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Till July 20 Dystopia



Hashan Cooray's body of works encapsulates the essence of an Orwellian dream: where freedom is imaginary, resistance is futile, and individual autonomy is absent. Saskia Fernando Gallery Till July 31 The Order of Nature



By Thilini Perera, The Order of Nature is a curatorial project exploring intersection of queerness, architecture and landscape design with a specific focus on Lunuganga, the garden crafted by architect Geoffrey Bawa in Sri Lanka. Lower Gallery Lunuganga 10am-4pm

Till July 11-14





Opening Reception. 5.30pm; Kannangara House, Colombo 2 Installation - Tree Talks Listening Room. 5.40pm.

Exhibitions by Chathuri Nissansala and Ena de Silva at Barefoot Gallery. July 13

Installation – 3.30pm: Botany and Batik: The Living Archives of Ena de Silva; Ena de Silva House at Lunuganga, Bentota Tour – 4.30pm: In between: the existence of Firdaus by artist Firi

Rahman; Field of Jars, Lunuganga Tour – 4.30pm: Queering the Garden: Detour of Lunuganga; Reading

Room/Lower Gallery, Lunuganga Performance – 5.30pm: Salt River by Ravibandu Vidyapathi and ensemble; Lunuganga

Saudade: Encountering the Haunting Presence of Prince Dorovana by artist Chathuri Nissansala, 10.30am Queering the Garden: Detour of Lunuganga; 11am In between: the existence of Firdaus by artist Firi Rahman; 11am, Field of Jars, Lunuganga Picnic by GINI; Butterfly Pond, Lunuganga, 12pm Youth Advisory Board, Field of Jars, Lunuganga; 2pm

Visit: lunuganga.garden/Season-3-Launch

Music

July 6 Jubilee Rhythm Nite Sing Along and Dance



In aid of Tudella, St Mary's Church 175th jubilee fund, the show features Bathya and Santhush, Falan with Lunu Dehi band. Hotel, Negombo. Time: 7pm onwards. Tickets: Rs. 10,000, Rs. 8,000, Rs. 5,000

Golden Legends with Sarith Suritl



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



Featuring Bathya & Santush, Amal Perera, Bachi Susan, K Sujeewa Sarith & Surith. Venue: Nelum Pokuna, Colombo 7. Time: 7pm onwards. Tickets: Rs. 5,000 Rs. 2,500,

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

July 7 **K-Pop World Festival**



The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Sri Lanka organizes the K-Pop World Festival where shortlisted under singing, dancing and vocalist categories and their performances are staged. Venue: BMICH – Main Hall, Colombo 7, Time: 5,30pm. Free entrance

July 19 and 20



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

July 12 The Odvssey



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

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

July 19 and 21 Rag: The Musical



Rag: The Musical by Jehan Aloysius features a mix of songs and music. Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo 7. Time: 7.30pm. Tickets: Rs. 7,500, Rs.5,500, Rs.3,500, Rs.2,500

July 27



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

Drama and Theatre

July 3 and 17 (Sinhala) Sokari (Comedy)



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

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Sihina Rangahala – A collection of five captivating short plays



Written and directed by award winning playwrite Dananjaya Karunarathne featuring: Valentine Enakan, Chandravati Samaga Rathriyak, Oba Sapekshai, Duwana Un Dennek and Last Bus Eke Kathawa Produced by Jude Srimal. July 6 – Venue: Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm July 13 – Venue: Rukmani Devi Theater, Neaombo. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm

July 10 (Sinhala) **Blood Shadows**



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

July 11 (Sinhala) Sinhabahu



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

July 13 and 14 (Sinhala) Lokka Ledawela (Political



Directed by Gihan Fernando, with a host of popular artistes Chamila Peiris, Sarath Karunarathne, Ajith Lokuge, Gihan Fernando, Aloka Sampath and other artistes. July 13 – Venue: Nupe Sanasa Hall, Matara. Time: 3.30pm, 6.30pm July 14 – Venue: Karaliya Theater, Kandy. Time: 3.30pm, 6.30pm

July 13 (Sinhala)



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

July 14 (Sinhala) Sindukara Kavinaluwa



Written and directed by Prof Mangal Senanayake it features more than 30 songs of old Sri Lankan theater (nadagam and theater). Venue: Lionel Wendt Theater, Colombo 7. Time: 7pm

July 23 (English)



Inter School Drama Competition is organized by the Interact Club of Royal College. The grand finale of three to four performances selected from semi-finals will be staged. Venue: Lionel Wendt Theater, Colombo 7. Time: 7pm. Tickets: Rs.2,000, Rs.1,500, Rs.1,200, Rs.1,000

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Mount Lavinia

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

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Bellanwila Raja Maha Viharaya The temple is situated in

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Captain's Garden

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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

6am-8.30pm. Jumma Masjid

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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

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Diyawanna Oya The place is always bustling with visitors

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

Independence Square **Walking Tracks** The Walking Tracks meander around the

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

Independence Arcade

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Viharamahadevi Park A serene and picturesque

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

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

Colombo Lighthouse A prominent landmark the lighthouse is an important watchtower in Sri Lanka located at Galbokkka 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

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.

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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 socalled basin for storing water, Thalangama Tank originated during the time of King Parakramabahu VI (1551-1547 AD) of the Kotte Kingdom.

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southeast coastal town,

East Coast

Arugambay Arugambay, a charming

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

from a quiet road to a

sets. Arugambay also

offers a gastronomical

adventure to diners,

featuring

of Arugambay transforms

bustling street as the sun

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. 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.

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 rightbreak surf point where you can witness colorful fishing boats.

Peanut Farm

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Known for its big swells Pottuvil Point is for the

professionals. The waves depend on the season and

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 favorite spot for watching the sunrise and to feel the cool breeze of the East coast.

Paper Moon Kudils

Enjoy barefoot luxury at the oceanfront Paper spacious and fully AC Kudils located in two

sections (pool/restaurant side and garden side). This unique property has a swimming pool (Water Hole) and restaurant (Kusini) serving delicious cuisine.

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

Arugambay Roccos A chic and modern cube-

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

Arugambay PodBay A novel concept that

comprises compact (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

Batticalao

Batticaloa, known as the City of the Singing Fish, is a major city in the eastern coast of Sri Lanka. The Batticaloa lagoon is one of the largest in the island partially enclosed from the coastal waters

Kanniya Hot Springs

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

Oluvil Lighthouse

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

Kattankudy

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

Kallady Beach

Marble Beach

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

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.

Located in close proximity

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.

to the Kumana National

Park, it is known to be

Panama

39,300 hectares, the bear and other wildlife. +94 663 669 046

Urani Lagoon

a popular eco touristic

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.

Buddhangala Forest

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

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 Arugam Bay beach, Muhudu Maha

Pottuvil

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

Flood Plains National Park

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

Kumana National Park

Head out on a safari to Kumana National Park. The drive itself is a nove experience where you will travel through the village of Panama. It a destination known for its diverse wildlife and bird population, both migratory and indigenous.

National Park

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.

Mahaweli Development project, the park provides a sanctuary to wildlife. **Wasgamuwa National**

An untamed evergreen

Enjoy the fabulous waves at Arugambay

varieties of birds. The best

time for safari along the

Urani Lagoon is at 6am

Deegavapi Maha Stupa

'Deegawapiya' graced by

religious sites among the

of the Buddhist devotees

Galmaduwa Raja Maha

the Lord Buddha is one

of the sacred ancient

and 3pm.

Ampara

Located within the Lahugala sanctuary, it

Vihara is said to be the ancient temple built by King Kavantissa in the second century BC.

Nuwaragala

Dimbulagala-Dalukkane

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

Lahugala Kitulana

Located in the eastern

Maduru Oya

Established as a National Park of Sri Lanka under the

Park

wilderness spanning national park is home to elephants, aquatic birds. mugger crocodiles, sloth

Urani Lagoon safari is

It is believed that the Kovil was built during the reign activity to witness aquatic of the Chola ruler Rajendra life, gentle giants and

Monastery

Magul Maha Viharaya

An ancient Buddhist temple believed to be constructed during the

during the reign of king Saddha Tissa Girihandu Seya Situated at Thiriyaya, some 40km north of Trincomalee. this stupa, according to some accounts, is the first dagoba ever built in

Trincomalee Grand Jumma Masjid,

Sri Lanka.

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

Lakshmi Narayana **Perumal Kovil** The Kovil in blue and and gold hues is purely dedicated to the supreme deity Vishnu and his consort Lakshmi. Nilaveli, Trincomalee

+94 262 051 333 Mahiyanganaya

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

Okanda Kovil

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

Samangala Forest **Hermitage** Samangala Cave Temple

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

Seruvila Temple An ancient temple sacred to Buddhists. Trincomalee

Shri Badrakali Amman

Cholan (1012-1044 BC). +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.

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

Colombo to Arugambay Semi-luxury buses; leaving from Maradana, Colombo

from 7pm onwards daily.

(prior bookings are essential). +94 767 980 024 **Southern Coast** 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

castle, Nupe market and the Keechimalai mosque.

enjoying time in the

present. Other sites

worthy of visiting due

to their historical value

include the Galapatha

Temple, the Richmond

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

At the southernmost tip of the Island and situated 6km from Matara, Dondra is believed to be the

abode of Upulvan Deviyo

happenings

or God Vishnu.

Dondra

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

Madu Ganga

Koggala.

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

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 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

ocean around Rumassala are rich in biodiversity. The

Rumassala

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 ecological park in

Holuvagoda, features

a lake, walking paths,

iron bridges, children's

Both the forest and the

park, market stalls, and ecosystems 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

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

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

and Gangatilleke Viharaya

boundary. This hot spring

speed of about 645ml per

is 11, 582ft deep with

its water running at a

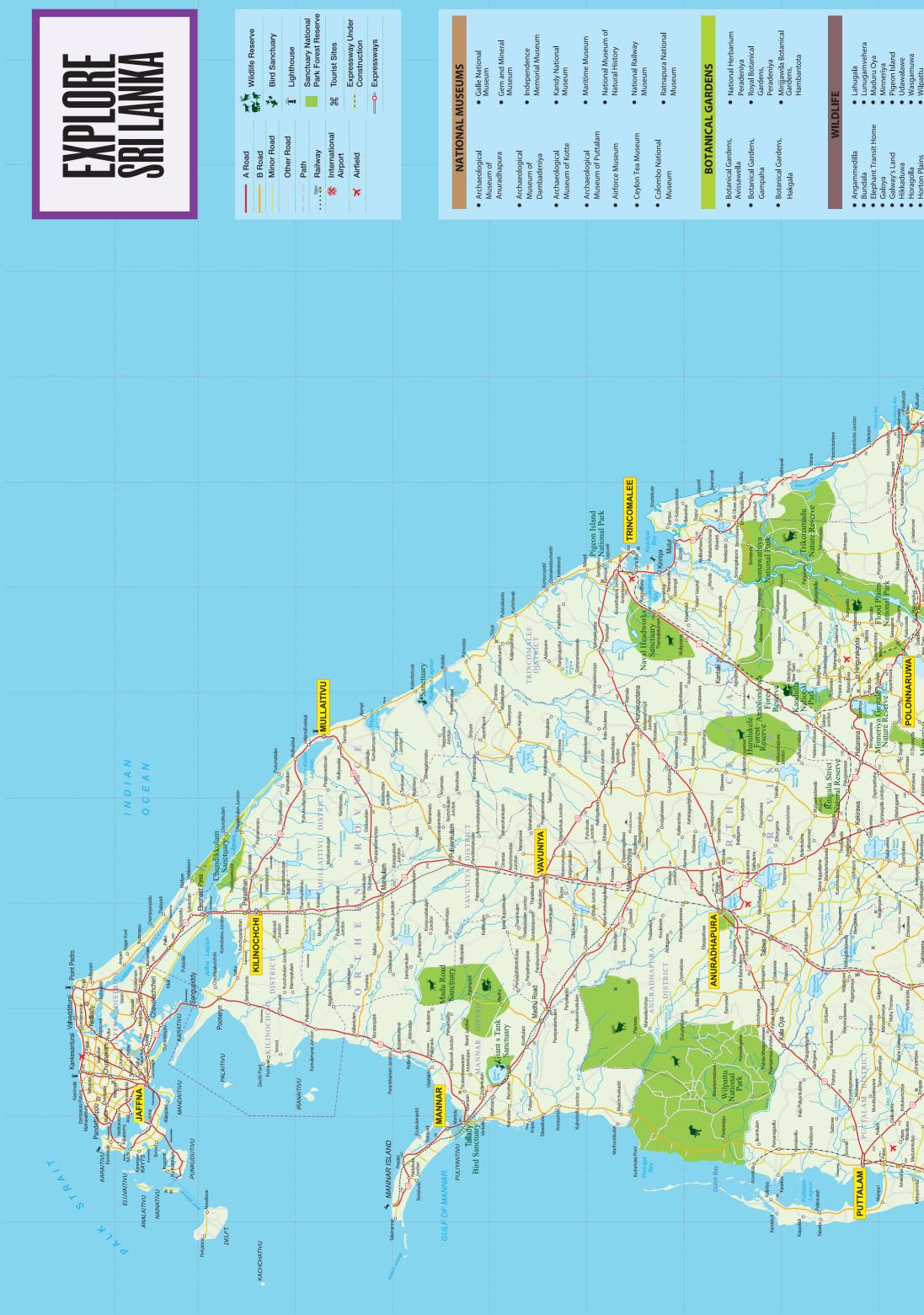
explored. Kalutara The Kalutara Bodhi, bridge

are among other historical landmarks. Madunagala hot water The Madunagala hot spring is located in the Highland and Vijayan

second, and is of varying

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

Bentota

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

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 with a centuries' old rock temple, Mulkirigala

Unwatuna

l 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 $% \label{eq:condition} % \label{eq:condition}%$ music.

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

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.

Cavalry Shrine

During the Lenten Season, large crowds of devotees journey on pilgrimage. Hiniduma. +94 913 912 285

Gangatilake Viharava Passing the bridge of

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

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 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.

Ketchimale Mosque

A mosque of miracles, with its 1000-year history overlooks the Beruwala Harbor.Beruwala. +94 342

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

Meeran Jumma Mosque

dedicated.

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

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. rmkd.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.

Shrine of our Lady of Positioned across from

Beach Park, where many find a welcome interlude among the waves, is the Shrine of our Lady of Matara, formerly known

Sri Meenachi

as St Mary's Church

Sundareshwarar Kovil Located in the city cente 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

Yatagala Rajamaha Viharaya

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

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

Birds Park Hambantota

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

Kanneliya Forest Reserve

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

Kalametiya Bird

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

Kottawa Rainforest Reserve

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

Lunugamvehera

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

Mirijjawila Botanical

+94 47 348 9159

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

Sinharaja Rain Forest Sinharaja 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 The Park is home to

a population of over 400 elephants and the probability of seeing them while on safari is almost always quaranteed. +94 473 475 892.

Matara; +94 412 222 056

A wildlife sanctuary bordering the southeastern 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

Yala National Park

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.

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 Divaluma 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

enjoyed views of the

Thomas Lipton who had

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 Castlereagh 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

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

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 131-hectare sanctuary and is a twokilometre drive from

Haputale town

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

Bambarakanda and

Divaluma 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

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

Holy Trinity Church The church of the Holy

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

Muthiyangana Raja Maha Viharaya

places visited by Gautama Buddha Badulla, +94 552 222 313.

Ramboda Shri Bhakta **Hanuman Temple** The 16-foot statue of

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

Saparagamu Maha Saman Devalaya

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

Seetha Amman Kovil

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

Sri Pada (Adam's Peak) Sri Pada, Samanalakanda or Adam's Peak, is the 2,242m tall mountain with the pilgrimage season beginning from Unduvap Poya in December that

runs till Vesak Poya in May.

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

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

watching and camping

222 564

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

opportunities for bird

Train Ella Odyssey

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

Dial 365 hotline. **Dunhinda Odyssey**

Weekdays; leaving Colombo Fort at 7.15am. seatreservation.railway. gov.lk/mtktwebsli

Seethawaka Odyssey Saturday and Sunday leaving Colombo Fort at

Mobile M Ticketing Service Dial 365 hotline. SLT – Dial 1265. Sri Lanka Railways +94 11 460 0111

Jaffna, Mannar and North

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

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

Enjoy birdwatching and other wildlife at Wilpattu National Park of vintage cars, too Navatkuli. +94 212 052 585;

sivapoomimuseum.com

here. The area, is fast

becoming a hub for

Kudiramalai beach

National Park, it is a

a red hue, and wind-

the coppery-colored

Pigeon Island

Accessed via the Wilpattu

serene expanse of scrub

swept driftwood. To get

there, one must traverse

sands of Thambapanni.

This beautiful island is

one of the two marine

Lanka, ideal for diving

national parks in Sri

and snorkelling. The

about 200m long and

100m wide has over 100

species of coral and 300

The resident of the first

British Governor of Ceylon,

The octagonal shaped fort

is located between Kayts

The Grand Mosque was

built by Muslim traders

during the Dutch era in

Built by the Portuguese,

evidence of the colonial

designed in the shape of

a pentagon, is a symbol of

The colossal building that

is a landmark in Jaffna is a

center of knowledge and

intellectual gathering.

Kandarodai Temple

Viharaya, it is located

within a residential area

in Chunnakam. Stupas of

various sizes are visible

amongst the palmyrah

trees. Quiet and peaceful.

Arahants and their sacred

remains have been placed

The Aryan Prince Vijaya of

North India landed on the

shores of Thambapanni

An ancient Royal Palace

100AD passed through

the hands of a number of

dignitaries from Jaffna's

Pannai Bridge, Jaffna

locations in the island

to watch the sunset.

and Mandaitivu isles.

One of the most ambient

The bridge connects the

peninsula with the Kayts

Nearby is the Pannai Park

where families, relax and

joggers keep their fitness

regime on the walking

Sivapoomi Museum

Opened in 2020, the

tracks.

that was built in the

with 700 followers in

Manthiri Manai

ruling elite.

it is believed that this is

the resting place of 60

within each stupa.

Kudiramalai

543 BC.

Also known as Kaduragoda

past of Sri Lanka. The

400 year old edifice,

Dutch architecture

Jaffna Library

+94 212 226 028

this fort is standing

and Karaitivu on the Jaffna

coral reef, which is

species of reef fish.

Places to visit

Frederick North

Peninsula.

1973.

Jaffna

Jaffna Fort

Grand Mosque

Fort Hammenheil

Doric House

forests, coastal cliffs with

beach lovers

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 monthlong annual festival also known as Nallur Festival (Mahotsavam) during August is held in a grand manner with vibrant chariot processions. +94 21 222 2631. Opening hours: 4am-5.30am, 7.30am-12.30noon, 3pm-6pm Monday to Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. 4am-12pm, 3pm–6pm Friday.

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

Nagadeepa Rajamaha

a bath in the pond.

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

Nainathivu and is a boat ride away from the Jaffna peninsula. Dedicated to Nagapooshani Amman. it is said that this temple has great divine power.

Situated on the islet of

Shrine of Our Lady of Madhu

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

Sri Vallipura Alvar Swamv Kovil Situated in Thunnalai,

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

Thiruketheeswaram Temple This Hindu temple is one

of the five Ishwarams of The temple has lay in

ruins, been restored, renovated and enlarged by various royals and devotees throughout its history. The temple overlooks the ancient

Jaffna Market

Mannar.

Tamil port towns of

Manthai and Kudiramalai.

A famous spot for selling fresh produce, exotic spices local confections, juicy Karthakolomban mangoes (during May to August season), grapes, Kotta Kilangu (Odiyal), crunchy peanut cookies, Kuddan (thal jaggery packed in palmyrah) and Jaffna Nelli Crush.

Wildlife Chundikulam Sanctuary

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

Wilpattu National Park

Over 30 species of mammals can be seen in Wilpattu and includes leopards, sloth bears, elephants, buffaloes, spotted deer, barking deer, sambar deer, grey langurs, wild boars and jackals. +94 112 888 585

Kandy and Central

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

history resounds in every corner. Mall/Entertainment/

Kandy City Centre (KCC)

KCC Kandy's largest shopping mall, with over 100 shops selling everything under the sun, whether it's for supermarket, a vast offering of entertainment attractions and virtual reality experiences, including the threecinema 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

Multiplex are part of KCC.

Game Zone, and KCC

5 Dalada Veediya,

Kandy.+94 716 555

Kandycitycentre.lk

555/+94 812 202 846.

Level 1 **Electronics** Singer Mega (L1-15); +94 812 205 507

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Shops at KCC

+94 812 221 100 Retails Keells (L1-14); +94 812 235 931 Retails (F&B)

Royal Cashew (L1-K12): +94 814 954 052

clothes, shoes, bags, jewelery, wellness, flowers, souvenirs, handicrafts or and goody booths, a

Baskin Robins (L1-K6); +94 815 271 212; Birdylicious (L1-K11) +94 812 071 071 The Kithul Shop (Dumbara Natural Foods) (L1-K7); +94 814 814 811 CBL Revello Speciality (L1-8); +94 815 000 433 **Finance**

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Services

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

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+94 812 205 655 Retails

Sarasavi Bookshop (L2-21); +94 812 205 344 Craft Emporium (L2-26,27,34); +94 812 081 100 Retails + Restaurant Mlesna Tea Centre (L2-18); +94 812 200 255 Bubble Tea (L2-18A); +94 766 354 620

Services

Dialog Axiata (L2-39); +94 817 694 020 Vision Care (L2-7); +94 812 221 900 Level 3

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Urban Trendz (Turret)

(L3-12); +94 812 222 722

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Knuckles Mountain range

Kitulgala

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

Cotton Collections (L3–11); +94 812 235 340 Exclusive Lines (L3-8B); +94 814 953 665 Dmaxx (L3-8A1); +94 812 Cherana Dodge (L3-8A2); +94 117 701 801 Amante (L3-6A); +94 814 955 956 Avirate (L3-6B); +94 814 Spa Ceylon (L3-10); +94 812 233 322 Retails Helayu (L3-K3); +94 769 672

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Bitzify (L6-7); +94 812

ACH Education;

Ambuluwawa

Surrounded by many

mountains including

Piduruthalagala from

(Bathalegala) from the

West, Sri Pada (Adam's

Peak) from the South and

Knuckles Mountain Range

the East, Bible Rock

from the North.

British Garrison

Nestled against the

hillside is the British

Garrison Cemetery,

and Europeans

imparting a sombre aura

as tombstones and black

headstones mark the final

resting places of British

Giritale tank (lake) is truly

a gem within Sri Lanka's

intricate and extensive

Giritale holds that

ancient irrigation system

magnetic effect capable

large flocks of diverse

Hanthana Mountain

Range A charming mountain

range which is a good

trekking spot

Kandy Town

The Kandy town is

activity. The railway

station and market

are scenes of chaos

mixed-up in human

crisscross the streets

and by-roads, selling

almost everything from

garments, shoes, bags,

phones, electrical items

and home appliances to

The Kandy Lake is perfect

around the Lake provides

more highlights of Kandy

The historic Malwathu and

Asgiri Temples are situated

built by King Dathusena

during the period of 459-

village life around. The

protector of the Kala

facing the massive tank.

The Dutugemunu Aranya

Senasanaya is also within

water based adventure

by spectacular scenery

and kitul palm trees.

with forest-covered hills

programs including white-

water rafting. Surrounding

Maha Kadawara Devalaya,

for relaxing. A drive

along this route.

Kala Wewa

knick-knacks.

Kandy Lake

theatrics. Strings of shops

ceaselessly abuzz with

of drawing in and holding

Cemetery

+94 776 037 728

Burger King (L4-4);

+94 815 101 101

Level 4

Office

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National Ironwood Forest (Jathika Namal

Wewa.

temperature of 62°C! The

reason being that these

hot water springs in fact

connect to others in the

water springs of Kanniya,

island such as the hot

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

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

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

Randenigala

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

Sembuwatta Lake

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

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

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

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 Kina 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.

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

Pidurangala

Sigiriya

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

Yapahuwa Rock Fortress Yapahuwa is famed for

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

National Museum of Kandy

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

Sigiriya Museum

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

The Ancient Technology Museum and Library

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

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

Peradeniya Botanical Gardens

Covers a spanse of almost 150 acres, is a paradise where each tree is a part of a wild, majestic landscape +94 812 388 088. Opening hours: 7.30am-6pm Daily.

Mlesna Tea Fortress

The Fortress abides by its 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

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13-26, Kandy City Centre, 5 Dalada Veediya, Kandy; +94 812 221 199 557, Peradeniya Road, Kandv: +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

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. Monaraaala

Dambulla Cave Temple Rangiri Dambullu Raja

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

Embekke Temple Built in 1371 by King Wickrama Bahu III and

is dedicated to god Kataragama

Galmaduwa temple

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

Isurumuniya Raja Maha Viharaya

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

Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi

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

Jethawanaramaya Jethawanaramaya by

King Mahasen is hailed as ancient world.

Kadadora Viharaya

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

Built with three storeys

in a ornate design with bright frescoes and a seated Buddha, the Lankatilaka Viharaya dates back to the 14th Century +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

Matale Sri **Muthumariamman Kovil**

of the Bhikkus who lived

in the Maha Vihara.

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 Matale. +94 662 222 481. Opening hours: 4.30am-8pm

Mihintale

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

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 Uvana 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.

Built by King Dutugemunu

remains a site of great veneration, evoking spirituality in the hearts of visitors.

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

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 aweinspiring carvings and Kandyan era paintings +94 812 234 226. Kandy

Wahakotte

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

was built in Sri Lanka by King Devanampiyatissa. Thuparamaya is consecrated by the he visited the island for the third time.

Victoria golf course, Digana

meticulously designed and well maintained 73 Par, 6933-yard champion

Mirisawetiya

Ruwanweli Maha Seya

Somawathie Temple

Situated within the

Sri Dalada Maligawa

St Anthony's Church,

The church was

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

Thuparamaya The first Chaitya that

Buddha's presence, when

80km north of Colombo, The golf club features a town with a great

Sigiriya is an ancient rock fortress ship, 18-hole course. Digana. +94 71 737 6376. golfsrilanka.com

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

Minneriya National Park

giants in herds

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

Somawathie National Park

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

Udawatte Kele Sanctuary

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

Negombo and Gampaha

An ideal beach town

Negombo

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.

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.

Chilaw

Chilaw is a relatively undiscovered coastal beach and many other

Puttalam

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

Lords Restaurant

Complex With a chic and modern ambiance, Lords **Restaurant Complex Art** Gallery and Cocktail Bar offers delicious seafood and refreshing beverages. 80B Poruthota Road, Ethukala, Negombo; +94 77 285 3190; martin@lordsrestaurant.net

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 yearround.

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. It is 32km inland from Colombo. Gampaha. Opening hours: 7am-6pm.+94 33 222 2316.botanicgardens.gov.lk

Attanagalla Rajamaha

venerated Buddhist temples in western Sri Lanka. Gampaha. +94 332 280 233 **Grand Mosque** A beautiful and prominent

Viharaya

Muslims

Vihara

Negombo. Kelaniya Raja Maha

place of worship among

One of the most revered Buddhist temples of the Island; the temple was built in the fifth century BC and nestled on the banks of the Kelaniya River. The temple is the starting point of the annual procession "Duruthu Perahera" (Kelaniya Procession) which is held in the month of January. +94 11 291 1505. kelaniyatemple.lk

Our Lady of Good Voyage The Church of Our Lady

of Good Voyage in Duwa, 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. This Church is especially famed for the yearly 'Pasku' (in Sinhala) or Passion Play on Good Friday, which displays this magnificent statue of Jesus Christ. Neaombo. +94 312 223 336

Pilikuththuwa Raja Maha Viharaya

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

Potgul-len Raja Maha Viharaya

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

St. Anne's Church

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

St Jude's Church Established in the 1950s,

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

Sri Muneswaram Temple

As one of the five 'pancheswarams', the five most hallowed shiva shrines, the Munneswaram kovil is believed to have existed from prehistoric times and is the focus of many myths associated with the central characters of the Ramayana. Chilaw. +94 322 224 833.

munneswaram.com St Mary's Church, Tudella

Opening hours:

5.30am-8pm.

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 The only Basilica in Sri Lanka, Tewatta Basilica of Our Lady of Lanka is a site revered by Catholics all around the island especially during the annual feast which falls in February.

NOLIMIT

Ragama.

424, Main Street, Negombo; +94 312 224 141 456, Main Street, Negombo; +94 31 222 4144

Declared a marine

Bar Reef Marine Sanctuary

Kalpitiya.

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

Horagolla National Park A wildlife sanctuary

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

Muthurajawela Home to over 194 species,

it is a wetland habitat with an extensive flora and fauna.

Sports

Tennis

July 1 – 14 London, England



Golf Tournaments

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



Formula One

July 28

British Grand Prix
July 7
Silverstone Circuit
Hungarian Grand Prix
July 21
Hungaroring



July 26 – August 11

Olympics





Festivals

Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps

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



uly 6 – 21

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



July 19 Aadi Vel

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



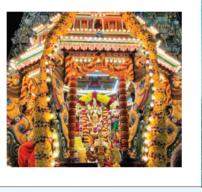
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