

GUIDE TO COLOMBO

Art galleries

Art Way Gallery
Kotte; +94 11 775 316;
Opening hours: 8am–6pm
Monday to Friday,
8am–1pm Saturday and
Sunday. artwaygallery.org

Barefoot Gallery
Colombo 3; +94 11 258
9305; Opening hours:
10am–6pm Monday to
Saturday.
[barefootceylon.com/
collections/barefoot-gallery](http://barefootceylon.com/collections/barefoot-gallery)

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-serena/

Lionel Wendt
Colombo 7; +94 11 695
794; lionelwendt.org

Paradise Road Gallery
Colombo 3; +94 11 582
162/+94 11 556 563;
paradiseroad.lk

Sapumal Foundation
Colombo 7; +94 11 2
695 731; foundation.sapumal34@gmail.com

Saskia Fernando Gallery
Colombo 7;
+94 11 7429 010;
saskiafernandogallery.com

Beaches

Galle Face
A widely sought-after 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.

Uswetakeiyawa
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
430, R A De Mel Mawatha,
Colombo 3; +94 77
088 6688/+94 75 588
6688; marketing@bellagiolcolombo.com

Casino Marina
30, Marine Drive,
Colombo 3;
+94 11 421 9988
casinomarina.com,
marina888.com

Museums

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 11 695 366.
Opening Hours: 9am–7pm
Daily.

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

instrumental in gaining independence from the British Rule.
Colombo 7; +94 11 691
825. Opening Hours:
9am–4.30pm Tuesday to
Sunday.

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, Crescent Boulevard
mmca-srilanka.org

Religious sites

All Saints Church
A Roman Catholic church in Borella dedicated to all saints.
Borella. +94 11 693 051

Bellanwila Raja Maha Viharaya
The temple is situated in the suburbs of Colombo, in Bellanwila, nearly three kilometres from the city.
Bellanwila. +94 11 738
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 11 2 687 110.
Opening hours: 6am–11am and 4.30pm–8pm.
Sri Bala Selva Vinayagar Temple: +94 11 2 687 535.
Opening hours:
5am–10.30am and 4.30pm–8pm.

Colombo Grand Mosque
One of the oldest mosques in Sri Lanka.
Colombo 12.
+94 11 432 110; Opening
Hours: 8am–6pm.

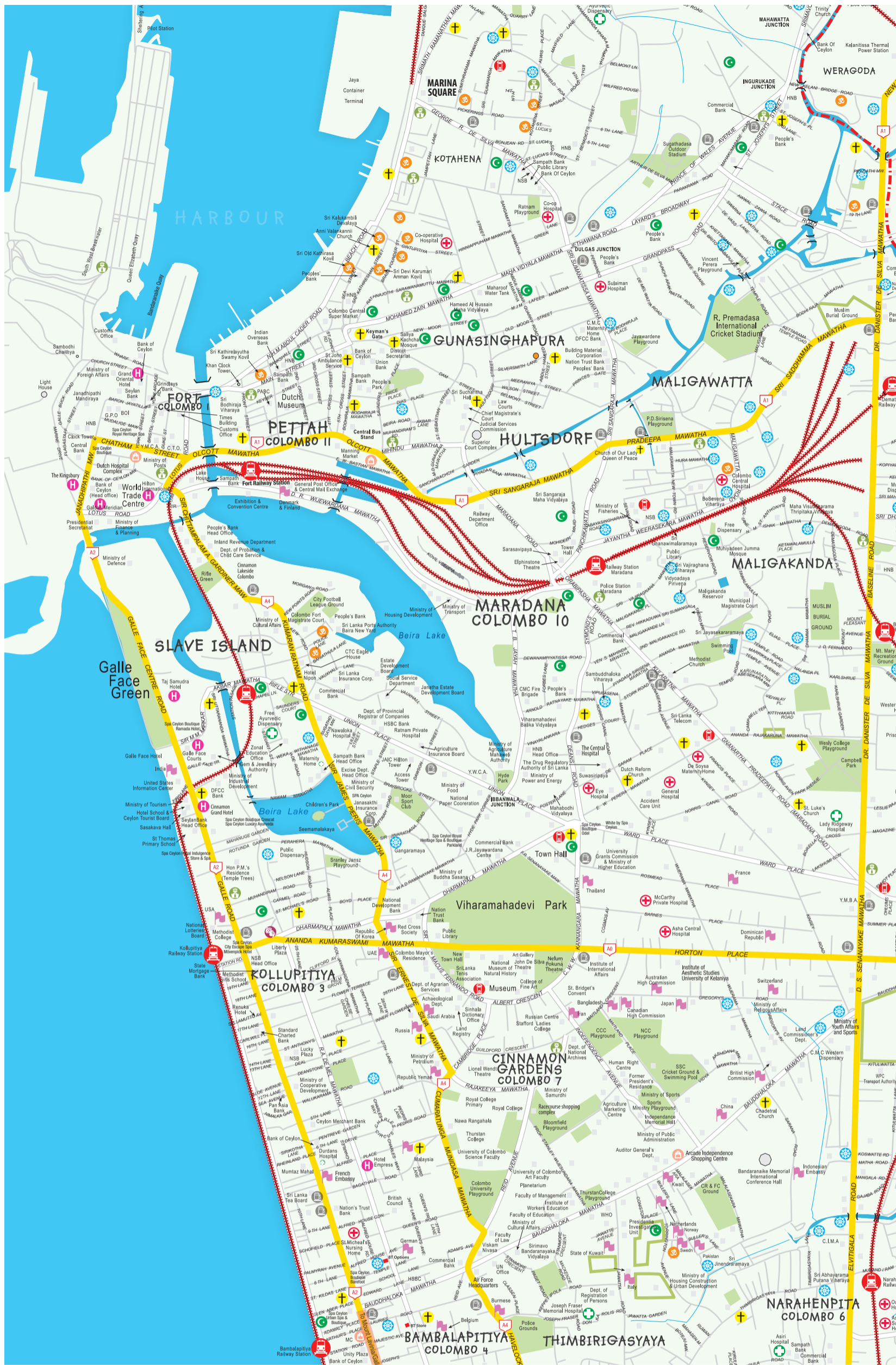
Dewatagaha Mosque
Built in 1820 is the resting place of His Holiness Seyedina As-Sheikh Seyed Usman Siddique Ibn Abdurrahman.
Colombo 7.
+94 11 683 906. Opening
Hours: 6am–10pm.

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 Navam Maha Perahera and Vesak.
Colombo 2; +94 11 2 435
169. Opening hours:
5.30am–10pm.

Holy Rosary Church, The Golden Shrine of Infant Jesus Church
Popularly known as the 'Infant Jesus Church', this quaint and beautiful church is located in Slave Island at the convergence of six roads.
Colombo 2. +94 11 2 320
158; Opening Hours:
6am–8.30pm.

Jumma Masjid
Having started in 1792 as a small prayer room for Muslims in the area, the Kollupitiya Jumma Masjid has grown significantly to be a landmark place of worship.
St Michael's Road, Colpetty/Polwatte.
+94 11 345 900.

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 11 852 759.
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 11 2
451 975. Opening hours:
10am–12noon, 1pm–3pm,
4.15pm–6pm.

Sambodhi Chaitiya
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 Chaitiya.
Colombo 1; +94 11 482
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 11 394 481.
Opening hours: 8am–1pm,
6pm–8pm.

Sri Ponnambala Vanneswarar 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 stoneliness follows the Dravidian temple architecture, and the interior is equally impressive.
Colombo 13; +94 11 2
431 252. Opening hours:
7am–11.30pm and
3.30pm–7pm Daily.

Sri Dharmakirti Temple
This modest Temple was established around 1906 by Ven Induruwe Sri Wimalatissa.
St Michael's Road, Colpetty/Polwatte. +94 11 451 224

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 11 2
329 303. Opening hours:
5am–8pm Daily.

St Lucia's Cathedral, Kothahena
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 11 223 6257.

St Michael and All Angels Church
Also known as the Gal Paliya 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 11 2 343 471.

Walukarama Temple
Walukarama 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 11 2 575 004
Opening Hours: 8am–6pm.

Strolling around Colombo Recreational Parks, Jogging and Cycling Tracks

Diyawanna Oya
The place is always bustling with visitors trying to catch a glimpse 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 Diyawanna Oya 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.

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 well-known landmark, and

EXPLORE SRI LANKA

A Road	Wildlife Reserve
B Road	Bird Sanctuary
Minor Road	Lighthouse
Other Road	Sanctuary National Park Forest Reserve
Path	Tourist Sites
Railway	Expressway Under Construction
International Airport	Expressways
Airfield	

NATIONAL MUSEUMS

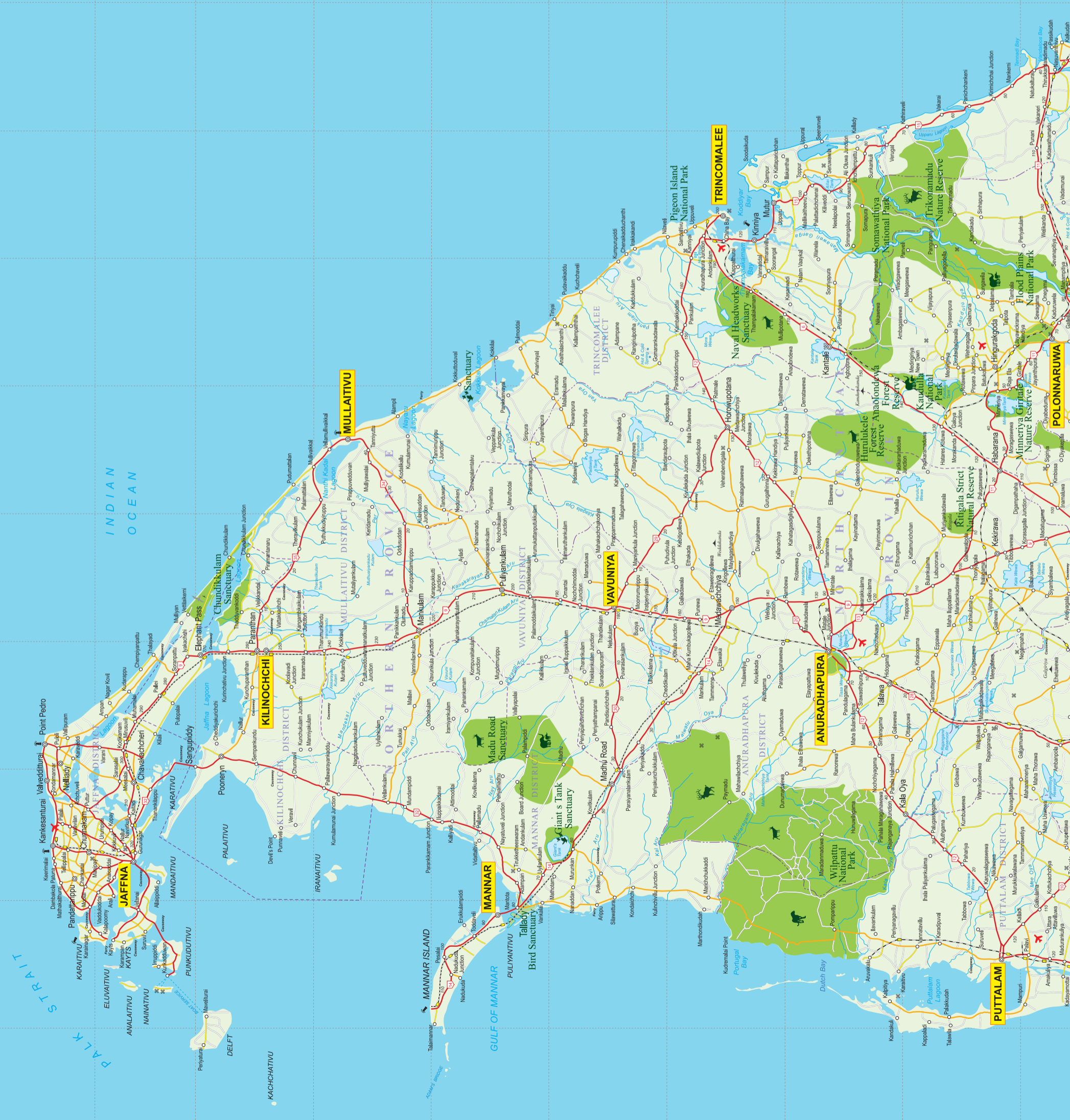
- Archaeological Museum of Anuradhapura
- Archaeological Museum of Dambadeniya
- Archaeological Museum of Kotte
- Archaeological Museum of Puttalam
- Airforce Museum
- Ceylon Tea Museum
- Colombo National Museum
- Galle National Museum
- Gem and Mineral Museum
- Independence Memorial Museum
- Kandy National Museum
- Maritime Museum
- National Museum of Natural History
- National Railway Museum
- Ratnapura National Museum

BOTANICAL GARDENS

- Botanical Gardens, Avissawella
- Botanical Gardens, Gampaha
- Botanical Gardens, Hakgala
- National Herbarium, Peradeniya
- Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya
- Mirijawila Botanical Gardens, Hambantota

WILDLIFE

- Angammedilla
- Bundala
- Elephant Transit Home
- Galoya
- Galway's Land
- Hikkaduwa
- Horton Plains
- Lahugala
- Lunugamvehera
- Maduru Oya
- Minneriya
- Pigeon Island
- Udawalawe
- Wasgamuwa
- Wilpattu



- Kaudulla
- Kumana

- Yala

CURRENT POPULATION
21 949,268

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GMT PLUS / GMT+
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+94

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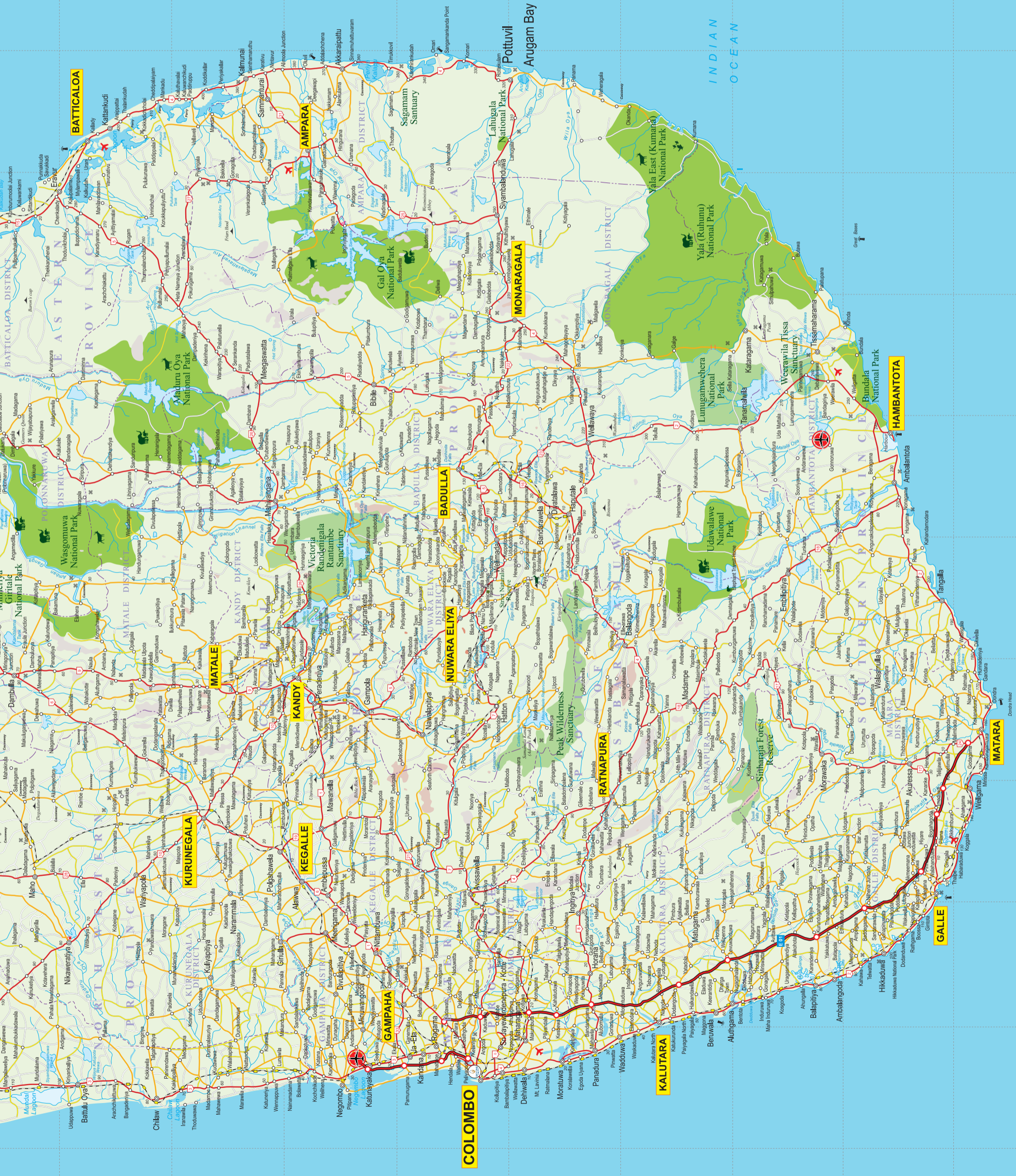
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Sports

Tennis

Wimbledon
July 1 – 14
London, England



Formula One

British Grand Prix
July 7
Silverstone Circuit
Hungarian Grand Prix
July 21
Hungaroring
Belgium Grand Prix
July 28
Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps



Festivals

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.



July 6 – 21
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.



Golf

Golf Tournaments
Nuwara Eliya Golf Club
July 6
Burdett Trophy 2024
Puffin Cup 2024
125th Anniversary Trophy 2024
Masters Trophy 2024
July 20
Monthly Medal



Olympics

July 26 – August 11
Paris, France



SURF LESSONS

Get ready to ride the waves

with our incredible surf trainer, **Asanka!** Hailing from Sri Lanka and Maldives as a National Winner, he's got years of experience and is passionate about ensuring your surfing experience is nothing short of unforgettable moments. With tailor-made training programs to suit everyone from beginners to pros, you or your guests will be catching waves like never before. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to hang ten with the best!



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Arugambay ROCCOS

Arugambay Roccas is 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 panoramic views of the Water Cube (swimming pool) and the Indian Ocean.

Arugambay Roccas, Main Street, Arugambay, Pottuvil
(+94) 718 10 99 99
info@arugambayroccos.lk | arugambayroccos.lk



ENJOY A FABULOUS VACATION UNDER THE WARM SUN IN THE SOUTH EAST COAST. EACH MOMENT CREATES YET ANOTHER UNFORGETTABLE MEMORY.

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 made using garden fresh produce.

Paper Moon Kudils, Whisky Point, Arugambay.
(+94) 719 97 97 97
info@papermoonkudils.lk | papermoonkudils.lk



Arugambay PodBay

Arugambay PodBay is a novel concept that comprises compact convertainers (NapPods) in pastel hues, HomePods, and Bay rooms. The seaside hotel has one of the largest swimming pools in the area (WaterPod), and the restaurant PotPod serves a range of cuisine and beverages in an area ideal for relaxation.

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EXPLORE SRI LANKA What's On



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