

WHAT'S ON

June 2024

Cinnamon Grand Colombo

June 1

Natalina taking over the London Grill; 7pm onwards Executive lunch menu; Noodles; Monday to Friday; 12 noon-3pm Unlimited Seafood buffet; Lagoon; Sundays; 12 noon to 3pm Unlimited hoppers; Nuga Gama; Monday to Friday; 7pm-10pm Bottomless liquid dinner; Plates; Daily; 7pm-10pm Pork and Pol Roti Nights; Nuga Gama; Daily; 7pm-10pm

June 16

Father's Day Brunch; Plates; 12 noon to 3pm Father's Day Carvery Lunch; Cheers Pub; 12 noon to 3pm Father's Day All you can eat seafood; Lagoon; 12 noon to 3pm

June 16

Father's Day Dinner; London Grill; 7pm onwards

June 16

Father's Day High tea Buffet; Tea Lounge; 3pm-6pm

Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo

Italian Buffet; Dining Room; Thursdays; 7pm-11pm Ladies Night; Colombar; Wednesday; 6pm-8pm

June 16

Father's Day Brunch; Dining Room; 11.30am-3pm Father's Day High tea; Lobby Lounge; 3.30pm-5.30pm

Cinnamon Red Colombo

Hours of Happiness; Cloud Red; Daily; 5pm-7pm Fourth person dines free; Flavoured; daily; 7pm-11pm

Business Lunch; Flavoured; daily; 12 noon-3pm

High tea buffet; Monday to Fridays; Flavoured; 3pm-5pm

June 16

Father's Day Dinner; Flavoured; 7.30pm-10.30pm

June 23-29

Special Beverage Promotion; Cloud Red; 5pm onwards

Commons Coffee House

Commons Burgers special promotion

June 1-30

Delicious Chicken Wings promotion

June 16

Father's Day special menu Weekend Brunch; Saturdays and Sundays; 9.30am-3pm

Harpo's Colombo Fort Café

Sri Lankan Specials; 9am-11pm, Friday to Sunday; till midnight

June 16

Father's Day special menu lunch and dinner

Happy Hour deals

(buy 1 and get 1 free on selected local cocktails); Monday to Friday; 5pm-7pm, Saturday and Sunday - 2 large pizzas plus Sangria

Harpo's Pizza and Pasta

Monday (Buy 1 Large) and get 50% off on the 2nd, Tuesdays (Special rates for 2 Regular and 2 Large), Wednesdays (Special rates) Menu with 21 flavors and fresh pasta

Lords Restaurant Complex, Negombo

Live music entertainment; daily

Lunch; 12 noon onwards



Burgers from Commons Coffee House.

Chef Cricket Specials

- Pizzas, sizzlers, burger stackers, cricket platters; daily

Shoulders by Harpo's

Lunch and dinner menu; daily Cocktail bar with signature cocktails

Entertainment; Friday to Sunday; 7pm onwards

Mount Lavinia Hotel

International Dinner Buffet (Dine 5 get 1 free); 7pm-10.30pm; Mondays & Tuesdays

Taste of Andalusia; Tuesday; 7pm-10.30pm

Ciao Italia; Wednesdays; 7pm-10.30pm

Flavours of India; Thursdays; 7pm-10.30pm

Soul Food and Bluegrass Jazz; Fridays; 7pm-10.30pm

Australian Outback BBQ; Saturdays; 7pm-10.30pm

Ape Kama; Sunday; 7pm-10.30pm

Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Centre

June 15 and 16

Hajj Shopping Festival;

10am-10pm

The Bayleaf

Authentic Italian Specials and Harpo's Pizza; daily

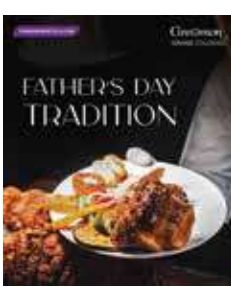
June 1-30

Meats and Seafood Grills promotion special menu

June 16

Father's Day special menu Sunday Brunch - a la carte menu; 11.30am-3pm

Happy Hour (buy 1 get 1 free on selected cocktails); daily; bar; 5pm-7pm



Father's day promotions at Cinnamon Grand.

Drama and Theatre

June 1 (Sinhala) Mr. President (Comedy)



Mr. President was produced in Australia across five states and received enthusiastic audience reception. Directed by Kanishka Rajapaksa, featuring Roshan Ravindra, Priyantha Sirikumara, Kalana Gunasekara and Xavier Kanishka. Venue: Hall De Galle, Galle. Time: 3.30pm, 6.30pm. Tickets: Rs.3,000, Rs.2,000, Rs.1,500, Rs.1,000

June 1 (Sinhala) Lorencege Manamali (Comedy)



Directed by Sujeewa Priyala Yaddhige, Dulika Marapane plays the role of the bride and joining her are Sampath Jayaweera, Jayantha Muthuthantri, Mali Jayaweera and Sujeewa Priyala. Venue: Town Hall, Negombo. Time: 3.30pm, 6.30pm. Tickets: Rs.2,000, Rs.1,500, Rs.1,000

June 8 (Sinhala) Sakunthala (Drama)



One of the best works of the ancient Indian poet Kalidasa's translated by Piyadaasa Nishshanka and D E Hettiarachchi. Directed by Prasanna Jaith Abesooriya. Venue: Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm

June 9 (Sinhala) Matikarattaya (Drama)



Written by ancient Indian King Shudraka, and translated from Sanskrit to Sinhala by Piyadaasa Nishshanka, the play is directed by Parakrama Niriella. Venue: Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm

June 16 (Sinhala) Garu Tharu (Drama)



Directed by Mihira Sirithilaka, featuring Ishara Pramuditha Wickramasinghe, Thilan Warnajith and Nayanthara De Silva. Venue: Namel Malini Punchi Theater. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm

June 28 (Sinhala) Romeo and Juliet (Tragedy)



William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet is adapted to Sinhala and directed by Jayanath Bandara. The story revolves around two young lovers from feuding families. Venue: Lionel Wendt Colombo. Time: 3.30pm, 7pm

June 29 (Sinhala) Sinhabahu (Drama)



Directed by the celebrated dramatist Prof Ediriweera Sarachchandra, the story is based on the legend of King Sinhabahu, the son of a lion and royal princess - Suppa devi. Venue: Lionel Wendt Colombo. Time: 3.30pm, 7pm

June 30 (Sinhala) Maname (Drama)



Prof Ediriweera Sarachchandra's direction utilises the traditions of nadagama. Maname is a combination of theatrical craft, poetic sophistication and drama in which the elements in the folk theatre tradition are adapted to modern stage. Venue: Lionel Wendt Colombo. Time: 3.30pm, 7pm

Sports

Cricket

ICC Men's T20 World Cup



June 2 - 29

June 2

Match 1: USA v Canada; 06.00 Match 2: West Indies v Papua New Guinea; 20.00

June 3

Match 3: Namibia v Oman; 06.00 Match 4: Sri Lanka v South Africa; 20.00

June 4

Match 5: Afghanistan v Uganda; 06.00 Match 6: England v Scotland; 20.00

June 5

Match 7: Netherlands v Nepal; 21.00 Match 8: India v Ireland; 20.00

June 6

Match 9: Papua New Guinea; 05.00

Match 10: Australia v Oman; 06.00

Match 11: USA v Pakistan; 21.00

June 7

Match 12: Namibia v Scotland; 00.30 Match 13: Canada v Ireland; 20.00

June 8

Match 14: New Zealand v Afghanistan; 05.00 Match 15: Sri Lanka v Bangladesh; 06.00

June 9

Match 16: Netherlands v South Africa; 20.00 Match 17: Australia v England; 22.30

June 9

Match 18: West Indies v Uganda; 06.00 Match 19: India v Pakistan; 20.00

June 10

Match 20: Oman v Scotland; 22.30 Match 21: South Africa v Bangladesh; 20.00

June 11

Match 22: Pakistan v Canada; 20.00

June 12

Match 23: Sri Lanka v Nepal; 05.00 Match 24: Australia v Namibia; 06.00

June 13

Match 25: USA v India; 20.00 Match 26: West Indies v New Zealand; 06.00

June 14

Match 27: Bangladesh v Netherlands; 20.00 Match 28: England v Oman; 00.30

June 15

Match 29: Afghanistan v Papua New Guinea; 06.00 Match 30: USA v Ireland; 20.00

June 15

Match 31: South Africa v Nepal; 05.00 Match 32: New Zealand v Uganda; 06.00

June 16

Match 33: India v Canada; 20.00 Match 34: Namibia v England; 22.30

June 16

Match 35: Australia v Scotland; 06.00 Match 36: Pakistan v Ireland; 20.00

June 17

Match 37: Bangladesh v Nepal; 05.00 Match 38: Sri Lanka v Netherlands; 06.00

June 18

Match 39: New Zealand v Papua New Guinea; 20.00 Match 40: West Indies v Afghanistan; 06.00

June 19

Super Eight Match 1; 20.00 Super Eight Match 2; 06.00 Super Eight Match 3; 20.00

June 20

Super Eight Match 4; 06.00 Super Eight Match 5; 20.00 Super Eight Match 6; 06.00 Super Eight Match 7; 20.00

June 21

Super Eight Match 8; 06.00 Super Eight Match 9; 20.00 Super Eight Match 10; 06.00 Super Eight Match 11; 20.00

June 22

Super Eight Match 12; 06.00 Super Eight Match 13; 06.00 Super Eight Match 14; 06.00 Super Eight Match 15; 20.00

June 23

1st Semi Final; 06.00 2nd Semi Final; 20.00

June 24

Finals; 20.00

Golf

Nuwara Eliya Golf Club

June 15

Monthly Medal

June 21

Scotte Rowe 2023 Captains Cup 2024

June 23

Presidents Prize 2024 A R Aitken Trophy 2024

Formula One

Canadian Grand Prix

June 9

Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve in Montreal



Tennis

French Open

Till June 9

Paris, France



Festivals

June 3 - 13

Feast of St. Anthony's Church, Kochchikade

The hoisting of the flag is on the 3rd and will include a series of prayers, culminating in a feast on the 13th. The event draws hundreds of devotees seeking blessings.



June 7 - 21

Festival of Nainathivu Nagapoosani Amman Kovil

A 15-day festival commences with the hoisting of the flag on the 7th, followed by chariot processions on the 20th. This sacred event draws hundreds of devotees seeking the blessings of the deities.



June 16

Eid al-Adha

The festival celebrates Prophet Ibrahim's devotion to Allah and his willingness to sacrifice his son Ismail. This significant occasion also signifies the conclusion of the annual Hajj pilgrimage.



June 21

Poson

The Poson poya commemorates the arrival of Arahant Mahinda Thero. It was on this auspicious day that Buddhism was introduced to the island. During Poson, devotees gather at Mihintale and Anuradhapura, reflecting on their historical connection to these events.



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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](http://barefootceylon.com/collections/barefoot-gallery)

Casa Serena Art Gallery
Colombo 8; +94 76 910
7874. Opening hours:
9am to 5pm Monday to
Friday and Weekends by
appointments.
[nisansala.com/casa-
serena/](http://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](http://foundation.sapumal34@gmail.com)

Saskia Fernando Gallery
Colombo 7;
+94 117 429 010;
saskiafernandogallery.com

Beaches

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

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

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

Casinos and Nightlife

Bally's Casino
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ballyscolombo.com](mailto:info@ballyscolombo.com)

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bellagiocolombo.com](mailto: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.

Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art

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

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.
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 Vinayagar 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.

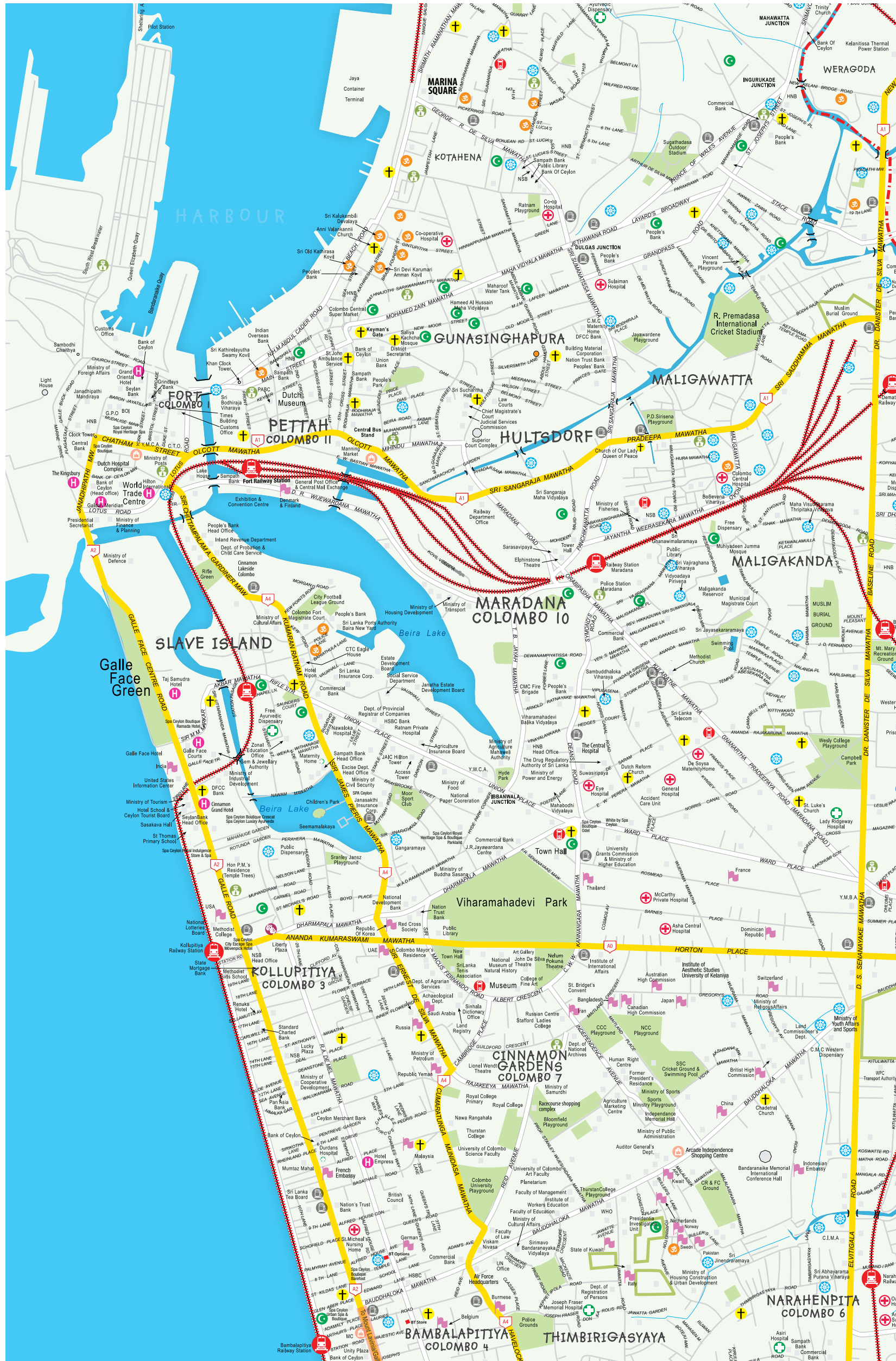
Dewatagaha Mosque
Built in 1820 is the resting place of His Holiness Seyedina As-Sheikh Seyed Usman Siddique Ibn Abdurrahman.
Colombo 7.
+94 112 683 906. Opening Hours: 6am–10pm.

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

columns, located near the Colombo Sea Port in Sri Lanka. Its solid and sculpted stonework 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.
Kochchikade; +94 112 329 303. Opening hours: 5am–8pm Daily.

St Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena
The magnificence of this Cathedral is a solemn declaration of the status of the Catholic Church, reflecting the supremacy that it retained throughout history.

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

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

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

Strolling around Colombo Recreational Parks, Jogging and Cycling Tracks

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

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

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

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

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Siriwardhanaramaya
By Ven Diyapattugama Revatha Thero (Expert Psychological Counselor and Meditation Instructor Siriwardhanarama Buddha Dhamma College).
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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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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

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Transport Services
Sri Lanka Railways
Fort Railway Station; +94 112 432 908/ +94 112 434 215/1919; railway.gov.lk; seatreservation.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 Bandarayanayake 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; arugambayroccas.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
Batticalao
Batticaloa, known as the City of the Singing Fish, is a major city in the eastern coast of Sri Lanka. The Batticaloa lagoon is one of the largest in the Island partially enclosed from the coastal waters.

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

Oluvil Lighthouse
Oluvil Lighthouse is 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 Viharumaha 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 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 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 Senagama, serve as vital watering holes for the animals inhabiting the area.

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

Wasgamuwa National Park
An untamed evergreen wilderness spanning 39,300 hectares, the national park is home to elephants, aquatic birds, mugger crocodiles, sloth bear and other wildlife.
Ampara

Lagoon Safari
Urani Lagoon
Urani Lagoon safari is a popular eco touristic activity to witness aquatic



Surf the waves at Arugambay.

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 during the reign of king Saddha Tissa.
Ampara

Girihandu Seya
Situated at Thiriyaaya, 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.

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 Park.
Okanda

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

Seruvila Temple
An ancient temple sacred to Buddhists.
Trincomalee

Shri Badrakali Amman Kovil
It is believed that the Kovil was built during the reign

of the Chola ruler Rajendra 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 Galapotha 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 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 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 ecological park in Holuvagoda, features a lake, walking paths, iron bridges, children’s park, market stalls, and ecosystems.
Galle

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.

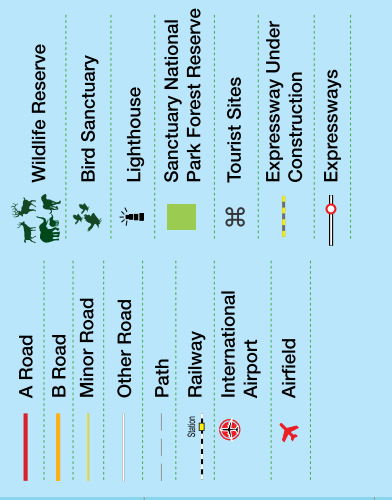
Cultural sites
Galle Fort
Overlooking the Indian Ocean, it is declared a World Heritage site, the Fort itself is a vibrant part of this city as is apparent as you walk through its inner streets, where houses have been converted into restaurants, art galleries and antique and fashionable shops. The Lighthouse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

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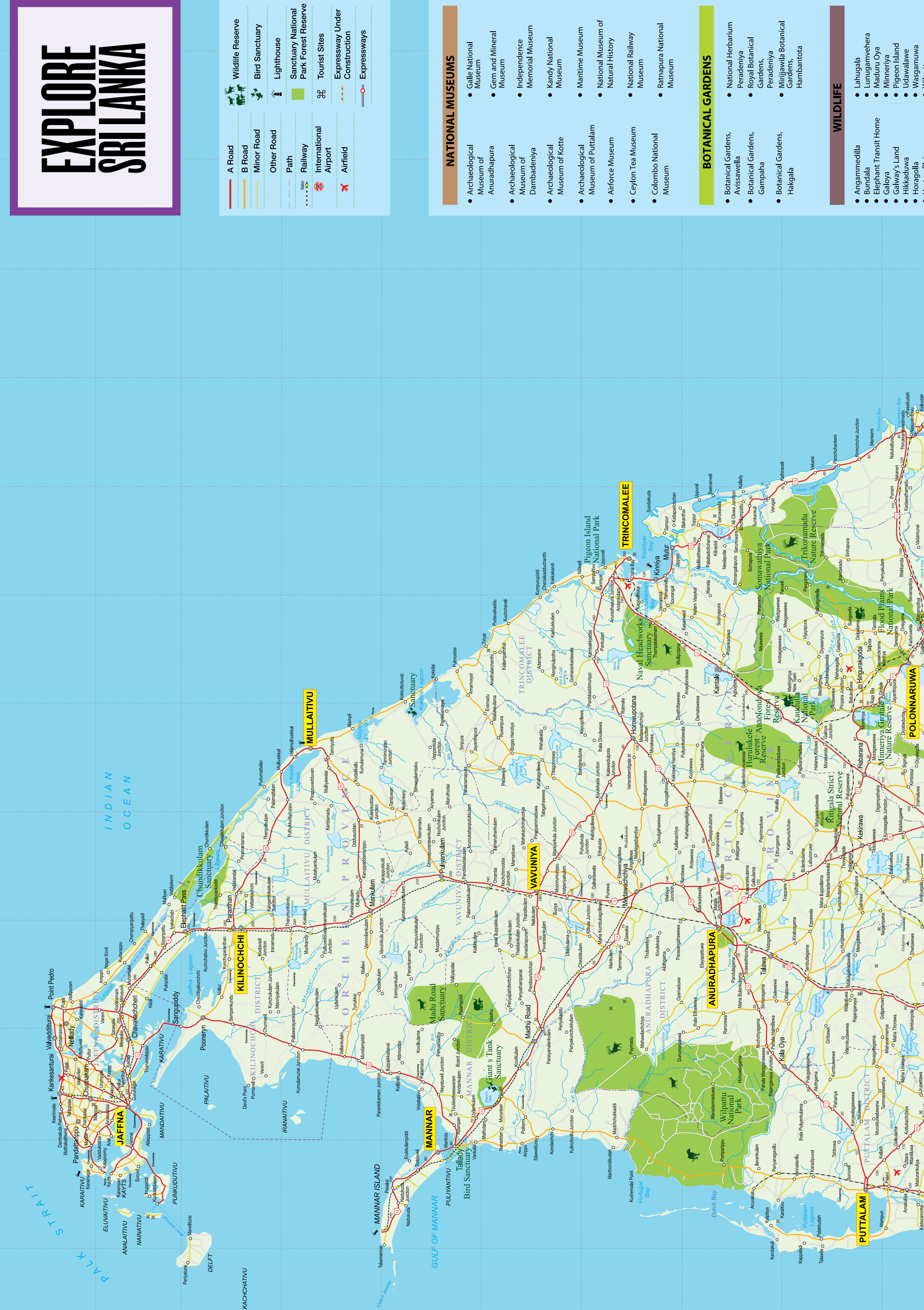
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- Botanical Gardens, Hakgala
- National Herbarium, Peradeniya
- Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya
- Mirijawila Botanical Gardens, Hambantota

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- Angammedilla
- Bundala
- Elephant Transit Home
- Galoya
- Pigeon Island
- Hikkaduwa
- Horagolla
- Horton Plains
- Lahugala
- Lunugamvehera
- Maduru Oya
- Minneriya
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Places to visit
Ambuluwawa
Surrounded by many mountains including Pidurutalagala 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 Datusena 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 in Matale, with wildflowers and Carribean 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 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.

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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557, Peradeniya Road, Kandy; +94 812 200788
121/22, Kandy Road, Kegalle; +94 352 221 445
9, Baudhaloka 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. +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 Temple
The Isurumuniya Raja Maha Viharaya was built by King Devanampiya Tissa in 250–210 BC following 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 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 a 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 Arahath Mahinda Thero here on Posen Poya Day, in 246BC when the Dhamma was brought to the country.

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

Mahamevna Uyana
Created by King Mutasiva, the naming of Mahamevna Uyana is steeped in legend. The Mahamevna Uyana has four heritage sites of importance – the Sacred Bodhi Tree, the Samadhi Buddha Statue, 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



Mihintale Maha Seya.

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 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 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
80km north of Colombo, 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 very popular for fishing, dolphin-watching and coconut production.

Food & Entertainment
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

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. It is 32km inland from Colombo.
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
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.
Negombo. +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 Valagammba.
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. +94 332 261 000

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

St Mary’s Church, Tudella
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.
Ragama.

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

Horagolla National Park
A wildlife 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.

Art and Music

Art

Till July 18

Outline



Through an intimate engagement with colour and texture, Arjuna Gunarathne's work reveals a private world of anxieties and vulnerabilities where lone figures in imaginary landscapes wait, desiring warmth and familiarity. The artist draws from his search for stability, as home and identity become interwoven in their elusiveness. *Saskia Fernando Gallery*

June 1-9

Way of the Forest: Mushroomings



Mushroomings schedule has a series of events featuring artist encounters, film screening, and tours during the opening weekend. All events are free and open to the public, Tamil translation will be provided. The travelling edition will feature works by Dumiduni Illangasinghe, Kieren Karritpul, K. Inkaran, Mónica de Miranda, Pathum Dharmarathna, Pushpakanthan Pakkiyarajah, Sarmila Sooriyakumar with Pirainila Krishnarajah, Shehan Obeysekera, Thava Thajendran, Thujiba Vijayalayan and U. Arulraj. The travelling edition of Colomboscope is supported by the Goethe-Institut. *Kalam, Jaffna*

Till July 7

88 Acres: The Watapuluwa Housing Scheme by Minnette De Silva



Designed by architect Minnette De Silva (1918-1998), the Watapuluwa Housing Scheme in Kandy was completed in 1958, and heralded a new form of social housing in Sri Lanka. *Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art.*
 June 1: Exhibition tour in Tamil; 11am-12pm
 June 1: Workshop - Creating a Stamp of Minnette with Kiyawana Muddara (for all ages); 3pm-5pm
 June 2: Exhibition tour; 11am-12pm
 June 8: Workshop - Be your own Architect with Yuxin Cong (for ages 10-15); 3pm-5pm
 June 9: Curator's Tour with Thinal Sajeewa; 11am-12pm
 June 15: Artist Tour; 3pm-5pm
 June 16: Exhibition Tour; 11am-12pm
 June 23: Exhibition Tour; 11am-12pm
 June 28: Gallery Talk-Contemporary Approaches to Community Housing with Prof Nihal Perera and Sumedha Kelegama; 6pm-7pm
 June 29: Exhibition Tour in Sinhala; 11am-12pm
 June 30: Exhibition Tour; 11am-12pm

Music

June 8

Marians Unplugged Live in Concert



A lively night of music by Marians along with Senaka Batagoda. *Venue: BMICH. Time: 6.30pm. Tickets: Rs. 10,000, Rs.7,500, Rs.5,000, Rs.3,500, Rs.2,000*

June 15

Season Opening Concert with maestro Ananda Dabare



Gustav Mahler Orchestra of Colombo launches their brand-new season 2024-2025 with maestro Ananda Dabare. Program will feature Beethoven, Saint-Saens, Sarasate, and Tchaikovsky. *Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo. Time: 7pm. Tickets: Rs. 12,000, Rs.8,000, Rs.5,000, Rs.3,000, Rs.2,000, Rs.1,000*

June 28

The Odyssey



The Royal College Western Orchestra (RCWO) concert will perform a wide array of music spanning many genres including classical works by P. I. Tchaikovsky and W. A. Mozart and modern favorites by Coldplay and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Joining the RCWO will be the Royal College Choir. *Venue: Bishops College Auditorium. Time: 6.30pm. Tickets: Rs.2,500, Rs.2,000, Rs.1,500, Rs.1,000*

July 6

Jubilee Rhythm Night - Sing Along & Dance



In aid of Tudella, St Mary's Church 175th Jubilee fund, the event features Bathiya & Santhush, Falan Andrea with Lunu Dehi Band. *Venue: Avenra Garden Hotel, Negombo. Time: 7pm. Tickets: Rs.10,000, Rs.8,000, Rs.5000*



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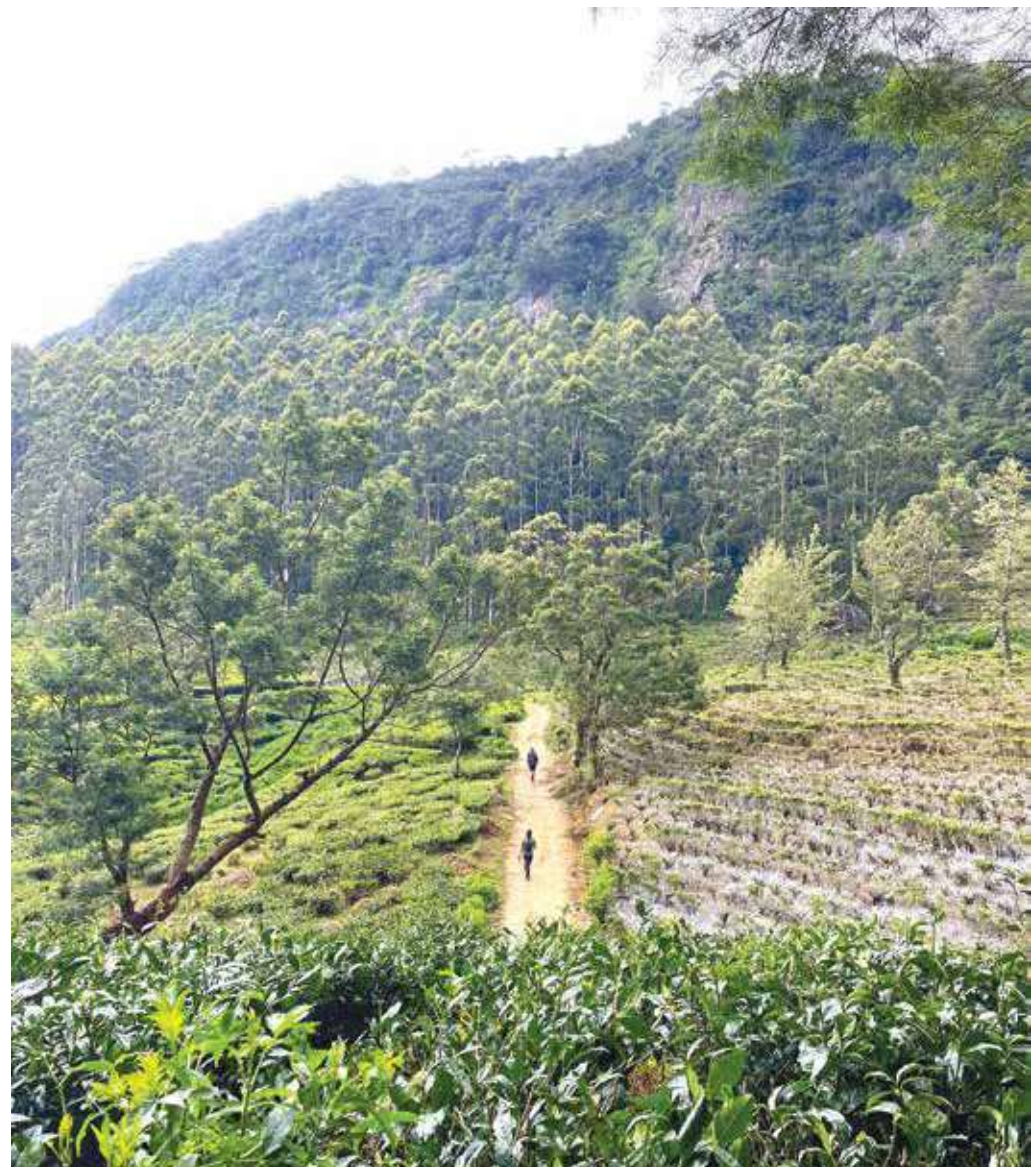
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What's On



The Pekoe Trail is a 300-kilometer long walking trail set in 22 stages that passes through the central highlands of Sri Lanka.