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SRI LANKA

What's On



Pottu: A Journey of Constriction to Liberation
by Milani Lawrence

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Colombo

Art galleries

Art Way Gallery

Kotte; +94 112 775 316; 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

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; +94 112 695 794; lionelwendt.org

Paradise Road Gallery

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

Sapumal Foundation

Colombo 7; +94 112 695 731; foundation.sapumal34@gmail.com

Saskia Fernando Gallery

Colombo 7; +94 117 429 010; saskiafernandogallery.com

Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art

Ground floor, Crescat Boulevard mmca-srilanka.org

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@bellagiocolombo.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; +94 112 695 366. 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; +94 112 691 825. Opening Hours: 9am–4.30pm Tuesday to Sunday.

Religious sites

All Saints Church, Borella

A Roman Catholic church in Borella dedicated to all saints. +94 112 693 051

Bellanwila Raja Maha Viharaya

The temple is situated in the suburbs of Colombo, in Bellanwila, nearly three kilometres from the city limits. 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.

Dewatagaha Mosque

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 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; +94 112 435 169. 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. +94 112 320 158; Opening Hours: 6am–8.30pm.

Jumma Masjid

Having started in 1792 as a small prayer room for Muslims in the area, today the Kollupitiya Jumma Masjid 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

Vanawar 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.

Sri Dharmakirti 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. Kochikade; +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

The Temple Is renowned to be the oldest temple in Colombo. Colombo 3. +94 112 575 004. 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

Colombo

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 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 watchtower in Sri Lanka located at Galbokka Point, south of the Port of 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.
Colombo 7

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.

Opening hours:
7.30am-5pm.

Wetland Park

Beddagana Wetland Park

Throughout the Beddagana park criss-crosses a wooden 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 so-called basin for storing water, Thalangama Tank originated during

the time of King Parakramabahu VI (1551-1547 AD) of the Kotte Kingdom.

Meditation Center

Manodaya Meditation Center Siriwardhanaramaya, Temple Lane, Kollupitiya

By Ven Diyapattugama Revatha Thero (Expert Psychological Counselor and Meditation Instructor Siriwardhanarama Buddha Dhamma College).
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Mlesna Tea Kiosk; 43A, Ground Floor, Liberty Plaza; Colombo 3;
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Tea Centre; 1-08B, Majestic 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, Katunayake; +94 11 225 2950 Ext. 720
Tea Castle; Patana, Talawakelle;
+94 51 224 4012

Tea Centre; 84, Welimada Road, Bandarawela;
+94 57 223 1663

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Ward Place, 505 Colombo 10, One Galle Face, Colombo City Centre, Crescat, Racecourse, Ratnapura, Kandy KCC.
+94 11 75 75 100; visioncare.lk

Fashion

Nolimit

Provides an immersive shopping experience to its customers by offering a vast and exciting range of clothing options for all genders and

age groups.

Kids - L-4, (20-21), One Galle Face Mall, Colombo 3; +94 112 334 345
L-5 (35-42), One Galle Face Mall,

Colombo 3;
+94 112 334 345
C137/1/15, Colombo City Centre, Colombo 2;

+94 112 083 212;
24, Hyde Park Corner, Colombo 2;
+94 112 382 676

179, Galle Road, Mount Lavinia; +94 112 733 865

213, Hill Street, Dehiwela;
+94 112 734 072

10, Kawdana Road, Dehiwela; +94 77 354 0816

40, D S Senanayake Mawatha, Borella;
+94 112 672 689

Gents' clothing - 1, Hill Street, Dehiwala;

+94 112 732 492

Ladies' and children's clothing; 17, Hill Street; Dehiwala; +94 112 726 299

108 A, High Level Road, Maharagama; +94 112 745 191

152, High Level Road, Nugegoda; 94 112 82 9955

196, Galle Road, Wellawatte; 011 236 0260

NOLIMIT Image, 50, Galle Road, Wellawatte; 0112 587 812

266, Galle Road, Panadura; 038 224 1677

267, High Level Road, 7th Mile Post, Nugegoda; +94 112 812 021

143, Galle Road, Ratmalana; +94 112 731 090

36, Senanayake Mawatha, Ratnapura; +94 45 222 2987

331, Negombo Road, Wattala; +94 112 948 123

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They also have home appliances, footwear, perfumes, cosmetics, bags, toys and many more.

Kiribathgoda, Nittambuwa, Ja-ela, Kandy, +94 112 910 512.
thilakawardhana.com

Pettah

Pettah is 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 Church.

World Market

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

Spa

LeLily Spa

Discover the ultimate relaxation at LeLily Spa, where an expert team specializes in a range of Asian traditional massages, including Balinese, Vietnamese, and Tibetan warm stone massages, along with

foot massages and various body treatments. Tailored wellness solutions are available for both individuals and organizations. Mount Lavinia Hotel in Colombo, Turyaa Hotel in Kalutara, Suriya Hotel in Waikkala, Water Garden in Sigiriya, Blue Water Hotel & Spa in Wadduwa, Amaranthe Bay and Resort & Spa in Trincomalee, Goldi Sands Hotel in Negombo, Camelot Beach Hotel in Negombo, Glenross Living in Mathugama, Bellwood Manor in Nuwara Eliya.
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Public transport

Sri Lanka Railways

Fort Railway Station;
+94 112 432 908/
+94 112 434 215/1919;
railway.gov.lk;
seatsreservation.railway.gov.lk Bookings can be done through Mobitel, Hutch, Airtel (dial 365) and Dialog (dial 444) & Telecom networks (dial 1265) and Sri Lanka Reservation Mobile App.

Bus

Central Bus Stand, Pettah;
+94 112 328 081
Online booking
sltb.eseat.lk/home
Sri Lanka Transport Board;
200, Kirula Road, Colombo 5; Dial 1315/
+94 117 706 000

Flights

Bandaranayake International Airport (BIA)

Airport and Aviation Services, Katunayake.

+94 112 259 435
airport.lk/main

Mattala Airport

Mahinda Rajapaksa International Airport

Hambantota
+94 472 031 116
airport.lk/mria/index

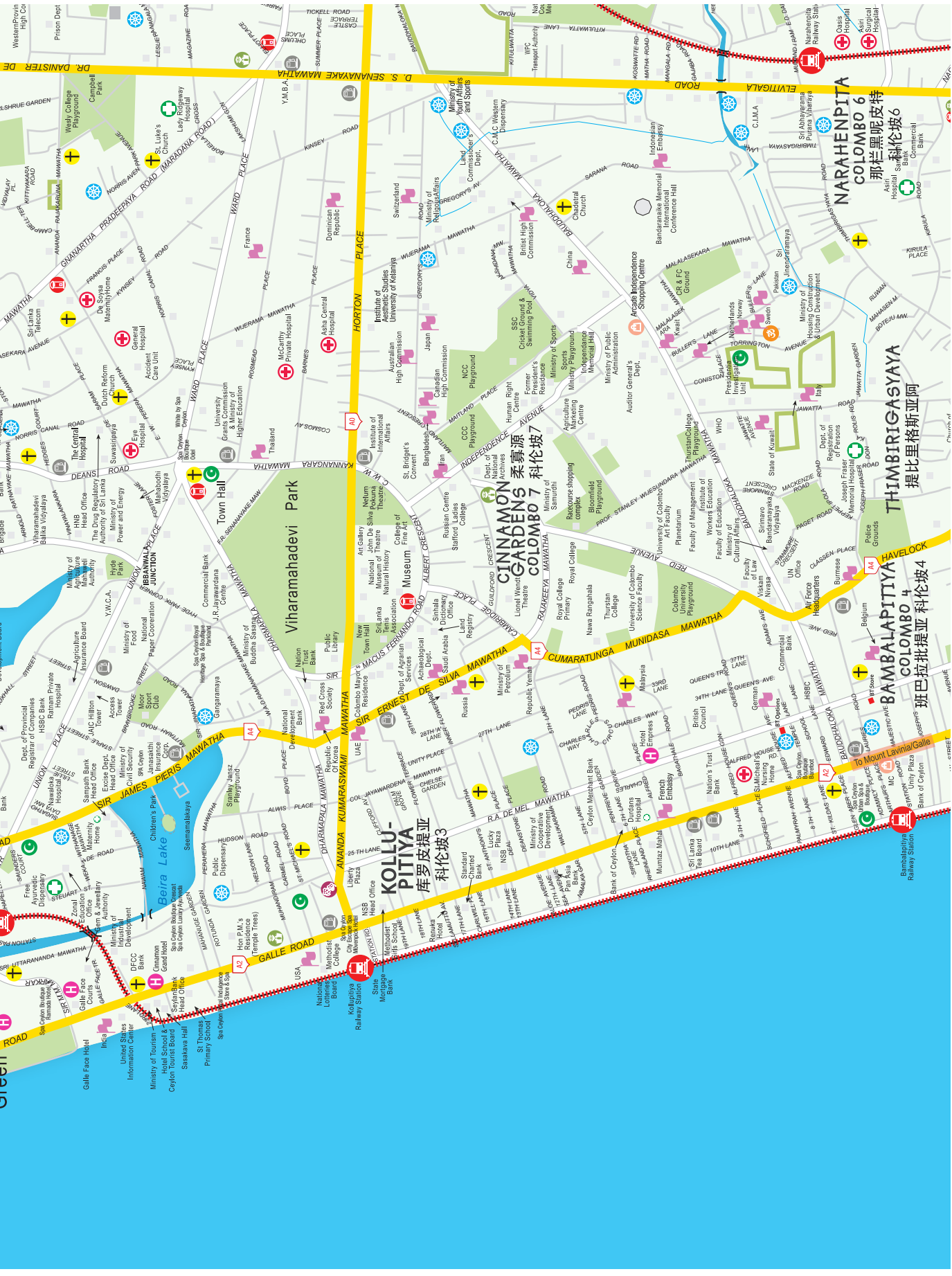
Colombo International Airport, Ratmalana

Ratmalana
+94 112 623 030

Jaffna International Airport

Palaly, +94 112 263 380
airport.lk/jaf/index





East Coast

Arugambay

Arugambay, a charming southeast coastal town, is a year-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 evening. The Main Road of Arugambay transforms from a quiet road to a bustling street as the sun sets. Arugambay also offers a gastronomic adventure to diners, featuring Sri Lankan dishes, BBQ, 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

Turquoise 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 waves

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

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 right-break surf point where you can witness colorful fishing boats.

Peanut Farm

Shaded by shrubbery 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 professionals. The waves depend on the season and weather.

Whisky Point

One of the most scenic surfing points in Sri Lanka. Surfers gather here even before dawn breaks to ride the whisking waves and enjoy the stunning atmosphere. The rock outcrop is a favourite spot for watching the sunrise and to feel the cool breeze of the East coast.

Where to stay

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 Roccas

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.

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 visit

Batticaloa

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

Situated approximately 12 km 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

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.

Sangaman Kanda

The most eastern point in Sri Lanka. The beaches here are still unspoiled and the Sangaman Kanda Lighthouse was built in 1947.

Trincomalee

It is home to the Island's most beautiful beach Nilaveli. Bask in the privacy of the scenic Marble beach with crystal clear waters or enjoy the shore of Uppuveli. The waters are ideal for diving and scuba diving, be mesmerised by the colorful world under the sea. One can also enjoy whale watching.

Cultural sites

Buddhangala Forest Monastery

The Monastery lies deep in the jungles about 7 kilometers off Ampara.
Ampara

Magul Maha Viharaya

Located within the Lahugala sanctuary, it is famed for the 'Magul Maduwa', the altar upon which the princess married King Kavantissa, thus becoming Queen Viharamaha Devi of Ruhuna.
Lahugala, Ampara

Muhudu Maha Viharaya

The temple is found on the sand dunes of Pottuvil and the beautiful white stupa can be seen all the way from Arugambay beach. Muhudu Maha Vihara is said to be the ancient temple built by King Kavantissa in the second century BC.
Pottuvil

Nuwaragala

An ancient fortress and monastery which is situated along the Mahiyangane-Dimbulagala-Dalukkane Highway in Ampara.

National Park

Flood Plains National Park

Situated along the Mahaweli River, the Flood Plains is an elephant corridor in Polonnaruwa.
Off Polonnaruwa-Batticaloa Road (Route A11), Habarana Road, Minneriya

Gal Oya National Park

A hidden treasure in Sri Lanka's collection of parks and protected environments. It's a place to immerse in nature and witness the untouched beauty of the wild.
Ampara

Kumana National Park

Head out on a safari to Kumana National Park. The drive itself is a novel experience where you will

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travel through the village of Panama. It a destination known for its diverse wildlife and bird population, both migratory and indigenous.

Lahugala Kitulana National Park

Located in the eastern region of Sri Lanka, the Park is a pristine wilderness area that exudes natural 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.

Wasmamuwa 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.
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Lagoon Safari

Urani Lagoon

Urani Lagoon safari is a popular eco-touristic activity to witness aquatic life, gentle giants and varieties of birds. The best time for safari along the Urani Lagoon is at 6am and 3pm.

Religious Sites

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 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 Jerusalem.
Katankudy. +94 77 727 0387. Opening hours: 4am–10pm.

Kudumbigala

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.

Ketchimale Mosque, Beruwala

A mosque of miracles, with its 1000-year history overlooks the Beruwala

Harbor.
Beruwala.
+94 342 276 481

Lakshmi Narayana Perumal Kovil

The Kovil in blue 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.

Meeran Jumma Mosque

Commonly called the Galle Fort Mosque, this mosque has a history of over 300 years. The design is an amalgamation of British Victorian and Islamic Architecture.
Galle. +94 76 866 5435.
Opening hours: 5am–9pm.

Okanda Kovil

Also called as Ukanthamalai Murugan Kovil, devotees journey throwship 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-ledge 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 Cholan (1012–1044 BC).
Trincomalee.
+94 262 222 760.

Thirukoneswaram Temple

The majestic temple is one of the five Ishwarams. The kovil has a distinct location as it is situated atop the Swami Rock. A huge statue of Lord Shiva, rising to a height of 33 ft is found outside the kovil.
Trincomalee.
+94 263 267 588.
Opening hours: 6.30am–1pm, 4pm–7pm daily.

Museum

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 abode of Upulvan Deviyo or God Vishnu.

Koggala Lagoon

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

Madu Ganga

Situated 74km from Colombo in the Southern coastal region near Balapitiya. A renowned aquatic sight, a wetland river safari in the Madu Ganga will be 2-3 hours. You'll probably spot the Buddhist temple, Koth Doowa Rajamaha Viharaya and cinnamon-processing site.

Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

Pinnawala was set up in 1975 to care for orphaned elephants, and now has the largest herd of captive elephants in the world.
Rambukkana;
+94 352 266 641

Puppet Showrooms and Masks in Ambalangoda

Ambalangoda is famed for its



Stilt fishermen at Koggala.

traditional mask production. Generation upon generation of artisans create colorful masks that have become symbolic of traditional Sri Lanka. Traditional puppet showrooms and mask makers' halls showcase the crafts of Ambalangoda.

Richmond castle

Built in 1896 by Don Arthur Siriwardena, the Mudaliyar of Kalutara district, it has a quixotic mix of eastern and western architecture.
Kalutara

Rumassala

Both the forest and the beautiful ocean around Rumassala are rich in biodiversity. The forest is home to many species of birds, reptiles and mammals including several endemic species, as well as rare medicinal plants.

Serin River Park

The Serin River ecological park in Holuvagoda, features a lake, walking paths, iron bridges, children's park, market stalls, as well as ecosystems.
Galle

Galle and South

The Great Basses and

Little Basses Reef, Kirinda

A 45-minute boat ride will take the adventurous diver and explorer to The Great Basses and Little Basses reefs from Kirinda. The Basses are considered one of the three best dive sites around the island, a must visit in March and April.

Turtle Watching

The season from February to July also signals the start of turtle nesting, and you can witness the beautiful spectacle at Kosgoda, Rekawa, Bundala and Ambalantota.

Cultural sites

Galle Fort

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.

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

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.

Beaches

Bentota

Known for the ideal seas for water sports, visitors find themselves enjoying a thrilling speed boat ride, jet 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 'wheezing' sound.

Hikkaduwa

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.

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.

Museum

Galle National Museum

The Museum constructed in 1656 is dedicated to showcase ancient ornaments and artefacts. +94 912 232 051. *Opening hours: 9am–4.45pm Tuesday to Sunday. Monday closed.*

Maritime Museum

The museum featuring marine biological and anthropological

aspects of the southern coastal area is located within the Galle Fort.

Galle Fort; +94 912 242 261. Opening hours: 8.30am–4.30pm Tuesday to Sunday. Monday closed.

Religious sites

Cavalry Shrine

During the Lenten Season, large crowds of devotees journey on pilgrimage.

Hiniduma. +94 913 912 285

Gangatilake Viharaya

Passing the bridge of Kalutara, amidst the trees and above the waters of Kalu Ganga a strikingly beautiful white Dagaba can be seen. *Kalutara*

Kalutara Bodhi

The Kalutara Bodhiya, which is a sapling of the Sri Maha Bodhiya of Anuradhapura, is revered by Buddhists who visit it 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 untouched. *Aluthgama. +94 342 274 453*

Kasagala Raja Maha Viharaya

It is declared as an archeological site by the government. The pathway with 28 Buddha statues leads towards the heart of the temple with a museum. Kasagala Raja Maha Viharaya traces its origins back to the time of the Anuradhapura era during King Devanampiyatissa's reign. *Hambantota*

Ketchimale Mosque

A mosque of miracles, the biggest of which is that all religions and races mingle there with the same devotion. *Beruwala. +94 342 276 481*

Kirinda

An ancient temple built by King Kavantissa, it attracts numerous pilgrims. With a historical stupa on the coast, this area is renowned for the legendary accounts of Princess Viharamaha Devi, to whom the temple is dedicated.

Mulkirigala Raja Maha Vihara

Inland from Tangalle, this natural rock monolith was a cave retreat of Buddhist monks dating back to 130BC.

Ruhunu Maha

Kataragama Devalaya

The Kataragama Devalaya has been a revered place of pilgrimage among Buddhists and Hindus for centuries. Pilgrims seek the divine intervention of God Katargama. +94 472 235 122. *Opening hours: 4.30am–9pm. rrmkd.lk.*

Sella Kataragama

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 tamarind trees.

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*

Shrine of our Lady of Matara

Positioned across from Beach Park, where many find a welcome interlude among the waves, is the Shrine of our Lady of Matara, formerly known as St Mary's Church. *Matara; +94 412 222 056*

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 Poya in May.

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*

Tissamaharama Raja Maha Vihara

One of the four major Buddhist monasteries, to be established after the arrival of Arahant Mahinda Thero.

Yatagala Rajamaha Viharaya

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

Wildlife

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*

Galle and South

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

Kalameitiya 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, Lunugamvehera provides a safe path for elephant migration. There are other flora and fauna.

+94 47 348 9159

Mirijjawila Botanical Gardens

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

Sinharaja Rain Forest

The Sinharaja Rain Forest 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.

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 another breathtaking site.

Haputale

The must see include Adisham bungalow, Lipton's Seat, Idalgashinna, Horton Plains, Thangamale Sanctuary and the beauty of the Bambarakanda as well as Diyaluma waterfalls.

Idalgashinna

Another ideal hiking destination. Trekking past the railway lines is the small hamlet that leads the adventure enthusiasts to explore the mountains.

Lake Gregory

Along the lake you will see groups either enjoying a family picnic, riding horses, on a paddle boat or taking a leisurely stroll.

Lipton's Seat

The name Lipton's Seat was derived from Sir Thomas Lipton who had enjoyed views of the picturesque mountains and emerald hills.

Maskeliya

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 Castlereigh Reservoir.

Madulsima

Surrounded by beautifully pruned tea estates, misty mountains, and a mini-World's End in Elemana.

Moon Plains

The central plain located in Nuwara Eliya. It is a vast greenland complete with a surrounding forest reserve, tea estates, gardens and vegetable farmlands.

Pidurutalagala

The impressive Pidurutalagala 2,524m is Sri Lanka's highest mountain. The peak offers views of the Nuwara Eliya town, and Lake Gregory and well as that of Adam's Peak to the Southwest.



Nuwara Eliya season attracts many visitors.

Raxagala

Raxagala is popular among hikers owing to the stories of lore associated with it. Raxagala is supposedly the place where Ravana, the king of Sri Lanka had hidden Sita for a while.

Thangamale Sanctuary

Part of the Glenanore Tea Estate, it is a protected sanctuary and is a two-kilometre drive from Haputale town.

World's End

A sheer cliff, located in Horton Plains National Park in Nuwara Eliya, World's End is a deadly drop shrouded by cold white mist.

Water falls

Bambarakanda and Diyaluma falls

The tallest waterfall in the island, the Bambarakanda falls pours continuously while the stunning Diyaluma falls takes the credit for being the third highest in the island. Picnic or enjoy a moment while engaging in a memorable time with family or friends.

Devon Falls

Located along the Talawakele–Hatton Road in the Nuwara Eliya district it is a vision of striking green and foaming water down the falls.

Parks and Botanical Gardens

Hakgala Botanical Gardens

Sits over 1,745m above sea level and extends about 28 hectares. Within the Glass house there are many varieties of flora.

+94 812 388 088. Opening hours: 7.30am–5pm. Daily

Victoria Park

Named to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, the park has beautiful flower varieties. +94 522 222 275

Recreational Sports

Nuwara Golf Club

The Nuwara Eliya Golf Club located between lush green mountains with spectacular views was 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

Religious Sites

Holy Trinity Church

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

Muthiyangana Raja Maha Viharaya

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

Hill Country

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.*

Seetha Amman Kovil

Seetha Amman Kovil is 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.*

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. +94 522 222 564

Wildlife

Belihul Oya

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
seatresevation.railway.gov.lk/

mtktwebslr

Mobile M Ticketing Service
Dial 365 hotline.

Dunhinda Odyssey

Weekdays; leaving Colombo Fort at 7.15am. Online booking: seatresevation.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

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

Kudiramalai beach

Accessed via the Wilpattu National Park, it is a serene expanse of scrub forests, coastal cliffs with a red hue, and wind-swept driftwood. To get there, one must traverse the coppery-colored sands of Thambapanni.

Pigeon Island

This beautiful island is one of the two marine national parks in Sri Lanka, ideal for diving and snorkelling. The coral reef, which is about 200m long and 100m wide has over 100 species of coral and 300 species of reef fish.

Places to visit

Doric House

The resident of the first British Governor of Ceylon, Frederick North.

Fort Hammenheil

The octagonal shaped fort is located between Kayts and Karaitivu on the Jaffna Peninsula.

Grand Mosque

The Grand Mosque was built by Muslim traders during the Dutch era in 1973.
Jaffna.

Jaffna Fort

Built by the Portuguese, this fort is standing evidence of the colonial past of Sri Lanka. The 400 year old edifice, designed in the shape of a pentagon, is a symbol of Dutch architecture.

Jaffna Library

The colossal building that is a landmark in Jaffna is a center of knowledge and intellectual gathering.
+94 212 226 028

Kandarodai Temple

Also known as Kaduragoda Viharaya, it is located within a residential area in Chunnakam. Stupas of various sizes are visible amongst the palmyrah trees. Quiet and peaceful, it is believed that this is the resting place of 60 Arahants and their sacred remains have been placed within each stupa.

Kudiramalai

The Aryan Prince Vijaya of North India landed on the shores of Thambapanni 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.

Museum

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 of vintage cars, too.*Navatkuli. +94 212 052 585; sivapoomimuseum.com*

Religious sites

Dambakolapatuna

A historically significant temple situated in the Jaffna district. It is said that King Devanampiyatissa received the Great Theri with the sacred Bo sapling at this port.

Maviddapuram Kandaswamy Kovil

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 month-long 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 Solosmasthanas, the Nagadeepa Rajamaha Viharaya is believed to have been visited by the Buddha.
Nainativu Island

Nagapoosani Amman Kovil

Situated on the islet of Nainativu 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.

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 in August.
Mannar; +94 23 228 0001

Sri Vallipura Alvar Swamy 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.
Puloly. +94 21 226 3074. Opening hours: 6am-5pm Monday to Saturday, 5am-6pm Sunday.

Thiruketeeswaram Temple

This Hindu temple is one of the five Ishwarams of Lord Shiva in Sri Lanka. The temple has lay in ruins, been restored, renovated and enlarged by various royals and devotees throughout its history. The temple overlooks the ancient Tamil port towns of Manthai and Kudiramalai.
Mannar.

Shopping

Jaffna Market

A famous spot for selling fresh produce, exotic spices local confections, juicy Karthakolomban mangoes (during May to August season), grapes, Kotta Kilangu (Odiyil), 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.

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/Shopping

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 Veediya, Kandy. +94 716 555 555/+94 812 202 846. Kandycitycentre.lk

Shops at KCC

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A Pictures (L1-12);
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Retails (F&B)

Royal Cashew (L1-K12);
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Birdylicious (L1-K11);
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Foods) (L1-K7);

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CBL Revello Speciality
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Finance

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+94 812 221 552

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732

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BOC Travels (L1-K10);

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Sri Lanka Post (L1-K3); +94 812 222 294

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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

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Saweena Beauty Care (L2-16); +94 812
061 299

Mallika Hemachandra Jewellers (L2-
15); +94 812 202 997

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The Parfumeria (L2-10);

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+94 812 221 524

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+94 812 205 655

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205 344

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081 100

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Places to visit

Ambuluwawa

Surrounded by many mountains including Pidurutthalagala from the East, Bible Rock (Bathalegala) from the West, Sri Pada (Adam's Peak) from the South and Knuckles Mountain Range from the North.

British Garrison

Cemetery

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 and Europeans.

Giritale

Giritale tank (lake) is truly a gem within Sri Lanka's intricate and extensive ancient irrigation system. Giritale holds that magnetic effect capable of drawing in and holding large flocks of diverse avian fauna.

Hanthana Mountain Range

A charming mountain range which is a good trekking spot.

Kandy Town

The Kandy town is ceaselessly abuzz with activity. The railway station and market are scenes of chaos mixed-up in human theatrics. Strings of shops crisscross the streets and by-roads, selling almost everything from garments, shoes, bags, phones, electrical items and home appliances to knick-knacks.

Kandy Lake

The Kandy Lake is perfect for relaxing. A drive around the Lake provides more highlights of Kandy. The historic Malwathu and Asgiri Temples are situated along this route.

Kala Wewa

One of the largest reservoirs in Sri Lanka, built by King Dathusena during the period of 459–479AD. One can witness the laid back nature of village life around. The Maha Kadawara Devalaya, dedicated to the divine protector of the Kala 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 with forest-covered hills and kitul palm trees.

Knuckles Mountain range

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 temperature of 62°C! The reason being that these hot water springs in fact connect to others in the island such as the hot water springs of Kanniya, Trincomalee and Maha Oya forming a network of springs through the earth's crust and thus to maintain a healthy source of water at other regions the three additional wells were closed off at Nelum Wewa.

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 plantations, 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

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

Kandy and Central

in Matale, with wildflowers and Caribbean pines. Ideal for trekking.

Cultural Sites

Anuradhapura

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

Aukana

The massive Buddha statue that had been 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 Dambadeniya 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

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.

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.

Museum

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.*

Parks

Peradeniya Botanical Gardens

Covers a span 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.*

A stop for a tea break!

Mlesna Tea Fortress

The Fortress abides by its 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*

Mlesna Tea Center

The charming old building that nestles the Mlesna Tea Center and restaurant is dubbed calm and quiet.

Tea Centre; 15, Dalada Veediya, Kandy; 081 222 8626

Tea Centre; L2-18, Kandy City Centre, Kandy; 081 220 0255

Shopping

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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 bread, cakes, and sweet treats from

foody stalls, spice stands, wellness, handicrafts, tea, tobacco, and pretty much anything else.

Religious Sites

Alu Vihara

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 artefacts.

+94 662 222 533.

Anuradhapura

The city's spiritual prominence is exemplified by the presence of the sacred Bodhi tree, grown from a sapling brought by Bhikkuni Sanghamiththa to Sri Lanka. This tree, believed to be the oldest living tree in the world, thrives at the Maha Megha Vana Royal Park, a site of great historical importance in Anuradhapura.

Abhayagiri Chaitya

Was built by King Walagamba and the premises has housed the sacred Tooth Relic during the Kingdom of Anuradhapura.

Bahirawakande Temple

A landmark with a massive pristine white Buddha statue. From its high vantage point, the gigantic Buddha statue surveys the whole town.

Buduruwagala Raja Maha Viharaya

An ancient Buddhist temple with seven Buddha statues that date back to the 10th century.

Monaragala.

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.

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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 Temple

The Isurumuniya Raja Maha Viharaya was built by King Devanampiya Tissa in 250-210 BC following the arrival of Arahata Mahinda.

Anuradhapura.

Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi

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

Jethawanaramaya

Jethawanaramaya by 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 an ornate design with bright frescoes and a seated Buddha, the Viharaya dates back to the 14th Century AD.

+94 76 664 1154

Lankaramaya

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.

Lovamahapaya

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 Arahata Mahinda Thero here on Poson Poya Day, in 246BC when the Dharma 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, Ruwanweliseya and the Thuparama stupas.

Anuradhapura

Ridee Viharaya

Consists of several shrines built into the hollows of caves, or erected out of stone and daub.

Kurunegala.

Ruwanweli Maha Seya

Built by King Dutugemunu remains a site of great veneration, evoking spirituality in the hearts of visitors.

Somawathie Temple

Situated within the Somawathie Wild Life Reserve and the road reaches a clearing where the temple and its precincts can be found. At a glance a clear white bubble of stupa sits strikingly with no other elements to detract from its presence. *Polonnaruwa.*

Sri Dalada Maligawa

Also known as the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, the Temple is a 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 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. Thuparamaya is consecrated by the Buddha's presence, when he visited the island for the third time.

Recreational Sports

Victoria golf course, Digana

The golf club features a meticulously designed and well maintained 73 Par,

6933-yard championship, 18-hole course.

Digana. +94 71 737 6376. golfsrilanka.com

Wildlife

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.

Minneriya 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 Vakaraai 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 churches.

Places to visit

Kalpitiya Fort

Kalpitiya 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 Negombo Fort.

Beaches

Chilaw

Chilaw is a relatively undiscovered coastal town with a great beach and many other attractions.

Puttalam

This stretch of land boasts of some of the most picturesque locations of the island and is popular for fishing, dolphin-watching and coconut production.

Food & Entertainment

Lords Restaurant Complex

Offers a chic and modern ambience, delicious seafood and refreshing

beverages.

80B Poruthota Road, Ethukala, Negombo; +94 77 285 3190; martin@lordsrestaurant.net

Marine Life

Kitesurfing in Kalpitiya

The beaches of Kalpitiya have been luring kite surfers from all corners of the world, its beautiful, rolling sandy stretches adding character to the excellent winds year-round.

Whale watching in Kalpitiya

Boats can be chartered from Kalpitiya to cruise the Indian Ocean in the hope of spotting whales and dolphins, the most engaging of marine mammals.

Recreational Parks and Botanical Gardens

Henarathgoda Botanical Gardens

A well-tended 15ha public garden, with a diverse selection of exotic plants. *Gampaha.* Opening hours: 7am–6pm. +94 33 222 2316. botanicgardens.gov.lk

Religious sites

Attanagalla Rajamaha Viharaya

One of the most venerated Buddhist temples in western Sri Lanka. *Gampaha.* +94 332 280 233

Negombo Grand Mosque

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

Kelaniya Raja Maha Vihara

The temple was built in the fifth century BC and nestled on the banks of the Kelaniya River. +94 11 291 1505. kelaniyatemple.lk

Our Lady of Good Voyage

The Church stands as a sentinel of protection for fishermen. Within its confines lies the statue of Jesus Christ that had been specially commissioned by the people of Duwa in the 19th Century from India. *Negombo.* +94 312 223 336



Negombo beach.

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 church in Talawila is dedicated to St. Anne. *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 kovil is believed to have existed from prehistoric times. *Chilaw.* +94 322 224 833. Opening hours: 5.30am–8pm.

St Mary's Church, Tudella

Dedicated to St Mary, the church is built in Neoclassical style. *Ja-ela.* +94 11 223 6257

St Mary's Cathedral, Negombo

A large cathedral with neo-classical style and a landmark edifice. *Negombo.* +94 312 222 128.

Tewatta Basilica of Our Lady of Lanka

Revered by Catholics all around the island especially during the annual feast which falls in February. *Ragama.*

Shopping

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Wildlife

Bar Reef Marine Sanctuary

Declared a marine sanctuary in the 1990, it is one of the greatest coral reefs in terms of biodiversity in the Indian Ocean.

Horagolla National Park

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

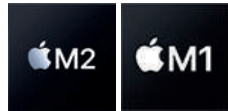
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Art, and Music

Art

Till April 6
"Is Waiting Part of the Journey?"

Nelun Harasgama has travelled around the country and is part of a generation that have witnessed the changes of the island over the last 40 years. In stark contrast to the work of many other painters in Sri Lanka, her paintings resonate with tension and torment without recourse to an expressionist or gestural style.
Barefoot Art Gallery. Time: Monday to Saturday 10am–6.30pm



April 27 and 28
The Li'l Artists School for Art presents its maiden exhibition

The exhibition showcases a diverse collection of artwork created by students under the guidance of Sarah Hussain, the Founder and Head Teacher of Li'l Artists. This exhibition expresses the commitment, flair and creativity of all the students who are currently enrolled in the school.
Lionel Wendt. Time: 4pm–7pm (27th), 10am–7pm (28th)



Till July 7, 2024
88 Acres: The Watapuluwa Housing Scheme by Minnette De Silva

Designed by architect Minnette De Silva (1918–1998), the Scheme was notably created with the participation of its users.
The Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art Sri Lanka.



Till April 10
Seeking Resonance

The first solo exhibition by Lahiru Sandaruwan. Through his personal exploration of life's perpetual motion, he invites viewers on a profound journey. The artist's life has been marked by a constant state of flux since young adulthood, which he embraces and reflects through his art. His artistic narrative delves deep into the intricacies of human form, exploring the inherent tension between stability and motion.
Paradise Road Galleries. Time: 10am–Midnight.



April 30 – May 1
Pottu: A Journey of Constriction to Liberation

A creative fashion narration on generational trauma and identity crisis by Milani Lawrence.
JDA Perera Gallery. Time: 10am–6pm



Dance

April 25 and 26
Āhuti

This production seamlessly brings together the traditional beauty of Odissi and Kandyan dance styles, set to exquisite rhythms from both countries.
Venue: Sugathadasa Indoor Bishops College Auditorium, Colombo. Time: 7.15pm
Tickets: Rs.2,000, Rs.3,000, Rs.5,000, Rs.8,000



Music

April 2
Music From Around the World



The Colombo Wind Orchestra presents: Le Miserables, Selections from Princess Mononoke, The Empire Strikes Back, El Camino Real, Bulgarian Dances and March of the Royal Trumpets.
Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo 7. Time: 7pm. Tickets: Rs.1,500, Rs.2,000, Rs.3,000, Rs.4,000, Rs.5,000

April 20 and 21
Ilayaraja Live in Concert



Isaigani Ilayaraja is renowned for his numerous music compositions prominently in Tamil films. He is all time favorite among his fans.
Venue: Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium, Colombo 14. Time: 6.30pm. Tickets: Rs.4,000, Rs.5,000, Rs.10,000, Rs.15,000, Rs.20,000, Rs.30,000.

April 20 and 21
Colors of Love



A celebration of Navarathna Gamage's 30-year music career featuring 42 artists.
Venue: Nelum Pokuna Theatre, Colombo 7. Time: 6.30pm. Tickets: Rs.2,500, Rs.3,500, Rs.5,000, Rs.7,500

Festivals

April 10
Eid al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr is the completion and celebration of the sacred month dedicated to fasting, prayers and acts of charity. It is one of the two most celebrated days in Islam's Hijri calendar — its lunar calendar of 12 months.



April 12 - 13
Sinhala and Tamil New year

The Sinhala and Tamil New Year is an islandwide celebration with the preparation of sweetmeats, avurudu games and many traditional rituals celebrated by the Buddhists and Hindus in unity.



What's On

MARCH 2024

Daily

Amaya Resorts & Spas

Dream destinations upto 20% off at Amaya Hills, Amaya Lake and Amaya Beach – valid till July 31 (reservations: +94 114 767 888)

Amuna Ayurvedic and Wellness

Retreat

Unwind and recharge with up to 15% off – valid till July 31 (reservations: +94 768 477 637)

Cinnamon Red Colombo

Hours of Happiness; 3pm–5pm; Cloud Red

Fourth person dines free for dinner; 7pm–11pm; Flavoured Sky High Tea; Cloud Red; 3pm–5pm

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Boozy Hours; 5.30pm–6.30pm, 8.30pm–9.30pm

Urban Oasis room stay offers (reservation: +94 114 645 333)

Commons coffee house

Commons Burgers special promotion

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Sri Lankan Specials; 9am–11pm (Friday – Sunday till Midnight)

Hotel MaRadha

Colombo

Happy Hour; Sky Yard. 5pm–7pm

Lords Restaurant Complex, Negombo

Authentic Bamboo Biriyanis for lunch

Marino Beach Colombo

International dinner buffet; Tides; 7pm–10.30pm

SHOULDERS BY Harpos Havelock city mall

Lunch and dinner

Cocktail Bar with Signature Cocktails

The Bayleaf Restaurant

Authentic Italian Specials and Harpo's Pizza menu; 11am–11pm

Ravioli Promotion

Happy Hour (Buy 1 and get 1 free on selected cocktails, Tapas menu); 5pm–7pm

April 1 (Monday)

Cinnamon Grand Colombo

Ramadan Iftar Buffet;

6pm onwards; Courtyard

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Special Iftar Platter; 6pm onwards (prior booking needed)

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm–7pm

Hotel MaRadha Colombo

Iftar Platter; (prior booking needed); 6pm–8pm

Marino Beach Colombo

Iftar buffet; Tides Iftar Counter; 6.15pm

Mandarina Colombo

Iftar Buffet; Eleventh Rooftop

Restaurant; 6pm–10.30pm

Lords Restaurant Complex

Negombo

Live music entertainment by Tropic Candy Live Band

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Iftar Buffet; Ayu; 6pm–8pm

Nuwara Eliya Season Program

Season opening; Central Market

Taj Samudra Colombo

Iftar dinner buffet;

Ports of Call; 6pm–10.30pm

April 2 (Tuesday)

Avurudu Shopping Festival; SLECC

(Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Center); 10am–10pm

Cinnamon Grand Colombo

Ramadan Iftar Buffet; 6pm onwards; Courtyard

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Special Iftar Platter; 6pm onward (prior booking needed)

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm–7pm

Hotel MaRadha Colombo

Iftar Platter; (prior booking needed);

6pm–8pm

Mandarina Colombo

Iftar Buffet; Eleventh Rooftop

Restaurant; 6pm–10.30pm

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Iftar Buffet; Ayu; 6pm–8pm

Marino Beach Colombo

Iftar buffet; Tides Iftar Counter; 6.15pm

Lords Restaurant Complex

Negombo

Live music entertainment by Tropic Candy Live Band

Taj Samudra Colombo

Iftar dinner buffet; Ports of Call;

6pm–10.30pm

April 3 (Wednesday)

Avurudu Shopping Festival; SLECC

(Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Center); 10am–10pm

Cinnamon Grand Colombo

Ramadan Iftar Buffet; 6pm onwards; Courtyard

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa;

10am–7pm

Special Iftar Platter; 6pm onwards

(prior booking needed)

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm–7pm

Hotel MaRadha Colombo

Iftar Platter; (prior booking needed); 6pm–8pm

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm–9pm

Iftar buffet; Tides Iftar Counter; 6.15pm

Mandarina Colombo

Iftar Buffet; Eleventh Rooftop

Restaurant; 6pm–10.30pm

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Iftar Buffet; Ayu; 6pm–8pm

Lords Restaurant Complex

Negombo

Live music entertainment by Quick Sand Live Band

Taj Samudra Colombo

Iftar dinner buffet; Ports of Call;

6pm–10.30pm

April 4 (Thursday)

Avurudu Shopping Festival; SLECC (Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Center); 10am–10pm

Cinnamon Grand Colombo

Ramadan Iftar Buffet; 6pm onwards; Courtyard

Cinnamon Red Colombo

Seafood dinner buffet; 7pm–11pm; Flavoured

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa;

10am–7pm

Special Iftar Platter; 6pm onwards

(prior booking needed)

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm–7pm

Hotel MaRadha Colombo

Iftar Platter; (prior booking needed); 6pm–8pm

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm–9pm

Iftar buffet; Tides Iftar Counter; 6.15pm

Mandarina Colombo

Iftar Buffet; Eleventh Rooftop

Restaurant; 6pm–10.30pm

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Iftar Buffet; Ayu; 6pm–8pm

Lords Restaurant Complex

Negombo

Live music entertainment by Ashan Solo Artist

Taj Samudra Colombo

Iftar dinner buffet; Ports of Call; 6pm–10.30pm

April 5 (Friday)

Avurudu Shopping Festival; SLECC (Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Center); 10am–10pm

Colombo Shopping Festival; BMICH; 10am–10pm

Cinnamon Grand Colombo

Ramadan Iftar Buffet; 6pm onwards; Courtyard

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa;

10am–7pm

Special Iftar Platter; 6pm onwards

(prior booking needed)

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm–7pm

Hotel MaRadha Colombo

Iftar Platter; (prior booking needed); 6pm–8pm

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm–9pm

Iftar buffet; Tides Iftar Counter; 6.15pm

Mandarina Colombo

Iftar Buffet; Eleventh Rooftop

Restaurant; 6pm–10.30pm

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Iftar Buffet; Ayu; 6pm–8pm

Soul of Timeless Sri Lankan Melodies by Rajiv Sebastian; Vistas Sky Lounge

Sri Lankan Nights Buffets; Ayu;

7pm–11pm

Lords Restaurant Complex

Negombo

Live music entertainment by Ashan Solo Artist

SHOULDERS BY Harpos

Entertainment; 7pm

Taj Samudra Colombo

Iftar dinner buffet; Ports of Call;

6pm–10.30pm

April 6 (Saturday)

Avurudu Shopping Festival; SLECC (Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Center); 10am–10pm

Colombo Shopping Festival; BMICH; 10am–10pm

Cinnamon Grand Colombo

Ramadan Iftar Buffet; 6pm onwards; Courtyard

Cinnamon Red Colombo

Mojito Weekends; Cloud Red;

8pm–12pm

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa;

10am–7pm

Special Iftar Platter; 6pm onwards

(prior booking needed)

Commons coffee house

Weekend Brunch; 9.30am–3pm

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm–7pm (2 Large Pizza plus a Sangria – 25% discount on bill)

Hotel MaRadha Colombo

Ramadan Kareem Iftar Buffet;

(facilities – prayer room, prayer mat, Qibla direction, tranquility); 6pm–8pm

Kandy City Centre (KCC)

Avurudu Fair, Trade Fair and Carnival; 9am–9pm; 5th Floor

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm–9pm

Iftar buffet; Tides Iftar Counter; 6.15pm

Mandarina Colombo

Iftar Buffet; Eleventh Rooftop

Restaurant; 6pm–10.30pm

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Iftar Buffet; Ayu; 6pm–8pm

Lords Restaurant Complex

Negombo

Live music entertainment by Tropic Candy Live Band

SHOULDERS BY Harpos

Entertainment; 7pm

Taj Samudra Colombo

Iftar dinner buffet; Ports of Call; 6pm–10.30pm

The Kingsbury

Food Festival; Honey Beach Club

April 7 (Sunday)

Avurudu Shopping Festival; SLECC (Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Center); 10am–10pm

Colombo Shopping Festival; BMICH; 10am–10pm

Cinnamon Grand Colombo

Ramadan Iftar Buffet; 6pm onwards; Courtyard

Cinnamon Red Colombo

Mojito Weekends; Cloud Red;

8pm–12pm

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa;

10am–7pm

Special Iftar Platter; 6pm onwards

(prior booking needed)

Commons coffee house

Weekend Brunch; 9.30am–3pm

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm–7pm (2 Large Pizza plus a Sangria – 25% discount on bill)

Kandy City Centre (KCC)

Avurudu Fair, Trade Fair and Carnival; 9am–9pm; 5th Floor

Marino Beach Colombo

Iftar buffet; *Tides Iftar Counter*; 6.15pm
Happy Hour; *Floatz Pub*; 6pm–9pm

Mandarina Colombo

Iftar Buffet; *Eleventh Rooftop Restaurant*; 6pm–10.30pm

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Iftar Buffet; *Ayu*; 6pm–8pm
Sunday Bubble Brunch; *AYU*,
12pm–3pm

Lords Restaurant Complex

Negombo

Live music entertainment by Tropic
Candy Live Band

SHOULDERS BY Harpos

Entertainment; 7pm

Taj Samudra Colombo

Iftar dinner buffet; *Ports of Call*;
6pm–10.30pm

The Bayleaf Restaurant

Sunday brunch special menu;
11.30am–3.30pm

April 8 (Monday)

Avurudu Shopping Festival; *SLECC (Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Center)*; 10am–10pm
Colombo Shopping Festival; *BMICH*;
10am–10pm

Cinnamon Grand Colombo

Ramadan Iftar Buffet; 6pm onwards;
Courtyard

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Special Iftar Platter; 6pm onwards
(prior booking needed)

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch

Hospital

Happy Hour deal;
5pm–7pm

Kandy City Centre (KCC)

Avurudu Fair, Trade Fair and Carnival;
9am–9pm; 5th Floor

Mandarina Colombo

Iftar Buffet; *Eleventh Rooftop Restaurant*; 6pm–10.30pm

Marino Beach Colombo

Iftar buffet; *Tides Iftar Counter*; 6.15pm

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Iftar Buffet; *Ayu*; 6pm–8pm

Lords Restaurant Complex

Negombo

Live music entertainment by Quick
Sand Live Band

Taj Samudra Colombo

Iftar dinner buffet; *Ports of Call*;
6pm–10.30pm

April 9 (Tuesday)

Avurudu Shopping Festival; *SLECC (Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Center)*; 10am–10pm
Colombo Shopping Festival; *BMICH*;
10am–10pm

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Special Iftar Platter; 6pm onwards
(prior booking needed)

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch

Hospital

Happy Hour deal;
5pm–7pm

Hotel MaRadha Colombo

Iftar Platter; (prior booking needed);
6pm–8pm

Kandy City Centre (KCC)

Avurudu Fair, Trade Fair and Carnival;
9am–9pm; 5th Floor

Lords Restaurant Complex

Negombo

Live music entertainment by Quick
Sand Live Band

Mandarina Colombo

Iftar Buffet; *Eleventh Rooftop Restaurant*; 6pm–10.30pm

Marino Beach Colombo

Iftar buffet; *Tides Iftar Counter*; 6.15pm

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Iftar Buffet; *Ayu*; 6pm–8pm

Taj Samudra Colombo

Iftar dinner buffet; *Ports of Call*;
6pm–10.30pm

April 10 (Wednesday)

Avurudu Shopping Festival; *SLECC (Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Center)*; 10am–10pm
Colombo Shopping Festival; *BMICH*;
10am–10pm

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on
selected treatments; *Amber Spa*;
10am–7pm

Special Iftar Platter; 6pm onwards
(prior booking needed)

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch

Hospital

Happy Hour deal;
5pm–7pm (Buy 1 and get 1 free on
selected local cocktails)

Hilton Colombo

Avurudu High Tea (Featuring
seasonal delights such as Mung
Kevum, Kokis, Athirasa, Dodol, Aasmi
and Milk Toffees, Candy Floss, Pop
Corn, Saaravita, and Ice Cream. With
traditional games like Kotta Pora, Tug
of War, Kana Mutti Bindeema, and
Aliyata Esa Thebima); *Lotus Lawn*;
3.30pm–6.30pm

Heritage Harmony: Avurudu Dinner
Buffet (Featuring a special cocktail
menu including local spirits and
ingredients. Live action stations for
local food options like Kottu and
Hoppers); *Lotus Lawn*; 7pm–10.30pm

Hotel MaRadha Colombo

Iftar Platter; (prior booking needed);
6pm–8pm

Kandy City Centre (KCC)

Avurudu Fair, Trade Fair and Carnival;
9am–9pm; 5th Floor

Lords Restaurant Complex

Negombo

Live music entertainment by Ashan
Solo Artist

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; *Floatz Pub*; 6pm–9pm

Iftar buffet; *Tides Iftar Counter*; 6.15pm

Mandarina Colombo

Iftar Buffet; *Eleventh Rooftop Restaurant*; 6pm–10.30pm

Taj Samudra Colombo

Iftar dinner buffet; *Ports of Call*;
6pm–10.30pm

April 11 (Thursday)

Avurudu Shopping Festival; *SLECC (Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Center)*; 10am–10pm
Colombo Shopping Festival; *BMICH*;
10am–10pm

Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo

Eid Lunch and Dinner Buffet; *Dining room*; 7pm–11pm

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on
selected treatments; *Amber Spa*;
10am–7pm

Hilton Colombo

Avurudu High Tea (Featuring
seasonal delights such as Mung
Kevum, Kokis, Athirasa, Dodol, Aasmi

and Milk Toffees, Candy Floss, Pop
Corn, Saaravita, and Ice Cream. With
traditional games like Kotta Pora, Tug
of War, Kana Mutti Bindeema, and
Aliyata Esa Thebima); *Lotus Lawn*;
3.30pm–6.30pm

Heritage Harmony: Avurudu Dinner
Buffet (a special cocktail menu, live
action stations for local food options
like Kottu and Hoppers); *Lotus Lawn*;
7pm–10.30pm

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch

Hospital

Happy Hour deal;
5pm–7pm

Lords Restaurant Complex

Negombo

Live music entertainment by Ashan
Solo Artist

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; *Floatz Pub*; 6pm–9pm

Radisson Hotel Colombo

Ramadan Sawan Promotions
(Chicken)

The Kingsbury

Ramadan Festival; *Harbour court*
Sinhala and Tamil New Year Goodies;
Churros

April 12 (Friday)

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on
selected treatments; *Amber Spa*;
10am–7pm

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch

Hospital

Happy Hour deal;
5pm–7pm

Hilton Colombo

Avurudu High Tea (Featuring
seasonal delights such as Mung
Kevum, Kokis, Athirasa, Dodol, Aasmi
and Milk Toffees, Candy Floss, Pop
Corn, Saaravita, and Ice Cream. With
traditional games like Kotta Pora, Tug
of War, Kana Mutti Bindeema, and
Aliyata Esa Thebima); *Lotus Lawn*;
3.30pm–6.30pm

Heritage Harmony: Avurudu Dinner
Buffet (a special cocktail menu, live
action stations for local food options
like Kottu and Hoppers); *Lotus Lawn*;
7pm–10.30pm

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; *Floatz Pub*; 6pm–9pm

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Izakya Japanese Buffet; *Robata Grill and Lounge*; 7pm–11pm

SHOULDERS BY Harpos

Entertainment; 7pm

The Kingsbury

Sinhala and Tamil New Year Goodies;
Churros

April 13 (Saturday)

Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo

Avurudu Kevili hut; *Lobby Lounge*;
10am onwards

Cinnamon Red Colombo

Mojito Weekends; *Cloud Red*;
8pm–12pm

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on
selected treatments; *Amber Spa*;
10am–7pm

Commons coffee house

Weekend Brunch; 9.30am–3pm

Harpos Pizza and Pasta

Avurudu Pizza : *Harpo's Pizza - Kalu Pol Spice Chicken (Menu with 21 flavors and fresh pasta)*

Hilton Colombo

Avurudu High Tea (Featuring
seasonal delights such as Mung
Kevum, Kokis, Athirasa, Dodol, Aasmi
and Milk Toffees, Candy Floss, Pop
Corn, Saaravita, and Ice Cream. With
traditional games like Kotta Pora, Tug
of War, Kana Mutti Bindeema, and
Aliyata Esa Thebima); *Lotus Lawn*;
3.30pm–6.30pm

Heritage Harmony: Avurudu Dinner
Buffet (a special cocktail menu, live
action stations for local food options
like Kottu and Hoppers); *Lotus Lawn*;
7pm–10.30pm

SHOULDERS BY Harpos

Entertainment; 7pm

The Kingsbury

Sinhala and Tamil New Year lunch and
dinner; *Harbour court*

Sinhala and Tamil New Year Goodies;
Churros

Avurudu Celebration; *Honey Beach Club (Tavern)*

Avurudu Packages; *Indulgence*

April 14 (Sunday)

Cinnamon Grand Colombo

Sinhala and Hindu New Year 2024;
9am onwards; *Nuga Gama*

Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo

Avurudu Kevili hut; *Lobby Lounge*;
10am onwards

Cinnamon Red Colombo

Mojito Weekends; *Cloud Red*;
8pm–12pm

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on
selected treatments; *Amber Spa*;
10am–7pm

Commons coffee house

Weekend Brunch; 9.30am–3pm

Hilton Colombo

Avurudu High Tea (Featuring
seasonal delights such as Mung
Kevum, Kokis, Athirasa, Dodol, Aasmi
and Milk Toffees, Candy Floss, Pop
Corn, Saaravita, and Ice Cream. With
traditional games like Kotta Pora, Tug
of War, Kana Mutti Bindeema, and
Aliyata Esa Thebima); *Lotus Lawn*;
3.30pm–6.30pm

Heritage Harmony: Avurudu Dinner
Buffet (a special cocktail menu, live
action stations for local food options
like Kottu and Hoppers); *Lotus Lawn*;
7pm–10.30pm

Harpos Pizza and Pasta

Avurudu Pizza : *Harpo's Pizza - Kalu Pol Spice Chicken (Menu with 21 flavors and fresh pasta)*

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Sunday Bubble Brunch; *AYU*,
12pm–3pm

Radisson Hotel Colombo

Avurudu Dinner Buffet (Special
Avurudu Dinner Buffet replete with
traditional sweets)

Radisson Hotel Kandy

Special Avurudu Lunch Buffet
(Sumptuous feast with live
entertainment/Traditional New Year
Games/Kids corner with fun activities/
Special food & drinks buffet);
10am - 3pm

Radisson Blu Resort Galle

Special Avurudu Lunch Buffet
(A sumptuous lunch spread with
traditional Sri Lankan Treats)

SHOULDERS BY Harpos

Entertainment; 7pm

The Bayleaf Restaurant

Sunday brunch special menu;
11.30am-3.30pm

April 15 (Monday)

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;
5pm-7pm (Buy 1 and get 1 free on selected local cocktails)

Hilton Colombo

Awurudu High Tea (Featuring seasonal delights such as Mung Kevum, Kokis, Athirasa, Dodol, Aasmi and Milk Toffees, Candy Floss, Pop Corn, Saaravita, and Ice Cream. With traditional games like Kotta Pora, Tug of War, Kana Mutti Bindeema, and Aliyata Esa Thebima); Lotus Lawn; 3.30pm-6.30pm

Heritage Harmony: Awurudu Dinner Buffet (a special cocktail menu, live action stations for local food options like Kottu and Hoppers); Lotus Lawn; 7pm-10.30pm

April 16 (Tuesday)

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;
5pm-7pm (Buy 1 and get 1 free on selected local cocktails)

Hilton Colombo

Awurudu High Tea (Featuring seasonal delights such as Mung Kevum, Kokis, Athirasa, Dodol, Aasmi and Milk Toffees. Additional food: Candy Floss, Pop Corn, Saaravita, and Ice Cream. With traditional games like Kotta Pora, Tug of War, Kana Mutti Bindeema, and Aliyata Esa Thebima); Lotus Lawn; 3.30pm-6.30pm

Heritage Harmony: Awurudu Dinner Buffet (a special cocktail menu, live action stations for local food options like Kottu and Hoppers); Lotus Lawn; 7pm-10.30pm

April 17 (Wednesday)

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa; 10am-7pm

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;
5pm-7pm

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Tropic Candy Live Band

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm-9pm

April 18 (Thursday)

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa; 10am-7pm

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion Harpos

Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm-7pm

Lords Restaurant Complex

Negombo

Live music entertainment by Ashan Solo Artist

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm-9pm

April 19 (Friday)

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa
Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa; 10am-7pm

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;
5pm-7pm

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Ashan Solo Artist

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm-9pm

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Soul of Timeless Sri Lankan Melodies by Rajiv Sebastian; Vistas Sky Lounge Sri Lankan Nights Buffets; Ayu; 7pm-11pm

April 20 (Saturday)

Cinnamon Red Colombo

Mojito Weekends; Cloud Red; 8pm-12pm

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa; 10am-7pm

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion

Weekend Brunch; 9.30am-3pm

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm-7pm (2 Large Pizza plus a Sangria - 25% discount on bill)

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Quick Sand Live Band

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm-9pm

Nuwara Eliya Season Program

Flower Show Opening; Victoria Park

April 21 (Sunday)

Cinnamon Red Colombo

Mojito Weekends; Cloud Red; 8pm-12pm

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa; 10am-7pm

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion

Weekend Brunch; 9.30am-3pm

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm-7pm (2 Large Pizza plus a Sangria - 25% discount on bill)

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Tropic Candy Live Band

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm-9pm

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Sunday Bubble Brunch; AYU, 12pm-3pm

Nuwara Eliya Season Program

Flower Show Prize Giving; Victoria Park

The Bayleaf Restaurant

Sunday brunch special menu;
11.30am-3.30pm

April 22 (Monday)

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;
5pm-7pm

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Tropic Candy Live Band

April 23 (Tuesday)

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Poya Day Quick Sand

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;
5pm-7pm

The Kingsbury

Poya family Meal; Indulgence

April 24 (Wednesday)

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa; 10am-7pm

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm-7pm

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Ashan Solo Artist

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm-9pm

April 25 (Thursday)

Cinnamon Red Colombo

Arabian Inspired International Buffet; 7pm-11pm; Flavoured

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa; 10am-7pm

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm-7pm

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Ashan Solo Artist

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm-9pm

April 26 (Friday)

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa; 10am-7pm

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm-7pm

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Ashan Solo Artist

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm-9pm

SHOULDERS BY Harpos

Entertainment; 7pm

April 27 (Saturday)

Cinnamon Red Colombo

Mojito Weekends; Cloud Red; 8pm-12pm

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa; 10am-7pm

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion

Weekend Brunch; 9.30am-3pm

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm-7pm (2 Large Pizza plus a Sangria - 25% discount on bill)

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Tropic Candy Live Band

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm-9pm

SHOULDERS BY Harpos

Entertainment; 7pm

April 28 (Sunday)

Cinnamon Red Colombo

Mojito Weekends; Cloud Red; 8pm-12pm

Colombo Court Hotel and Spa

Balinese therapists with 20% off on selected treatments; Amber Spa; 10am-7pm

Commons coffee house

Weekend Brunch; 9.30am-3pm

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm-7pm (2 Large Pizza plus a Sangria - 25% discount on bill)

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Tropic Candy Live Band

Marino Beach Colombo

Happy Hour; Floatz Pub; 6pm-9pm

Movenpick Hotel Colombo

Sunday Bubble Brunch; AYU, 12pm-3pm

Radisson Hotel Colombo

Sunday Brunch (DJ Music, Pool Access, Fun Kids Corner, special deals on beverages); ON14 Rooftop Lounge & Bar

SHOULDERS BY Harpos

Entertainment; 7pm

The Bayleaf Restaurant

Sunday brunch special menu;
11.30am-3.30pm

April 29 (Monday)

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm-7pm

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Tropic Candy Live Band

April 30 (Tuesday)

Commons coffee house

Milkshake Promotion

Harpos Colombo fort café, Dutch Hospital

Happy Hour deal;

5pm-7pm

Lords Restaurant Complex Negombo

Live music entertainment by Quick Sand Live Band

Sports

Cricket

ACC Men's T20I Premier Cup 2024

April 12

Oman v Bahrain; 11.30am

UAE v Kuwait; 11.30am

Nepal v Malaysia; 4pm

Hong Kong v Qatar; 4pm

April 13

Kuwait v Cambodia; 11.30am

UAE v Bahrain; 11.30am

Malaysia v Saudi Arabia; 4pm

Nepal v Qatar; 4pm

April 14

Oman v Cambodia; 11.30am

Hong Kong v Saudi Arabia; 4pm

April 15

Nepal v Hong Kong; 11.30am

Malaysia v Qatar; 11.30am

Kuwait v Bahrain; 4pm

UAE v Oman; 4pm

April 16

Qatar v Saudi Arabia; 11.30am

Bahrain v Cambodia; 4pm

April 17

Hong Kong v Malaysia; 11.30am

Nepal v Saudi Arabia; 11.30am

Oman v Kuwait; 4pm

UAE v Cambodia; 4pm

April 19

1st Semi Final; 11.30am

2nd Semi Final; 4pm

April 21

Final; 4pm

Golf



Nuwara Eliya Golf Club

April 11

Sandy Perkins Cup 2024

April 12

Kieth Rollo Cup 2024

April 20

Monthly Medal April 2024

April 26

Earnest Ringlet 2024

April 28

Sigamani Trophy 2024

Motocross

April 21

Fox Hill Super Cross

Fox Hill circuit, Diyathalawa; 8.30am

Nuwara Eliya Season Program

April 2

Gamini vs Holy Trinity Big Match; Municipal Ground

April 4

6th Battle of the Comrades Old Xaverian vs Paynterites for the Sir Samuel Baker's Cup; Municipal Ground

April 6

Classic Car; Lake Gregory Car Park

April 6 and 7

Mahagasthota Hill Climb; Mahagasthota

April 8 and 9

Single Tree Hill Climb; Single Tree

April 15-20

Snooker and Pool Tournament; Trout Club

April 17-18

Motocross; Lake Gregory Track

April 20-30

Badminton Tournament; Municipal Indoor Stadium

April 20-30

13th Battle of the Oldest

Old Xaverians vs Gaminians for the Mayors Cup; Town Hall

Formula One

April 5-7

Japan Grand Prix

Suzuka International Racing Course

April 19-21

China Grand Prix

Shanghai International Circuit

Horse riding

Royal Turf Club, Nuwara Eliya

April 14

Magic Million Cup; Racecourse, Nuwara Eliya

April 7, 14, 28

Nuwara Eliya Royal Turf Club

Drama and Theatre

April 4 - 6 (English)

Skylight
(Political)



Directed and produced by Tasmin Anthonisz starring Rehan Almeida, Ayudhya Gajanayaka and Akmal Hamid. The play is a Tony and Olivier Award Winning script by British Playwright David Hare. It is about two former Lovers who reconnect after three years apart, only to find that their personal values and ideologies are at total odds with each other.

Venue: *Namel Malini Punched Theater, Borella*. Time: 7pm. Tickets: Rs. 2,000, Rs. 2,500

April 5 (English)

When the Clock Strikes and the Wolf Howls
(Musical Drama)



A mesmerizing and completely Original devised musical production that transcends time and space, weaving together elements of drama, music, and dance. Directed by Jerome L de Silva, with Music Direction by Soundarie David Rodrigo, the play delivers a thought-provoking narrative coupled with soul-stirring performances.

Venue: *Lionel Wendt*. Time: 3pm and 7pm. Tickets: Rs. 500, Rs. 1,000, Rs.2,000, Rs. 3,000, Rs. 4,000

April 5 and 6 (Sinhala)

Lokka Ledawela
(Political comedy)



A latest play with a political theme that is directed by Gihan Fernando.

April 5 - Venue: *Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10*. Time: 6.45pm. Tickets: Rs.1,000, Rs.1,500, Rs.2,000, Rs.2,500, Rs.5,500

April 6 - Venue: *Negombo Rukmani Devi Theater*. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm Tickets: Rs.1,000, Rs.1,500, Rs.2,000, Rs.2,500, Rs.5,500

April 27 (Sinhala)










Nathuwa Bari Miniheh
(Socio-political)

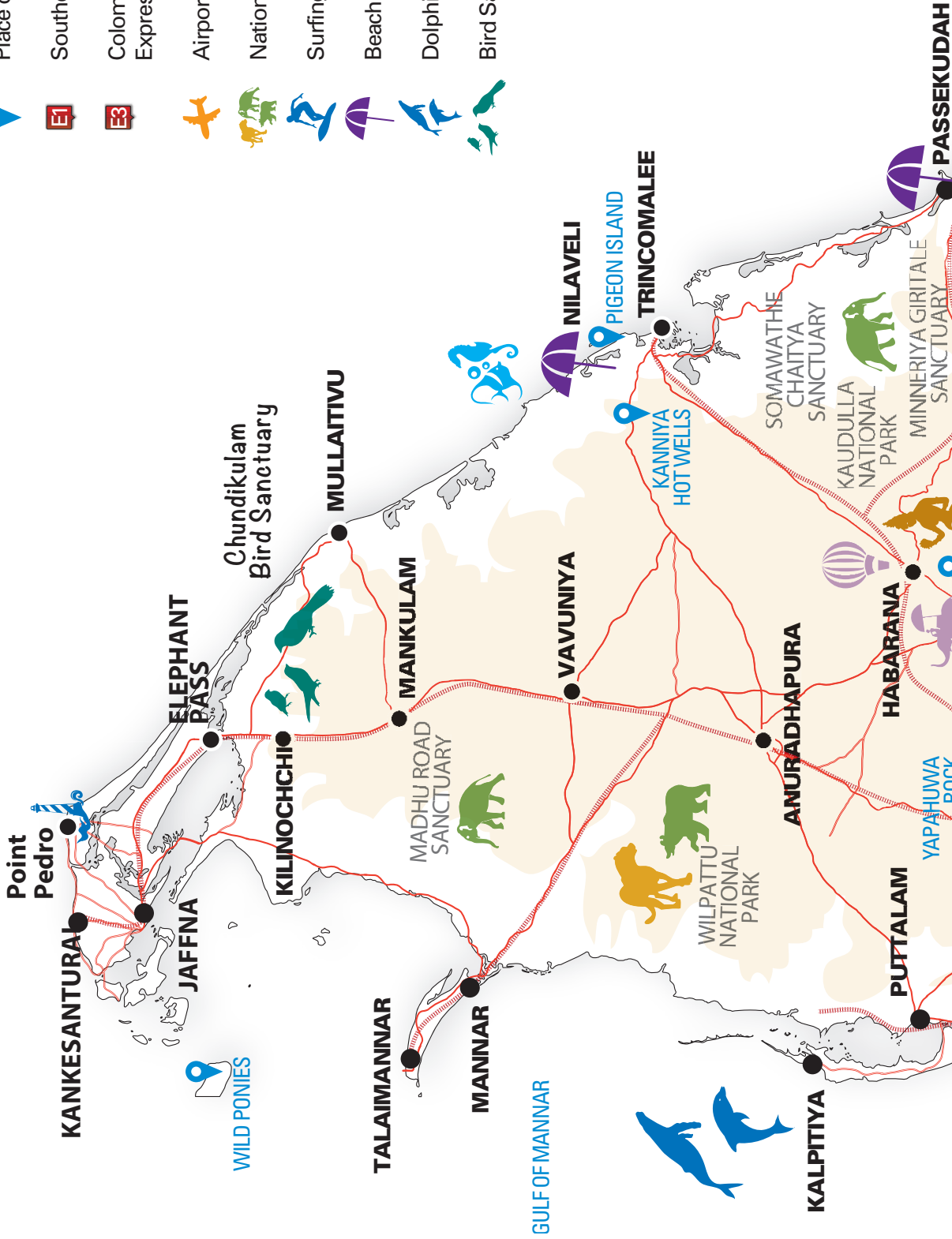


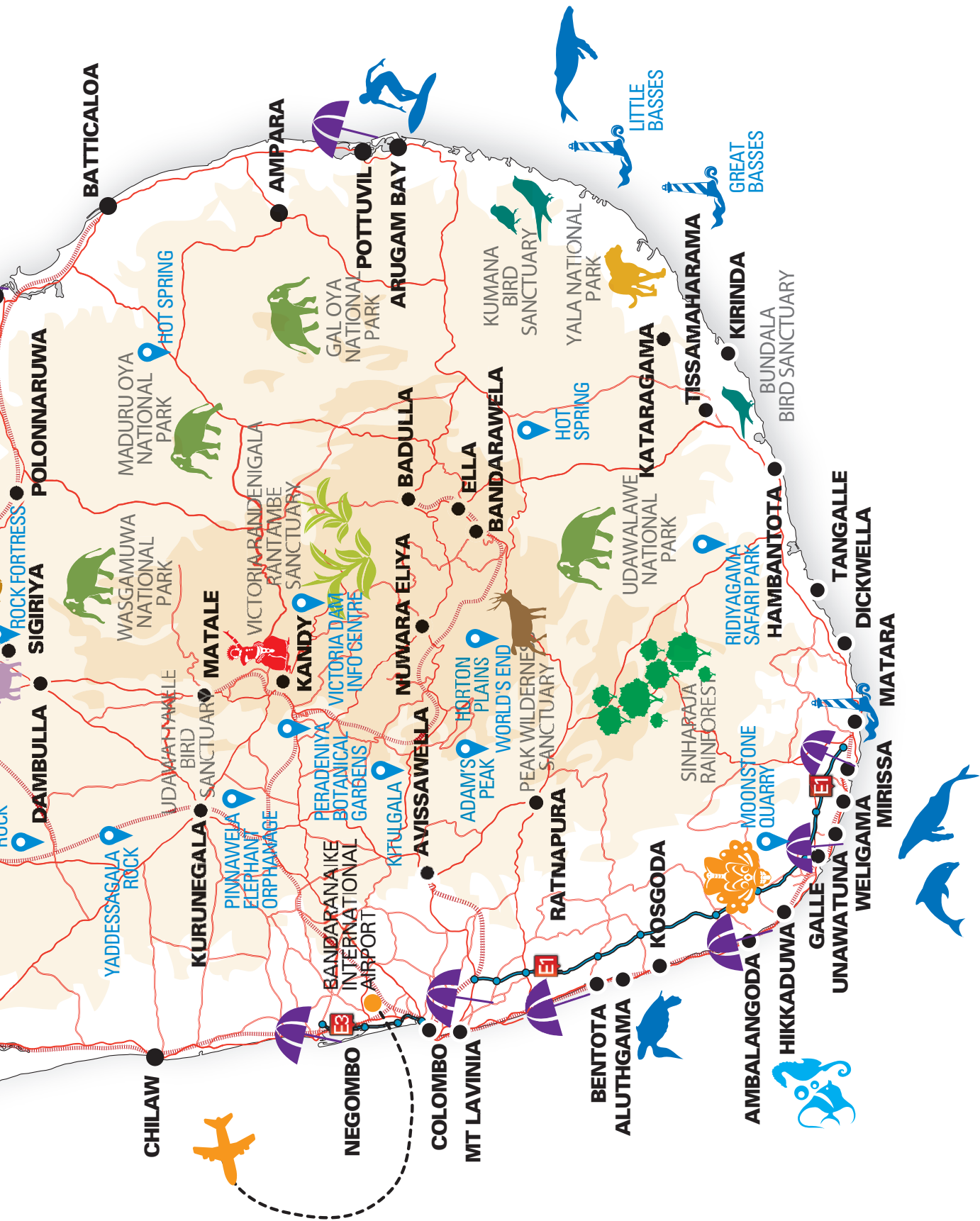
Winning seven national awards, this play is written and directed by Rajitha Dissanayake. Based on a socio-political theme about a shrewd businessman and his family dealing with their lives' struggles in a more democratic atmosphere.

Venue: *Negombo Rukmani Devi Theater*. Time: 3pm and 6.45pm. Tickets: Rs.1,000, Rs.2,000, Rs.3,000

Sri Lanka Map

-  Place of special interest
-  Southern Expressway (E1)
-  Colombo-Katunayake Expressway (E3)
-  Airport
-  National Park
-  Surfing
-  Beach
-  Dolphins & Whales
-  Bird Sanctuary





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AMPARA

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POLONNARUWA

MADURU OYA NATIONAL PARK

HOT SPRING

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KUMANA BIRD SANCTUARY

YALA NATIONAL PARK

LITTLE BASSES

GREAT BASSES

TISSAMAHARAMA

KIRINDA

BUNDALA BIRD SANCTUARY

BADULLA

ELLA

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UDAWALAWE NATIONAL PARK

KATARAGAMA

SIGIRIYA

WASGAMUWA NATIONAL PARK

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VICTORIA RANDEENIGALA RAINFALL SANCTUARY

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VICTORIA DAM BOTANICAL GARDENS INFO CENTRE

NUWARA ELIYA

BANDARAWELA

HORTON PLAINS WORLD'S END

UDAWALAWE NATIONAL PARK

RIDIYAGAMA SAFARI PARK

HAMBANTOTA

TANGALLE

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BANDARAINA KE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

KITULGALA

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KOSGODA

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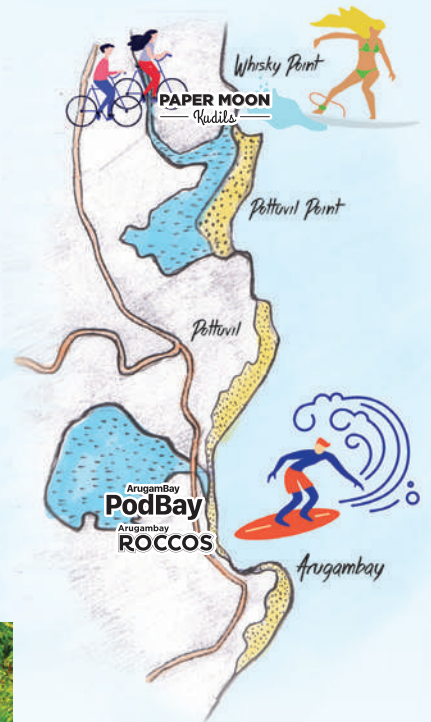
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