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Knight Riders; 7.30pm May 21

Qualifier 1; 7.30pm **May 22** 

Qualifier 2; 7.30pm **May 26** 

Final 1; 7.30pm

Mother's Day celebration; special menu – lunch and dinner

## **Drama and Theatre**

May 11 (Sinhala) Tharawo Igilethi



A story by Lucien Bulathsinhala that is based on twin brothers in Singapore. Venue: Namel Malini Punchi Theater, Borella.

Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm

Sadudha watenne sikuradata (Black Comedy)



Directed by Chalaka Ranasooriya it offers an insightful depiction of the challenges faced by individuals in their daily lives.

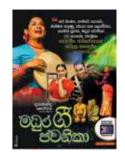
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May 17 (Sinhala) **Guru Geethaya** 



Based on Russian writer Chinghis Aitmatove's 'The First Teacher' novel, translated and directed by Prof Mangala Senanayake. Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo 7. Time: 7pm.

May 19 (Sinhala) Madhura Gee Jawanika



A collection of songs from great writer and director Dayananda Gunawardena's dramas -Nari Bena, Kamare Pore, Bakmaha Akunu, Jasaya saha Lenchina, Gajaman Puwatha, Madhura Jawanika and Ananda Jawanika.

Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo 7. Time: 3.30pm,

May 5 (Sinhala) Suddek Oba Amathai



The play intertwines humor and satirical dialoques through a vibrant performance of dance and song. Venue: Namel Malini Punchi Theater, Borella. Time: 3.30pm, 6.30pm

May 10 – 12 (English) Agatha Christie's and Then There Were None (Thriller)



An isolated island with ten strangers and a killer on the loose. Directed by Kevin Cruze, this amateur production is presented Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French. Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo 7. Time: 7.30pm. Tickets: Rs.1,500, Rs.2,000, Rs.3,000, Rs.4,000, Rs.5,000, Rs.6,500

May 18 (Sinhala) Lokka Ledawela (Political



direction, George Samuel's scripts this political play. Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo 7. Time: 3.30pm,

May 19 (Sinhala) Anthapuraya Horu Kadai (Comedy)



Produced by Priyantha Ranjan this satirical drama deals with a group of tricky and greedy politicians who try to achieve their own ends through trickery. Venue: Namel Malini Punchi Theater, Borella. Time: 3.30pm, 6,30pm

## Sports

#### Sri Lanka Women Tour to

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Uganga W; 4.30pm May 1

Sri Lanka W vs US W;4.30pm

Indian Premier League (IPL) May 1 Chennai Super Kings vs Punjab

Kings; 7.30pm May 2 Sunrisers Hyderabad vs Rajasthan Royals; 7.30pm

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Lucknow Super Giants vs Kolkata Knight Riders; 7.30pm **May 6** 

Mumbai Indians vs Sunrisers Hyderabad; 7.30pm

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Delhi Capitals vs Rajasthan Royals; 7.30pm May 8

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Punjab Kings vs Royal Challengers Bengaluru; 7.30pm

May 10 Gujarat Titans vs Chennai

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May 12 Chennai Super Kings vs Rajasthan Royals; 3.30pm May 12

Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Delhi Capitals; 7.30pm

Kings; 3.30pm **Formula One** 

May 13

May 14

May 15

May 16

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7.30pm

May 19

Kings; 7.30pm

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Seethai Amman Kovil **Festival** 

The auspicious event of Kumbabishegam is scheduled to take place at the Seethai Amman Kovil in Nuwara Eliva. As part of this ceremony, holy water from ISri Sarayu River of Ayothi, North India, will be brought. The deities will be taken out in chariot processions as a part of the celebrations.

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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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#### All Saints Church, Borella

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#### **Colombo Grand Mosque**

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#### Jumma Masjid

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#### Kotte Raja Maha Vihara The history of the temple

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#### Srī Dharmakīrti Temple This modest Temple was

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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

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location that was originally opened in honor of Oueen 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.

Colombo Lighthouse A prominent landmark the lighthouse is an important watchtower in Sri Lanka located at Galbokkka Point, south of the Port of

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

**Bolgoda Lake** Located just a short distance away from the hustle and bustle of Colombo, Bolgoda lake is indeed a magica 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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#### Thalangama Tank

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#### **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 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 commor 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 gastronomical adventure

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its inherent simplistic

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#### Kalkudah The beach is ideal for surfing and wind surfing during the month of

Kuchchaveli A sandy stretch with calm and peaceful surroundings, perfect for a walk along the beach.

September

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

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**

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**

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.

## 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.

#### papermoonkudils.lk **Arugambay Roccos**

+94 719 97 97 97;

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

#### **Arugambay PodBay**

A novel concept that comprises compact convertainers (NapPods) in pastel hues, HomePods, and Bay rooms. The seaside hotel has a swimming pool (WaterPod), and a restaurant (PotPod). Main Street, Arugambay, Pottuvil; +94 718 10 99 99; arugambaypodbay.lk

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 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

## Maha Oya Hot Springs

a popular activity.

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.

## **Buddhangala Forest**

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

## Magul Maha Viharaya Located within the

Viharamaha Devi of

#### Ruhuna. Lahugala, Ampara

Muhudu Maha Viharaya The temple is found or the sand dunes of Pottuvi 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

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

## important religious

Situated along the Mahaweli River, the Flood Plains is an elephant corridor in Polonnaruwa. Off Polonnaruwa Batticaloa Road Road, Minneriya

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.

#### **National Park**

Located in the eastern region of Sri Lanka, the area that exudes natural beauty under the bright 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.

a sanctuary to wildlife.

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

Urani Lagoon safari is a popular eco touristic life, gentle giants and time for safari along the Urani Lagoon is at 6am and 3pm.

#### eligious Sites Deegavapi Maha Stupa

the Lord Buddha is one of the sacred ancient religious sites among the



## Monastery

#### Lahugala sanctuary, it is famed for the 'Magul Maduwa', the altar upon which the princess married King Kavantissa, thus becoming Queen

#### Galmaduwa Raja Maha Vihara

An ancient Buddhist temple believed to be constructed during the during the reign of king Saddha Tissa **Ampara** Girihandu Seya Situated at Thiriyaya, some 40km north of Trincomalee,

Nuwaragala

#### Kattankudy Located in Kattankudy this mosque is an

**Flood Plains National** (Route A11), Habarana

#### Kudumbigala monastic complex in Panama, off the coastal district of

**Gal Oya National Park** 

### Lahugala Kitulana

Park is a pristine wilderness sun. The Park is renowned

#### Maduru Oya

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

#### **Wasgamuwa National** Park

#### Lagoon Safari Urani Lagoon

activity to witness aquatic varieties of birds. The best

'Deegawapiya' graced by

#### Seruvila Temple An ancient temple sacred to Buddhists. Trincomalee

#### Shri Badrakali Amman

 $\label{eq:minner} \mbox{Minneriya Gathering } -\mbox{spot the gentle giants in herds.}$ 

sixteen places of worship

of the Buddhist devotees

this stupa, according to

dagoba ever built in

Sri Lanka.

Trincomalee

some accounts, is the first

Grand Jumma Masiid,

site with an impressive

exterior, similar to that

of Al Aqsa Mosque in

Katankudy. +94 77 727

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

Ketchimale Mosque,

A mosque of miracles,

with its 1000-year history

Beruwala. +94 342 276 481

overlooks the Beruwala

Lakshmi Narayana

The Kovil in blue and

deity Vishnu and his

Nilaveli, Trincomalee

consort Lakshmi.

+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

Meeran Jumma Mosque

mosque has a history of

is an amalgamation of

British Victorian and

Islamic Architecture.

Okanda Kovil

Also called as

Park.

Okanda

Hermitage

Galle. +94 76 866 5435.

Openina hours: 5am-9pm

Ukanthamalai Murugan

Kovil, devotees journey

Pada Yatra that journeys

via the Kumana National

Samangala Forest

Complex is believed

to be built by the Kina

Saddhatissa (137-119 BC).

This cave complex consists

caves in the eastern slopes

of about 50 drip-ledged

of the Samangala rocky

hill. The ancient Buddhist

monks have used these

caves for meditation

**Ampara** 

Samangala Cave Temple

throworship on the annual

from Jaffna to Kataragama

over 300 years. The design

Commonly called the Galle Fort Mosque, this

and gold hues is purely

dedicated to the supreme

**Perumal Kovil** 

Beruwala

Harbor.

0387. Opening hours:

Jerusalem.

4am-10pm.

Kudumbigala

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

## **Maritime and Naval**

4pm-7pm daily.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 enjoying time in the present. Other sites worthy of visiting due

to their historical value

include the Galapatha

Temple, the Richmond

castle, Nupe market and

#### the Keechimalai mosque.

Ambalangoda The cultural seat of the southern part of the country and is the renowned for the coveted devil masks. first stupa, was built shortly Ambalangoda is also the hub of Southern dances;

#### 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.

The devil dances and

Kolam Netum - a satirical

theatre performance with

elaborate head gears and

#### 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 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

### **Pinnawala Elephant**

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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

#### Richmond castle Built in 1896 by Don Arthur Siriwardena, the

Ambalangoda.

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

**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, beautiful spectacle at Kosgoda, Rekawa, Bundala and Ambalantota.

### **Galle Fort**

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.

Overlooking the Indian

#### Kalutara The Kalutara Bodhi, bridge

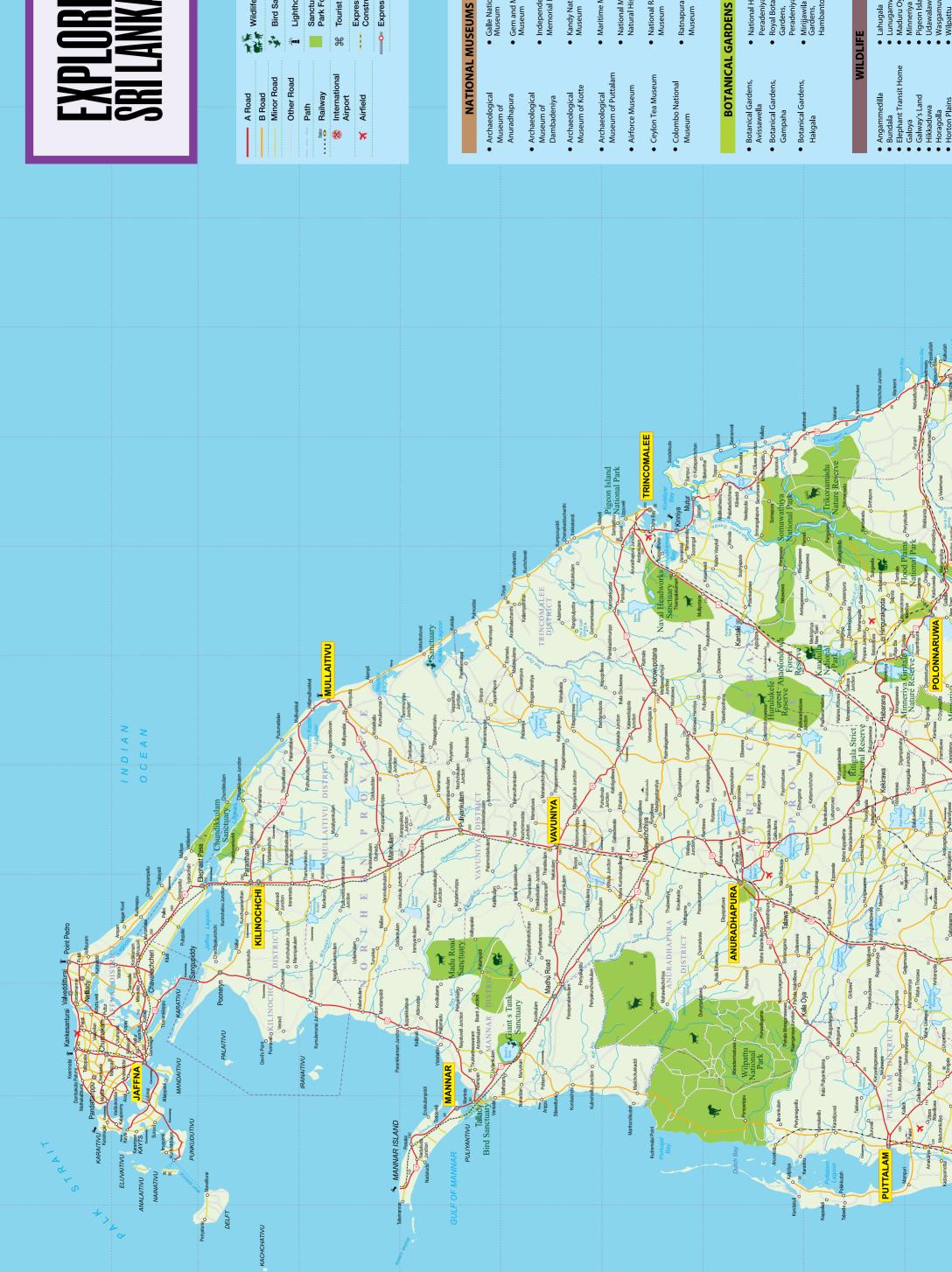
Madunagala hot water wells spring is located in the

and Gangatilleke Viharaya

are among other historical

#### The Madunagala hot

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.



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

- Gem and Mineral Museum Galle National Museum
- Independence Memorial Museum

  - Kandy National Museum
- Maritime Museum
- National Museum of Natural History
  - National Railway
     Museum
- Ratnapura National Museum

- National Herbarium Peradeniya
   Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya
   Mirijjawila Botanical Gardens, Hambantota
- Lunugamvehera
  Maduru Oya
  Minneriya
  Pigeon Island
  Udawalawe



#### **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.

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

#### Beruwala

A stretch of golden sandy beach offering a tropical paradise.

#### Dickwella **Hummanaya Blow Hole**

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

#### Hikkaduwa

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

#### Hiriketiya

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

#### Kalutara

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

## Koggala

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

#### Mirissa

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

#### **Tangalle**

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

#### Unwatuna

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

#### Weligama

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

#### Galle National Museum

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

#### Maritime Museum

The museum featuring marine biological and anthropological aspects of the southern coastal area is located within the Galle Fort; +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 Viharaya

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

#### Kalutara Bodhi

The Kalutara Bodhiya, which is a sapling of the Sri Maha Bodhiya of Anuradhapura, is revered by Buddhists who visit it year around. +94 342 226 483

#### Kande Viharaya

**Built during colonial** times, the temple has seen several modifications including the addition of a library, museum and new devalas, but the ancient grounds within remain untouched Aluthgama +94 342 274 453

#### Kasagala Raja Maha Viharaya

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

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

#### Kirinda

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

#### Mulkirigala Raja Maha Vihara

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

#### Ruhunu Maha

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.

#### Sella Kataragama

rmkd.lk.

A little town located a few kilometres from the city with a shrine dedicated to Lord Ganesh. It is also recognised as the place where god Kataragama met one of his partners, Valli Amma, under the tamarind trees.

## Saparagamu Maha

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

## Shrine of our Lady of

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

## Sri Pada (Adam's Peak)

Sri Pada, Samanalakanda or Adam's Peak, is the 2.242m tall mountain with the pilgrimage season beginning from Unduvap Poya in December that runs till Vesak Poya in May

#### Sri Meenachi **Sundareshwarar Kovil**

Located in the city 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 Kathirvelavutha

Swami Kovil Dedicated to several shrines with deities Lord Shiva, Murugan, and dates back to the fifth century.

#### Tissamaharama Raja Maha Vihara

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

## Yatagala Rajamaha

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

**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.

#### **Kalametiva Bird**

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

#### **Kottawa Rainforest** Reserve

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

#### Lunugamvehera Situated between

Udawalawe and Yala, Lunugamvehera provides a safe path for elephant migration. There are other flora and fauna. +94 47 348 9159

#### Mirijjawila Botanical Gardens The Botanical

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

#### Sinharaja Rain Forest 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** Park

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

#### **Yala National Park** A wildlife sanctuary

bordering the 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

#### **Hill Country**

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 idvllic 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 Diyaluma waterfalls.

Another ideal hiking destination. Trekking past

Idalgashinna

the railway lines is the small hamlet that leads the adventure enthusiasts to explore the mountains.

## Along the lake you will see

groups either enjoying a family picnic, riding horses, on a paddle boat or taking a leisurely stroll.

**Lake Gregory** 

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

#### Maskeliya

The town is an intriguing combination of ancient and modern tea country lifestyle. Places to visit are Gartmore falls, Maskeliya reservoir, Laxapana falls and the Warleigh Church, built in 1878 perched overlooking the hauntingly beautiful 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

#### **Pidurutalagala**

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

#### 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 Park in Nuwara Eliya, World's End is a deadly

drop shrouded by cold white mist. Bambarakanda and Diyaluma falls The tallest waterfall in the island, the Bambarakanda falls pours continuously while

the stunning Diyaluma

falls takes the credit for

being the third highest

#### in the island. Picnic or enjoy a moment

while engaging in a memorable time with family or friends. **Devon Falls** Located along the Talawakele-Hatton Road in the Nuwara Eliya district green and foaming water

#### Hakgala Botanical Gardens

down the falls.

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 Spor Nuwara Golf Club The Nuwara Eliya Golf

Club located between lush green mountains with spectacular views was built in 1889. +94 522 222 835. Kankesanthurai (KKS) +94 522 224 104. Long strolls in the windy

#### Royal Turf Club Launched to promote horse racing in Sri

nuwaraeliyagolfclub.com

#### Nuwara Eliya town. Nuwara Eliya. Muthiyangana Raja Maha Viharaya One of the 16 sacred places visited by Gautama Buddha.

Badulla. +94 552 222 313.

Ramboda Shri Bhakta

Lanka. In adhering to

the club plans events

where both local and

the premier sports.

**Holy Trinity Church** 

atop a hillock a little

The church of the Holy

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royalturfclub.com

tourists can take part in

**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.

### 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.

+94 522 259 645. Opening

hours: 7am-1pm,

3.30pm-6.30pm.

#### St Xavier's Church

An age old church in the midst of the Nuwara Eliya town. With its pews that continue all the way to the altar and grand interior, the church is pervaded with the spiritual essence that seems to attract many who seek the blessings of the lord. Nuwara Eliya. +94 522 222 564

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

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

## **Transport Services**

#### Train

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

### Dial 365 hotline.

**Dunhinda Odyssey** Weekdays; leaving Colombo Fort at 7.15am. Online booking: seatreservation.railway

#### gov.lk/mtktwebslr Seethawaka Odyssey

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

#### Jafna, 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.

surroundings, bo at

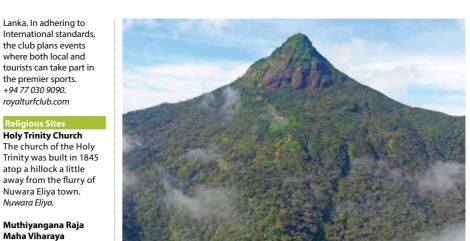
rides and picnicking

on the beach are the

here. The area, is fast

most popular activities

kings, who ruled the Jaffna Kingdom and there is a collection of vintage cars, too.



Sri Pada also known as Adam's Peak in the Ratnapura district.

becoming a hub for beach lovers.

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

#### Pigeon Island

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

#### **Doric House**

species of reef fish.

The resident of the first

British Governor of Ceylon, Fort Hammenheil The octagonal shaped fort is located between Kayts and Karaitivu on the Jaffna

#### **Grand Mosque**

The Grand Mosque was

evidence of the colonial

designed in the shape of

past of Sri Lanka. The

400 year old edifice,

built by Muslim traders during the Dutch era in 1973. Jaffna Jaffna Fort Built by the Portuguese, this fort is standing

#### a pentagon, is a symbol of Dutch architecture.

Jaffna Library The colossal building that is a landmark in Jaffna is a center of knowledge and intellectual gathering.

### +94 212 226 028

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

## within each stupa.

Kudiramalai The Aryan Prince Vijaya of North India landed on the shores of Thambapanni with 700 followers in 543 BC.

#### Manthiri Manai

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

#### Pannai Bridge, Jaffna One of the most ambient locations in the island

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

#### Museum Sivapoomi Museum Opened in 2020, the

museum features antique artefacts, newspaper displays and the museum yard has statues of Tamil

#### Navatkuli. +94 212 052 585; sivapoomimuseum.com

#### Religious sites Dambakolapatuna

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

#### Maviddapuram Kandaswamy Kovil

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

#### **Nallur Kandaswamy** Kovil

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

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

## a bath in the pond.

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

#### Nagapoosani Amman

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

#### Shrine of Our Lady of Madhu

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

#### Sri Vallipura Alvar Swamy Kovil Situated in Thunnalai,

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

#### Thiruketheeswaram Temple This Hindu temple is one

of the five Ishwarams of Lord Shiva in Sri Lanka. The temple has lay in ruins, been restored,

#### Kotta Kilangu (Odiyal), crunchy peanut cookies, Kuddan (thal jaggery packed in palmyrah) and Jaffna Nelli Crush.

Wildlife

renovated and enlarged

by various royals and

devotees throughout

its history. The temple

overlooks the ancient

Manthai and Kudiramalai.

A famous spot for selling

spices local confections,

mangoes (during May to

August season), grapes,

fresh produce, exotic

juicy Karthakolomban

Tamil port towns of

Mannar.

Jaffna Market

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

## +94 112 888 585

#### **Kandy and** Central

iackals.

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.

Kandy City Centre (KCC)

KCC Kandy's largest shopping mall, with over 100 shops selling everything under the sun, whether it's for clothes, shoes, bags, jewelery, wellness, flowers, souvenirs, handicrafts or phones, From eateries and goody booths, a supermarket, a vast offering of entertainment attractions and virtual reality experiences, including the 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 Game Zone, and KCC Multiplex are part of KCC. 5 Dalada Veediva.

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

A Pictures (L1-12);

Shops at KCC

Kandv.+94 716 555

Kandycitycentre.lk

555/+94 812 202 846.

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

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Sampath Bank (L1-6); +94 812 205 825 Pan Asia Bank (L1-5A); +94 814 951 035 DFCC Bank (L1-5B): +94 812 221 552 People's Bank (L1-4); +94 812 205 482 NDB Bank (L1-3) +94 817 448 006 Commercial Bank (L1-2); +94 812 235 732 NSB (L1-1); +94 812 205 506 BOC (L1-19); +94 812 205 110 NTB (L1-17); +94 814 501

HNB (L1-16); +94 812 205 841 Services

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

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+94 812 201 099 **Entertainment** Kandy Shooting Range (L2-37); +94 776 999 373 **Fashion** Bata (L2-17): +94 812 205

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404 Saweena Beauty Care (L2-16); +94 812 061 299 Mallika Hemachandra Jewellers (L2-15); +94 812 202 997 DSI Premier (L2-14); +94 812 220 701 Luv Essence (L2-28); +94 812 052 685 Elegance Pearls & Diamonds (L2-K2); +94 759 696 506 The Parfumeria (L2-10); +94 813 839 025

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

Services Dialog Axiata (L2-39); +94 817 694 020

Vision Care (L2-7); +94 812 221 900 Level 3

Fashion Odel (L3-3); +94 812 205

Kala Wewa Elegant Smockers (L3-10A); One of the largest +94 812 220 001 reservoirs in Sri Lanka, Revlon Lanka (L3-K2). built by King Dathusena +94 711 375 530 during the period of 459-AB 89 (L3-34); +94 812 479AD. One can witness 234 321 the laid back nature of The Body Shop; (L3-33B); village life around. The +94 812 233 008 Maha Kadawara Devalaya, Waves (L3-33A); dedicated to the divine +94 77 945 8110 protector of the Kala Aditi (L3-32); 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 whitewater rafting. Surrounding by spectacular scenery with forest-covered hills

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Cotton Collections (L3-11);

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Level 4

Level 6

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ACH Education;

+94 776 037 728

**Ambuluwawa** 

Surrounded by many

mountains including

Piduruthalagala from

(Bathalegala) from the

West, Sri Pada (Adam's

Peak) from the South and

Knuckles Mountain Range

the East, Bible Rock

from the North

**British Garrison** 

Nestled against the

hillside is the British

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

ancient irrigation system

magnetic effect capable

large flocks of diverse

Hanthana Mountain

A charming mountain

range which is a good

of drawing in and holding

intricate and extensive

Giritale holds that

avian fauna.

trekking spot.

**Kandy Town** 

The Kandy town is

activity. The railway

station and market

are scenes of chaos

mixed-up in humar

crisscross the streets

and by-roads, selling

almost everything from

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

for relaxing. A drive

along this route.

and kitul palm trees.

Knuckles Mountain

The mountain range is a

like to hike and mountain

bike as it offers numerous

mountain trails that cross

spectacular scenery such

as clear crystal rivers,

dense forests, flowing

The hot water springs

temperature of 62°C! The

found here are at a

waterfalls and lush

plantations.

**Nelum Wewa** 

paradise for those who

range

knick-knacks.

**Kandy Lake** 

garments, shoes, bags,

theatrics. Strings of shops

ceaselessly abuzz with

Range

Garrison Cemetery,

and Europeans.

Giritale

Cemetery

Office

Burger King (L4-4);

hSenid (L6-3); +94 718

Bitzify (L6-7); +94 812

+94 815 101 101

**National Ironwood** Forest (Jathika Namal Uyana)

Wewa.

reason being that these

hot water springs in fact

connect to others in the

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

island such as the hot

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 Range A less explored mountain range in Matale, with wildflowers and Carribean

pines. Ideal for trekking. Anuradhapura

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

**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 Viharava 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 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

age-old artefacts: tombs. stupas, structural remains of temples and statues. Pidurangala A large and unusual rock formation that sits alongside the Sigiriya

great place to experience

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

**National Museum of** Kandy

history sleeps.

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 Dambulla Cave Temple** The museum focuses Rangiri Dambullu Raja Maha Vihara, UNESCO on the technology that was used in ancient heritage monastery is the country's largest cave Sri Lanka. Thus, each gallery displays objects temple complex, dating features, processes, and from the first century BC. +94 662 283 605 constructions belonging to the various historical Embekke Temple periods in Sri Lanka by explaining the technology Built in 1371 by King

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

Peradeniya Botanical Gardens

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

weighing scale, and brass

Kandy. +94 81 238 4303.

The charming old building

Tea Center and restaurant

is dubbed calm and quiet.

that nestles the Mlesna

Tea Centre; 15, Dalada

Tea Centre; L2-18, Kandy

13-26, Kandy City Centre,

5 Dalada Veediya, Kandy;

557, Peradeniya Road.

121/22, Kandy Road,

+94 37 222 1866 456.

**Kandy Central Market** 

A treasure trove waiting

to be discovered. It has

shops that sell almost

A foodie's paradise for

fruits, meats and fish, fresh

bread, cakes, and sweet

treats from foody stalls,

fresh vegetables and

anything under the sun.

+94 352 221 445

Kurunegala;

Kandy; +94 812 200788

9. Bauddhaloka Mawatha.

+94 812 221 199

Veediva, Kandy:

City Centre, Kandy;

081 222 8626

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Kegalle;

tea filters.

445, Kandy Road,

Kiribathkumbura,

mlesnateas.com

Mlesna Tea Center

Isurumuniya Temple The Isurumuniya Raja Maha Viharaya was built **Mlesna Tea Fortress** by King Devanampiya The Fortress abides by its Tissa in 250-210 BC tea theme in displaying following the arrival of chapters from Sri Lanka's Arahat Mahinda colonial tea-growing Anuradhapura. days in black and white pictures, wooden tea boxes, an antique tea

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.

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

Matale Sri

spice stands, wellness,

Alu Vihara

artefacts.

+94 662 222 533.

Anuradhapura

The city's spiritual

by the presence of

the sacred Bodhi tree,

grown from a sapling

brought by Bhikkuni

Sanghamiththa to Sri

Lanka. This tree, believed

tree in the world, thrives

at the Maha Megha Vana

Royal Park, a site of great

Anuradhapura.

Was built by King

Anuradhapura.

A landmark with a

Bahirawakande Temple

massive pristine white

Buddha statue. From its

high vantage point, the

gigantic Buddha statue

surveys the whole town.

Buduruwagala Raja

An ancient Buddhist

Buddha statues that date

back to the 10th century.

Wickrama Bahu III and

is dedicated to god

Galmaduwa temple

The temple is believed to

have been constructed

by Meegastenne Maha

direction of the queen of

King Kirti Sri Rajasingha

Adikaram under the

[(1747-1782 A.D.)

Rajapakse, 2016].

Kandy

Kataragama

temple with seven

Maha Viharaya

to be the oldest living

Known to be the

repository of Buddhist

wisdom, Aluvihare has

a legacy that dates back

millennia, recorded in its

many caves as intricate

murals, inscriptions and

prominence is exemplified

handicrafts, tea, tobacco,

and pretty much anything

Muthumariamman Kovil The temple is an exuberantly decorated structure that can be easily seen from afar. The prominent towers. called Gopurams, boast hundreds of detailed sculptures, in a rich mosaic of colour Matale. +94 662 222 481. Opening hours: 4.30am-8pm

Mihintale

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

The first Chaitya built by

historical importance in King Dutugemunu, as an offering to the Sangha. It has been built on a Abhayagiri Chaitya site consecrated by the Buddha's presence and Walagamba and the therefore it is venerated premises has housed by countless devotees the sacred Tooth Relic that piously worship the during the Kingdom of 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.

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.

+94 662 289 210. The ancient Thanthirimale Temple is spread across, closely located rock surfaces surrounded by dense jungle.

Wahakotte

Anuradhapura Thuparamava 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

Victoria golf course, Digana

the third time.

The golf club features a meticulously designed and well maintained 73 Par. 6933-vard championship, 18-hole course Digana. +94 71 737 6376. golfsrilanka.com

Kalawewa and Balalu

Kalawewa National Park Surrounding the

Ruwanweli Maha Seya, also known as the Maha Thupa. dolphin-watching and coconut production.

Wewa tanks constructed

by King Datusena in the

fifth century, it is an ideal

'The Minneriya Gathering'

Negombo and

An ideal beach town

for sun and sea lovers

and about an hour's

trip from the airport

in Katunayake. With

along the shore, little

playing, restaurants

peppering almost the

entirety of the seaside

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

sites, and also known

as Little Rome for its

churches.

Lellama

cuttlefish.

Chilaw

Kalpitiya Fort

is also home to historical

Kalpitiva Fort built in 1666

was a key point in colonial

'Lellama', is the famous fish

market of Negombo. The

hustle begins before the

bring ashore their catch

of the freshest fish, crabs,

Witness the imprints of

claim to this trading point

for spices, the Portuguese

built the Negombo Fort.

80km north of Colombo,

Chilaw is a relatively

town with a great

attractions.

**Puttalam** 

undiscovered coastal

beach and many other

This stretch of land boasts

of some of the most

popular for fishing,

picturesque locations

of the island and is very

the colonial era. To lay

prawns, lobsters and

**Negombo Fort** 

sun rises as the fishermen

times being involved in

trading cinnamon.

strip, water sports at

shops selling garments

and souvenirs, live bands

journey from Colombo,

Negombo is also a short

fabulous sunsets, strolls

**Gampaha** 

Negombo

giants in herds.

reservoir

place to spot the gentle **Lords Restaurant** Complex **Minneriya National Park** With a chic and modern Made of grasslands, thick ambiance, Lords Restaurant Complex Art scrub, and the wildlife that roam their particular Gallery and Cocktail Bar territory, the Park is fed offers delicious seafood and refreshing beverages. by its giant reservoir. A must see spectacle is 80B Poruthota Road.

Ethukala, Negombo;

+94 77 285 3190; where countless herds of elephants congregate martin@lordsrestaurant.net near the Minneriya Kitesurfing in Kalpitiya +94 113 671 490 The beaches of Kalpitiya **Somawathie National** have been luring kite surfers from all corners of A huge (37,645ha) the world, its beautiful, rolling sandy stretches sanctuary stretching adding character to the from central Sri Lanka excellent winds year-

to the Upper Lagoon near Vakarai on the round. East Coast with a large Whale watching in elephant population. The Kalpitiya park is home to historic Boats can be chartered Somawathiya Chaitya, the from Kalpitiya to cruise stupa which was named the Indian Ocean in the after Princess Somawathi. hope of spotting whales Polonnaruwa and dolphins, the most engaging of marine **Udawatte Kele** mammals.

Sanctuary The sanctuary lies Recreational Parks and proximate to the heart of the city. In fact, you see Henarathgoda Botanical it just above the roof of Gardens the Temple of the Sacred A well-tended 15ha public Tooth Relic – an intriguing, garden, with a diverse green wilderness. selection of exotic plants. +94 812 232 873

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

botanicgardens.gov.lk 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 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 and thousands of Catholics throng the hallowed grounds each year, especially during the feasts held in March and 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. In October, the quiet hamlet of Indigolla in Gampaha sees thousands of devotees from across the island attending the annual feast at St Jude's Shrine. Indigolla. +94 332 222 357.

Sri Muneswaram Temple As one of the five

'pancheswarams', the five most hallowed shiva shrines, the Munneswaram kovil is 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.

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**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**

Photography Exhibition and Book Launch



'Genres, Styles an Composition' Book Launch and a photography exhibition by Ananda Jagoda. Lionel Wendt Art Gallery. Book launch: May 3, 5pm Exhibition: May 3 - 5

otherwise is the hallmark of these sites. The colonial-era

architecture of railway stations, often evoking an old-world charm, serves as a metaphor for a distant past when life moved at a slower pace. Paradise Road Galleries. Time: 10am-midniaht

Pathum Gamage imagines the

railway station as a place for

the clamour and chaos that

serene convening, as he snips moments of quietude from



An exhibition of paint ings by Upali Ananda. Lionel Wendt Gallery.

#### May 10 – 12 The Distance

An exhibition by a group of expatriate artists: Lilian Boehlke Kathryn Eagle Christopher . Herwig, Kalpana Solanki, Ed



Thomson and Jessica Walker Lionel Wendt Gallery. Time:10am-8pm

## Coexist

Randika de Silva is a visual artist and designer based in Sri Lanka with ar interdisciplinar practice



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paintings by Trisha Dullu. Gallery Fourlife May 10 - Time: 6pm-9pm, May 11-31 - Time: 10am-5pm

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Thilakarathne, Surendra

Amila Nadeeshani, Mario

Ananda, Tanura and music

by Dr Rohana Weerasinghe.

Rs.10,000, Rs.7,500, Rs.5,000,

Perera, Uresha Ravihari,

Venue: BMICH, Colombo.

Time: 6.30pm. Tickets:

Music

May 4

#### In Retrospective



May 5

Classical art through Digital and Lapidary art perspective to admire feminism, beauty, emotions and nature by architect Nilakshi Dharmawardena Lionel Wendt Gallery

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backed by the DLB Squared

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the father of modern Sinhala

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Venue: The Port City Gallery. Tickets: Rs.8,000

Band directed by Shobi Perera

## May 14 – 16

May 10



#### May 12



An outdoor musical event featuring Bathya and Santhush, Iraj, Wasthi, Jayasri, Shan Putha, Surith, Sarith, KK, and Hana. Venue: Viharamahadevi Open Air Theater, Colombo Time: 7pm. Tickets: Rs.2,500



Featuring Amarasiri Peiris Umaria, and Janani Peiris and music by Mahinda. Venue: Nelum Pokuna, Colombo. Time: 6.30pm. Tickets: Rs. 15,000, Rs. 10,000, Rs.7,500, Rs.5,000, Rs.4,000, Rs.3,000, Rs.2,000

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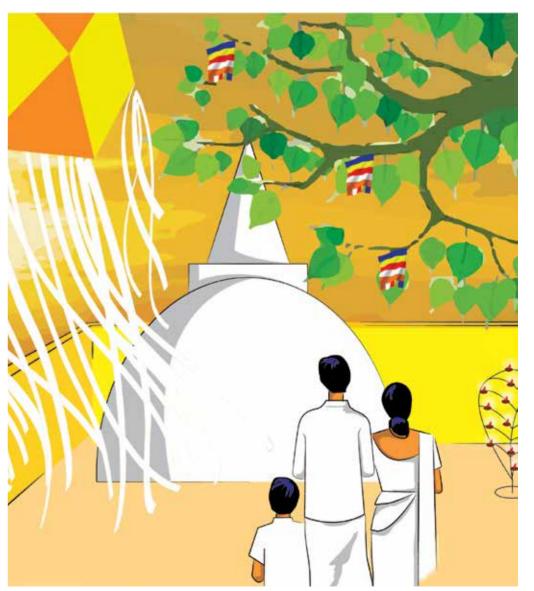


#### Arug<u>am</u>Bay **PodBay**

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

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## EXPLORE SRI LANKA What's On



Vesak is a time to reflect on the teachings of the Buddha and recall the important events in the Buddha's life. Buddhists engage in spiritual activities and acts of giving alms.

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