, Gelateria, Bakes & Cakes, Fresh Juicery and Salad bar, Snax, World Play KCC Entertainment Zone, VR Game Zone, and KCC Multiplex are part of KCC. 5 Dalada Veediva. Kandy.+94 716 555 555/+94 812 202 846 Kandycitycentre.lk Shops at KCC Level 1 Electronics

Unwatuna

A popular beach that is ideal for swimming, and snorkelling. As the sun sets down, the nightlife begins to come to life, and guests can enjoy delectable meals and cold drinks or dance the night away to lively beats.

Weligama

A beach break ensures that the waves are not too strong, making the waters safe for an amateur rider to learn surfing. As the night falls, the beach village comes alive, with lights flickering in many a restaurant and bar along the coastal highway, serving good food and music.

Galle National Museum The Museum constructed in 1656 is dedicated to showcase ancient ornaments and artefacts. +94 912 232 051. Opening +94 47 348 9159

Mirijjawila Botanical Gardens The Kataragama Devalaya has been a revered place

The Botanical Gardens lies along the Hambantota-Sooriyawewa Road spanning an extent of 300 acres. Hambantota

Sinharaja Rain Forest

Sinharaia has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Within the rainforest reserve, a visitor can experience an abundance of flora and fauna, which includes many endemic plant and animal life.

Udawalawe National

Park The Park is home to a population of over 400 elephants and the probability of seeing them while on safari is almost always guaranteed. +94 473 475 892.

another breathtaking site

+94 522 222 275

varieties

Nuwara Golf Club The Nuwara Eliya Golf Club located between lush green mountains with spectacular views was Sanctuary and the beauty built in 1889. +94 522 222 835 +94 522 224 104 nuwaraeliyagolfclub.com

Royal Turf Club

Launched to promote horse racing in Sri Lanka. In adhering to International standards, the club plans events where both local and tourists can take part in the premier sports. +94 77 030 9090. royalturfclub.com

Holy Trinity Church

The church of the Holy Trinity was built in 1845 atop a hillock a little away from the flurry of Nuwara Eliya town. Nuwara Eliya.

Online bookina: seatreservation.railway. gov.lk/mtktwebslr

Seethawaka Odyssey Saturday and Sunday, leaving Colombo Fort at 7.15am. Mobile M Ticketing Service Dial 365 hotline SLT – Dial 1265. Sri Lanka Railways +94 11 460 0111

Jaffna, Mannar and North

Beaches

Casuarina Beach Twenty kilometres from Jaffna will take you to the idyllic Casuarina Beach in Karainagar – named after the fuzzy-pine-like casuarina trees lining the long stretch of shore

Kankesanthurai (KKS) Long strolls in the windy surroundings, boat rides and picnicking on the beach are the most popular activities

with 700 followers in 543 BC.

Manthiri Manai

An ancient Royal Palace that was built in the 100AD passed through the hands of a number of dignitaries from Jaffna's ruling elite.

Pannai Bridge, Jaffna

One of the most ambient locations in the island to watch the sunset. The bridge connects the peninsula with the Kayts and Mandaitivu isles. Nearby is the Pannai Park where families, relax and joggers keep their fitness regime on the walking tracks.

luseum

Sivapoomi Museum Opened in 2020, the museum features antique artefacts, newspaper displays and the museum yard has statues of Tamil kings, who ruled the Jaffna Kingdom and there is a collection

Shrine of Our Lady of Madhu

With a miraculous Marian statue, situated amidst the jungles of Mannar; blessed by His Holiness Pope Francis. The annual feast takes place during the months of July-August. Mannar; +94 23 228 0001

Sri Vallipura Alvar

Swamv Kovil Situated in Thunnalai,

Vadamarachchi and considered as one of the oldest Hindu temples in Jaffna. It is a sanctuary dedicated to Lord Vishnu, the preserver and protector of the universe as believed by many. Pulolv. +94 21 226 3074 Opening hours: 6am–5pm Monday to Saturday, 5am–6pm Sunday.

Thiruketheeswaram Temple

This Hindu temple is one of the five Ishwarams of Lord Shiva in Sri Lanka. The temple has lay in

Singer Mega (L1-15); +94 812 205 507 A Pictures (L1-12); +94 812 221 100 Retails Keells (L1-14); +94 812 235 931 Retails (F&B) Royal Cashew (L1-K12); +94 814 954 052

Baskin Robins (L1-K6); +94 815 271 212: Birdylicious (L1-K11); +94 812 071 071 The Kithul Shop (Dumbara Natural Foods) (L1-K7); +94 814 814 811 CBL Revello Speciality (L1-8); +94 815 000 433 Finance Sampath Bank (L1-6); +94 812 205 825 Pan Asia Bank (L1-5A); +94 814 951 035 DFCC Bank (L1-5B) +94 812 221 552 People's Bank (L1-4); +94 812 205 482 NDB Bank (L1-3); +94 817 448 006 Commercial Bank (L1-2); +94 812 235 732 NSB (11-1): +94 812 205 506 BOC (L1-19); +94 812 205 110 NTB (L1-17); +94 814 501 051 HNB (L1-16); +94 812 205 841

232 268

955 956

951 513

Retails

Level 4

Level 6

143 637

063 636

ACH Education:

+94 776 037 728

Ambuluwawa

Surrounded by many

mountains including

Piduruthalagala from

(Bathalegala) from the

West, Sri Pada (Adam's

Peak) from the South and

Knuckles Mountain Range

the East, Bible Rock

from the North

British Garrison

Nestled against the

hillside is the British

Garrison Cemetery,

imparting a sombre aura

as tombstones and black

headstones mark the final

resting places of British

a gem within Sri Lanka's

intricate and extensive

Giritale holds that

ancient irrigation system

magnetic effect capable

large flocks of diverse

Hanthana Mountain

A charming mountain

range which is a good

trekking spot.

Kandy Town

The Kandy town is

activity. The railway

station and market

are scenes of chaos

mixed-up in human

crisscross the streets

and by-roads, selling

garments, shoes, bags,

knick-knacks

Kandy Lake

and home appliances to

The Kandy Lake is perfect

around the Lake provides

more highlights of Kandy.

The historic Malwathu and

Asgiri Temples are situated

for relaxing. A drive

along this route.

Kala Wewa

ceaselessly abuzz with

avian fauna

Range

of drawing in and holding

and Europeans.

Giritale

Cemetery

Office

Burger King (L4-4);

hSenid (L6-3); +94 718

Bitzify (L6-7); +94 812

+94 815 101 101

Services Thomas Cook Lanka (L1-K9); +94 812 205 811 BOC Travels (L1-K10) +94 812 205 110 Sri Lanka Post (L1-K3); +94 812 222 294 Level 2

Electronics Sense Micro (L2-40); +94 777 113 016/+94 706 211 946 Softlogic Communication (L2-12); +94 812 205 836 Softlogic Max Showroom (L2-30); +94 812 205 039 Abans (L2-5); +94 812 220 888 Futureworld (L2-2A); +94 812 201 099 Entertainment Kandy Shooting Range (L2-37); +94 776 999 373 Fashion Bata (L2-17); +94 812 205 404 Saweena Beauty Care (L2-16); +94 812 061 299 Mallika Hemachandra Jewellers (L2-15); +94 812 202 997 DSI Premier (L2-14); +94 812 220 701 Luv Essence (L2-28); +94 812 052 685 Elegance Pearls & Diamonds (L2-K2); +94 759 696 506 The Parfumeria (L2-10), +94 813 839 025 Lifestyle Nick Nack (L2-35)

+94 812 221 524 Miniso (L2-2); +94 812 205 655 Retails Sarasavi Bookshop (L2-21); +94 812 205 344 Craft Emporium (L2-26,27,34); +94 812 081 100 **Retails + Restaurant** Mlesna Tea Centre (L2-18); +94 812 200 255 Bubble Tea (L2-18A); +94 766 354 620 Services Dialog Axiata (L2-39); +94 817 694 020 Vision Care (L2-7); +94 812 221 900 Level 3

Fashion Odel (L3-3); +94 812 205 383 Elegant Smockers (L3-10A); +94 812 220 001 Revlon Lanka (L3-K2); +94 711 375 530

One of the largest reservoirs in Sri Lanka, built by King Dathusena during the period of 459-AB 89 (L3-34); +94 812 479AD. One can witness 234 321 the laid back nature of The Body Shop; (L3-33B); village life around. The +94 812 233 008 Maha Kadawara Devalaya, Waves (L3-33A); dedicated to the divine +94 77 945 8110 protector of the Kala

Cotton Collections (L3–11); temperature of 62°C! The +94 812 235 340 reason being that these Exclusive Lines (L3-8B); hot water springs in fact +94 814 953 665 connect to others in the Dmaxx (L3-8A1); +94 812 island such as the hot water springs of Kanniya, Cherana Dodae (L3-8A2): Trincomalee and Maha +94 117 701 801 Amante (L3-6A); +94 814 Oya forming a network of springs through the Avirate (L3-6B); +94 814 earth's crust and thus to maintain a healthy source Spa Ceylon (L3-10); of water at other regions +94 812 233 322 the three additional wells were closed off at Nelum Helayu (L3-K3); +94 769 672 Wewa 329/+94 759 668 795

National Ironwood Forest (Jathika Namal Uyana)

Namal Uyana (Pink Quartz Mountain Range) abounds with natural beauty and its tranquility and stillness encourage visitors to search for spiritual fulfilment. Sri Lanka's biggest concentration of ironwood trees are found

here.

Pussellawa Many interesting places to visit including tea plantationss, Chariot Path, Peacock Hill, and Kotmale Valley. Also here is the Sri Kathirvelayutha Swami Kovil Murugan Temple, originally built in the 1880s

Randenigala

The Victoria Randenigala Rantembe sanctuary is nestled between the Knuckles range and the Central mountains of Kandy.

Sembuwatta Lake Giritale tank (lake) is truly

A beautiful man-made reservoir located in Elkaduwa, Matale. The lake is bordered by Cambell's Land Forest reserve and situated at an elevation of 1,140m.

Wiltshire Mountain

Range A less explored mountain range in Matale, with wildflowers and Carribean pines. Ideal for trekking.

Anuradhapura A city of immense historical and religious significance, revered as the holiest and oldest Buddhist city in Sri Lanka

theatrics. Strings of shops Aukana The massive Buddha almost everything from statue that had been phones, electrical items

carved out of a single rock stands peacefully amidst the temple precincts in the sacred city of Anuradhapura.

Dambadeniya

Situated about 31 km from Kurunegala, it served as the capital of Sri Lanka in the mid 13th century. Much of Dambadeniva still lies buried on a huge fortified rock.

Gal Viharaya

For centuries the four Buddha statues of the Gal Viharaya have stood in deep contemplation. Polonnaruwa

Kala Wewa

Pidurangala

A large and unusual rock formation that sits alongside the Sigiriya Rock Fortress, the two icons dominate the landscape. Pidurangala like Sigiriya, has historical ties to King Kashyapa and is an ancient monastery complex.

Sigiriya

The eighth wonder of the world, the rock fortress of Sigiriya 'Lion Rock' – is a 500 foot monolith, rising magnificently out of the dry central plain. The ascent begins at an entrance way through a large carving of a lion; the remnant of its stone paws clearly noticeable. The frescoes are a highlight of the massive complex built by King Kashyapa

Yapahuwa Rock Fortress Yapahuwa is famed for

the rock fortress and the stone lion. Drive past the quaint town of Kurunegala, ringed by a giant boulder shaped like a kneeling elephant, and then emerge into a peaceful country where history sleeps.

National Museum of Kandy

Built like a noble Kandyan manor, one-storied but large with polished wood roofs, doors and stone floors, the museum is a treasure trove and a gallery of priceless art. +94 81 222 3867. Opening hours: 9am-5pm

Sigiriya Museum

The Museum represents its cultural, technological and archaeological value. Sigiriya. +94 662 286 355. Opening hours: 5am–5pm.

The Ancient Technology

Museum and Library The museum focuses on the technology that was used in ancient Sri Lanka. Thus, each gallery displays objects features, processes, and constructions belonging to the various historical periods in Sri Lanka by explaining the technology

used. Polonnaruwa. +94 272 057 336. Opening hours: 9am-4.30pm Daily.

Peradeniya Botanical

Gardens Covers a spanse of almost 150 acres, is a paradise where each tree is a part of a wild, majestic landscape. +94 812 388 088. Opening

hours: 7.30am–6pm Daily

Mlesna Tea Fortress The Fortress abides by its

of devotees, and on the Poya day, thousands more make pilgrimage to offer Pooja to the sacred Bodhi.

Jethawanaramaya

Lovamahapaya

bread, cakes, and sweet

treats from foody stalls,

spice stands, wellness,

else.

Alu Vihara

artefacts

+94 662 222 533.

Anuradhapura

The city's spiritual

by the presence of

the sacred Bodhi tree,

grown from a sapling

brought by Bhikkuni

Sanghamiththa to Sri

to be the oldest living

tree in the world, thrives

at the Maha Megha Vana

Royal Park, a site of great

historical importance in

Abhayagiri Chaitya

Walagamba and the

premises has housed

the sacred Tooth Relic

during the Kingdom of

Bahirawakande Temple

massive pristine white

Buddha statue. From its

high vantage point, the

gigantic Buddha statue

surveys the whole town.

Buduruwagala Raja

An ancient Buddhist

Buddha statues that date

back to the 10th century.

temple with seven

Maha Viharaya

Monaragala

Was built by King

Anuradhapura

A landmark with a

Anuradhapura.

Lanka. This tree, believed

Known to be the

repository of Buddhist

wisdom, Aluvihare has

a legacy that dates back

millennia, recorded in its

many caves as intricate

murals, inscriptions and

prominence is exemplified

handicrafts, tea, tobacco,

and pretty much anything

A structure that is said to have been of nine storeys, and was built by King Dutugemunu for the use of the Bhikkus who lived in the Maha Vihara.

Matale Sri Muthumariamman Kovil

The temple is an exuberantly decorated structure that can be easily seen from afar. The prominent towers, called Gopurams, boast hundreds of detailed sculptures, in a rich mosaic of colour. Matale. +94 662 222 481. Opening hours:

4.30am-8pm.

Mihintale

Known as the cradle of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. King Devanampiyatissa met Arahath Mahinda Thero here on Poson Poya Day, in 246BC when the Dhamma was brought to the country.

Mirisawetiya

The first Chaitya built by King Dutugemunu, as an offering to the Sangha. It has been built on a site consecrated by the Buddha's presence and therefore it is venerated by countless devotees that piously worship the Dagoba.

Mahamevna Uyana

Created by King Mutasiva, the naming of Mahamevna Uyana is steeped in legend. The Mahamevna Uyana has four heritage sites of importance - the Sacred Bodhi Tree, the Samadhi Buddha Statue Ruwanweliseva and the Thuparama stupas. Anuradhapura

Ridee Viharaya Consists of several shrines built into the hollows of

caves, or erected out of

Ruwanweli Maha Seya

remains a site of great

Somawathie Temple

Somawathie Wild Life

Reserve and the road

the temple and its

bubble of stupa sits

its presence.

Polonnaruwa

reaches a clearing where

precincts can be found.

At a glance a clear white

strikingly with no other

Sri Dalada Maligawa

of the Sacred Tooth

Relic, the Temple is a

Also known as the Temple

fine display of Sri Lankan

artistry, and venerated

by Buddhists across the

world. Within are awe-

inspiring carvings and

Kandyan era paintings.

+94 812 234 226. Kandy

St Anthony's Church

Wahakotte

The church was

elements to detract from

Situated within the

veneration, evoking

Built by King Dutugemunu

spirituality in the hearts of

stone and daub.

Kurunegala.

visitors.

Dambulla Cave Temple Rangiri Dambullu Raja Maha Vihara, UNESCO heritage monastery is the country's largest cave temple complex, dating from the first century BC. +94 662 283 605

Embekke Temple Built in 1371 by King Wickrama Bahu III and is dedicated to god Kataragama.

Galmaduwa temple

The temple is believed to have been constructed by Meegastenne Maha Adikaram under the direction of the queen of King Kirti Sri Rajasingha [(1747-1782 A.D.) Rajapakse, 2016]. Kandy

Isurumuniya Raja Maha Viharaya

The temple was built by King Devanampiya Tissa in 250–210 BCfollowing the arrival of Arahat Mahinda. Anuradhapura.

Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi Venerated by hundreds

Jethawanaramaya by



beach and many other

This stretch of land boasts

of some of the most

popular for fishing,

picturesque locations

of the island and is very

dolphin-watching and

coconut production.

Lords Restaurant

ambiance, Lords

With a chic and modern

Restaurant Complex Art

Gallery and Cocktail Bar

offers delicious seafood

80B Poruthota Road,

Ethukala, Negombo;

+94 77 285 3190:

Marine Li

and refreshing beverages.

martin@lordsrestaurant.net

Kitesurfing in Kalpitiya

The beaches of Kalpitiya

surfers from all corners of

the world, its beautiful,

rolling sandy stretches

adding character to the

excellent winds year-

Whale watching in

Boats can be chartered

from Kalpitiya to cruise

the Indian Ocean in the

hope of spotting whales

Recreational Parks and

Henarathgoda Botanical

A well-tended 15ha public

and dolphins, the most

engaging of marine

otanical Garde

round.

Kalpitiya

mammals

Gardens

have been luring kite

Food & Ente

Complex

attractions.

Puttalam

Sigiriya is an ancient rock fortress

ship, 18-hole course. Digana. +94 71 737 6376. golfsrilanka.com

Kalawewa National Park Surrounding the Kalawewa and Balalu Wewa tanks constructed by King Datusena in the fifth century, it is an ideal place to spot the gentle giants in herds.

Minneriva National Park

Made of grasslands, thick scrub, and the wildlife that roam their particular territory, the Park is fed by its giant reservoir. A must see spectacle is 'The Minneriya Gathering where countless herds of elephants congregate near the Minneriya reservoir +94 113 671 490

Somawathie National

Park A huge (37,645ha) sanctuary stretching from central Sri Lanka to the Upper Lagoon near Vakarai on the East Coast with a large elephant population. The park is home to historic Somawathiya Chaitya, the stupa which was named after Princess Somawathi. Polonnaruwa

Udawatte Kele Sanctuary

The sanctuary lies proximate to the heart of the city. In fact, you see it just above the roof of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic – an intriguing, green wilderness. +94 812 232 873

Negombo and Gampaha

Negombo An ideal beach town for sun and sea lovers and about an hour's journey from Colombo, Negombo is also a short trip from the airport in Katunayake. With fabulous sunsets, strolls along the shore, little shops selling garments and souvenirs, live bands playing, restaurants peppering almost the entirety of the seaside strip, water sports at the beach park; fishing, kite surfing, snorkelling, scuba, are a part of the everyday sights, sounds and things to do, when in Negombo. The town is also home to historical sites, and also known as Little Rome for its

Pilikuththuwa Raja Maha Viharaya

A complex of 99 caves and a Raja Maha Viharaya According to folklore it served as a refuge for the exiled King Valagamwba. Gampaha; +94 33 333 7982

Potgul-len Raja Maha Viharaya

Composed of three caves, known as the Alavala Caves, the site is of historic as well as of prehistoric importance.

St. Anne's Church

The famous church in Talawila is dedicated to St. Anne. More than 250 years old, it is one of the country's most popular Roman Catholic shrines Talawila. +94 322 261 000

St Jude's Church

Established in the 1950s, as a place of worship for those who had made the hamlet their home since the late 19th century Indigolla. +94 332 222 357.

Sri Muneswaram Temple

As one of the five 'pancheswarams', the five most hallowed shiva shrines, the Munneswaram kovil is believed to have existed from prehistoric times and is the focus of many myths associated with the central characters of the Ramayana. Chilaw. +94 322 224 833. **Opening hours:** 5.30am-8pm. munneswaram.com

St Mary's Church, Tudella

neo-classical style and a

Tewatta Basilica of Our

The only Basilica in Sri

Lanka, Tewatta Basilica

of Our Lady of Lanka is a

site revered by Catholics

annual feast which falls in

all around the island

especially during the

February.

Ragama.

NOLIMIT

landmark edifice.

+94 312 222 128.

Lady of Lanka

Negombo

garden, with a diverse selection of exotic plants. Dedicated to St Mary, It is 32km inland from the church is built in Colombo. Neoclassical style. Gampaha. Openina hours: Ja-ela. +94 11 223 6257 7am-6pm.+94 33 222 2316.botanicgardens.gov.lk St Mary's Cathedral,

Negombo A large cathedral with

Attanagalla Rajamaha Viharaya One of the most venerated Buddhist temples in western Sri

Lanka. Gampaha. +94 332 280 233

Grand Mosque

A beautiful and prominent place of worship among Muslims. Negombo.

Kelaniya Raja Maha

which is held in the

month of January.

+94 11 291 1505.

kelaniyatemple.lk

Our Lady of Good

The Church of Our Lady

stands as a sentinel of

Within its confines lies

of Good Voyage in Duwa,

protection for fishermen.

the statue of Jesus Christ

that had been specially

commissioned by the

people of Duwa in the

19th Century from India

This Church is especially

famed for the yearly

'Pasku' (in Sinhala) or

Passion Play on Good

Friday, which displays

Jesus Christ.

+94 312 223 336

Negombo.

Voyage

Vihara One of the most revered Buddhist temples of the Island: the temple was built in the fifth century

tea theme in displaying chapters from Sri Lanka's colonial tea-growing days in black and white pictures, wooden tea boxes, an antique tea weighing scale, and brass tea filters. 445, Kandy Road, Kiribathkumbura,

Kandy. +94 81 238 4303.

mlesnateas.com

Aditi (L3-32); +94 812 234 707 W (L3-31); +94 812 220 705 US Polo (L3-31B); +94 812 220 706 Chenara Doade (Online) (L3-30A); +94 11 770 1801 Nolimit (L3-26); +94 812 221 199 Stone N String (L3-K4); +94 812 224 466 D-Blaq (L3-25A); +94 77 441 1924 Saravanas Textile (L3-22); +94 771 985 388 Blink (L3-L -Bazaar); +94 761 756 671 Chamathka (L3-8A1); +94 812 205 449 International Watches & Sunglasses (L3-19); +94 812 223 876 W. A. De Silva & Co (L3-18); +94 812 200 455 Miika (L3-29); +94 752 190 701 Adidas (L3-16); +94 812 205 362 Galleria (L3-15); +94 815 630 077 Hameedia (L3-14); +94 815 630 077 Urban Trendz (Turret) (L3-12); +94 812 222 722

Wewa—the Kadawara Deity—was located facing the massive tank The Dutugemunu Aranya Senasanaya is also within the premises.

Kitulgala

A famous hub for water based adventure programs including white water rafting. Surrounding by spectacular scenery

Knuckles Mountain range

with forest-covered hills

and kitul palm trees.

The mountain range is a paradise for those who like to hike and mountain bike as it offers numerous mountain trails that cross spectacular scenery such as clear crystal rivers, dense forests, flowing waterfalls and lush plantations.

Nelum Wewa

The hot water springs found here are at a

Believed to have been constructed by King Datusena (459-477AD). the tank formed part of an ancient irrigation system that was used for agriculture, helping to uplift the

region. Elephants can be seen on the banks of this tank in the evening.

Nalanda Gedige

An ancient stone temple that was constructed during the eighth and tenth centuries with Dravidian architecture.

Polonnaruwa

A city renowned for its ancient ruins, Polonnaruwa's kingdom once reigned supreme over the island for a relatively short period, from the 11th to the 13th Century. Its archaeological square is a great place to experience age-old artefacts: tombs, stupas, structural remains of temples and statues.

Mlesna Tea Cente The charming old building that nestles the Mlesna Tea Center and restaurant is dubbed calm and quiet. Tea Centre: 15. Dalada Veediva, Kandv: 081 222 8626 Tea Centre; L2-18, Kandy City Centre, Kandy; 081 220 0255

Nolimit 13-26, Kandy City Centre, 5 Dalada Veediya, Kandy; +94 812 221 199 557, Peradeniya Road, Kandy; +94 812 200788 121/22, Kandy Road, Kegalle; +94 352 221 445

9, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Kurunegala; +94 37 222 1866 456.

Kandy Central Market A treasure trove waiting to be discovered. It has shops that sell almost

anything under the sun. A foodie's paradise for fresh vegetables and fruits, meats and fish, fresh

King Mahasen is hailed as the largest stupa in the ancient world.

Kadadora Viharaya

The temple was abandoned and ruined as the construction of Kotmale Dam in 1979 by Mahaweli Development program. The ruins of Vihara still can be seen when the water level of Kotmale Reservoir lowers.

Lankatilaka Viharaya

Built with three storeys in a ornate design with bright frescoes and a seated Buddha, the Lankatilaka Viharaya dates back to the 14th Century AD +94 76 664 1154

Lankaramava

Situated away from the Maha Megha Vana Royal Park where many religious sites can be seen. Built by King Walagamba, the Dagoba is said to enshrine precious jewels within.

completed in 1938 its Gothic revival style designed by the Italian monk Augustine, to replace a smaller church built in the 1920s. Wahakotte. +94 662 289 210

Thanthirimale

The ancient Thanthirimale Temple is spread across. closely located rock surfaces surrounded by dense jungle. Anuradhapura

Thuparamaya

The first Chaitya that was built in Sri Lanka by King Devanampiyatissa. Thuparamava is consecrated by the Buddha's presence, when he visited the island for the third time.

Victoria golf course, Digana The golf club features a

meticulously designed and well maintained 73 Par, 6933-yard championchurches.

Places to visi

Kalpitiva Fort Built in 1666 was a key point in colonial times being involved in trading cinnamon.

Lellama

'Lellama', is the famous fish market of Negombo. The hustle begins before the sun rises as the fishermen bring ashore their catch of the freshest fish, crabs, prawns, lobsters and cuttlefish

Negombo Fort

Witness the imprints of the colonial era. To lay claim to this trading point for spices, the Portuguese built the Neaombo Fort.

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Chilaw

BC and nestled on the 424, Main Street, banks of the Kelaniya Negombo; River. The temple is +94 312 224 141 the starting point of 456, Main Street, the annual procession Negombo; "Duruthu Perahera" +94 31 222 4144 (Kelaniya Procession)

Bar Reef Marine Sanctuary Declared a marine sanctuary in the 1990s, the Bar Reef Marine Sanctuary is one of the greatest coral reefs in terms of biodiversity in the Indian Ocean. It is two kilometers off the coast of Kalpitiya.

Horagolla National Park

A wildlife sanctuarv declared in 1973 due to its rich biodiversity. It is 40km close to Colombo. Gampaha

Muthuraiawela

this magnificent statue of Home to over 194 species, it is a wetland habitat with an extensive flora and fauna.

80km north of Colombo. Chilaw is a relatively undiscovered coastal town with a great

Sports

Tennis Wimbledor July 1 – 14

London, England



Golf Tournaments Nuwara Eliya Golf Club July 6 Burdett Trophy 2024 Puffin Cup 2024 125th Anniversary Trophy 2024 Masters Trophy 2024

Golf

July 20 Monthly Medal





Formula One

British Grand Prix July 7 Silverstone Circuit Hungarian Grand Pr July 21 Hungaroring **Belgium Grand Priv**

July 28

July 6 – 21



Festivals

Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps

July 2 Feast of Shrine of our Lady of Madhu, Mannar The revered annual feast of Our Lady of Rosary in Madhu beckons thousands to partake in the sacred Holy Mass and seek divine blessings

Annual Esala Perahara Festival of

Ruhunu Maha Katharagama Temple The annual Esala Perahera of the Kataragama Devalaya features a variety of sacred ceremonies including the revered Kap situweema (planting ceremony), Magul Perahera, fire walking ritual, Esala Perahera, and Diya Kapana Mangalya

July 19 **Aadi Vel**

The yearly chariot festival honoring lord Murugan begins at Sammangodu Sri Kathirvelayutha Swamy Kovil, Pettah, and winds its way to Sri Manikka Vinayagar Kovil, Bambalapitiya. Crowds of devotees accompany the vibrant chariot as it traverses the bustling streets of Colombo.





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A work of art from Hashan Cooray's exhibition titled 'Dystopia' at the Saskia Fernando Gallery.

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