

SRI LANKA CULTURAL TOUR





ABOUT THE CULTURAL TOUR

Discover the heart and soul of Sri Lanka with our carefully curated cultural tours. Our tours are designed for travelers who seek more than just sightseeing. They offer the chance to experience real life in Sri Lanka and understand the culture in an authentic way. You can meet local people, spend time with them, and take part in their daily work and activities. You may also learn about traditional skills, taste local food, enjoy music and dance, and witness the simple lifestyle that makes Sri Lanka unique. These tours are unhurried and mindful, giving you the time to explore, learn, and reflect. By the end of your journey, you will carry not only photos, but also unforgettable memories and a deeper appreciation of Sri Lanka's way of life.



THE ADVANTAGES OF TRAVELING WITH US

Gain a deeper understanding of local traditions, values, and customs that have been passed down through generations.

If you're a beginner in photography, our travel photographer offers personalized instruction, helping you develop essential skills and gain valuable insights.

You will meet friendly local people, share conversations, and join in their daily routines, creating bonds that go beyond a typical tourist experience.

We provide cars, vans, or mini-coaches according to your group size, ensuring safe and comfortable travel throughout your tour.



TRAVEL PHOTOS AND TRAVEL VIDEOS

This tour is also an excellent option for travelers who prefer to have someone else capture their travel photos and videos. If you'd rather not lug around bulky, complicated, and heavy cameras everywhere you go but still desire professional quality visuals of your journey, then this tour is perfect for you. Our photographer, Saman, will accompany you, capturing stunning photos and videos of the places you visit. This way, you can share the joy of your holiday experiences through beautifully managed images and videos. This photography and videography service is completely free of charge, capturing a fair amount of photos and videos.



ABOUT THE TOUR GUIDE

Saman Weeratunga is a travel photographer and videographer based in Kandy, in the central region of Sri Lanka. Photography and videography are his passions, and he has journeyed to remarkable countries such as Switzerland, Austria, France, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Singapore, and Malaysia. Yet, his thirst for exploration remains unquenched, as he continually adds new destinations to his ever-growing list of places to visit. Whether capturing striking local portraits, the vibrant streets of a bustling city, or the serene beauty of a remote landscape, he is always ready to pack his camera bag and embark on another unforgettable travel photography journey.



EFFORTLESS DRONE PERMISSION SERVICES

Experience the hassle-free solution to obtaining official clearance for drone flights in Sri Lanka. We understand the complexities involved in navigating regulations from multiple authorities such as the civil aviation authority, central cultural fund, and department of archaeology. With our streamlined process, we take the burden off your shoulders, handling all the paperwork and coordination to ensure swift approval for your drone operations. Navigating drone permissions for archaeological sites in Sri Lanka, such as Sigiriya and Polonnaruwa, can be a daunting task. With strict regulations in place to preserve these historical treasures, obtaining clearance for drone flights can be challenging. However, our dedicated service focuses in securing permissions from the relevant authorities on your behalf.



**TWENTY SEATER BUS
FOR 05 - 15 PASSENGERS**



SIX SEATER VAN
FOR 03 - 04 PASSENGERS



**FOUR SEATER CAR
FOR 01 – 02 PASSENGERS**



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOURNEY

Cultural Dance Performance In Gadaladenya

This is a private session held away from usual stage performances for tourists. The session is conducted by a local dancing master, giving you the rare opportunity to experience Sri Lanka's cultural traditions in an authentic setting. You will learn how traditional dancers dress in vibrant costumes, discover the process of making drums, and witness the artistry that goes into every detail. The highlight of this experience is a spectacular dance performance, where young children and elderly performers come together to showcase the rhythm, energy, and beauty of cultural dances passed down through generations.



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Traditional Wooden Mask Factory In Nelumdeniya

Visiting a small mask manufacture, renowned for its vibrant Sri Lankan masks, is a unique cultural experience. These handcrafted wooden masks, carved and painted by skilled artisans, are deeply rooted in Sri Lankan traditions and are often used in rituals, healing ceremonies, and traditional dance performances. The place showcases a variety of masks, including famous Kolam, Raksha, and Sanni masks, each with symbolic meanings and intricate designs. Visitors can also watch the process of mask-making, from carving the wood to painting with bright natural colors, gaining insight into this centuries-old art form.



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Child Monks Piriven Education Temple In Kandy

Experience the lifestyle of child Buddhist monks by visiting a monastic Pirivena school, where child monks receive education in both spiritual and academic subjects, guided by experienced teachers and senior monks. The Pirivena teaches classical subjects such as Sinhala, Pali, and Sanskrit, along with Buddhism, history, and logic. During your visit, you can observe how the child monks study language, literature, culture, and traditional practices. You can also share a short, fun English lesson with the child monks to bring joy to their day and even participate in serving breakfast by adding your own food.



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Clay Pottery Family In Menikhinna

Experience walking into a clay pottery maker's home and learn the art of transforming raw clay into beautiful pottery using traditional methods. The roots of pottery in Sri Lanka trace back to ancient times, and traditionally, pottery was functional, with items created for daily use, including cooking pots. Small families are involved in the pottery industry, with practices passed down through generations. These families have a long-standing tradition of pottery-making, where skills are taught from parents to children. If you like, you can try your hand at shaping raw clay using a pottery wheel.



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A Tuk Tuk Ride Through Green Valley In Haputale

Experience the journey of a Tuk Tuk driver by traveling in his vibrant three-wheeler while enjoying the spectacular views of the mountains and tea fields. This small, open three-wheeler allows you to see and feel the breathtaking landscapes in a way that cars or buses cannot, from mist-covered peaks that seem to touch the sky to the endless green carpets of neatly arranged tea plantations. As the Tuk Tuk winds its way through narrow village roads, you'll breathe in the refreshing mountain air, catch the aroma of freshly plucked tea leaves, and hear the gentle hum of daily village life around you.



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Sri Lankan Food Making Demonstration In Haputale

Experience the art of Sri Lankan food making through a live demonstration by a local food expert. Sri Lankan cuisine is simple yet incredibly flavorful, often prepared with fresh, organic ingredients sourced directly from home gardens and local markets. During the session, you'll discover the unique blend of spices, herbs, and cooking techniques that give Sri Lankan food its rich taste and aroma. You can also roll up your sleeves and try your hand at preparing traditional dishes, such as rice and curry, coconut sambol, or hoppers, under the friendly guidance of the cook.



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Tea Pluckers On Tea Field In Dambethenna

You can walk into the beautiful tea fields and observe traditional tea pluckers, witnessing how they expertly pick fresh young green tea leaves each morning. The task of plucking tea is traditionally done by women, who carefully hand-pick the leaves to ensure the highest quality. Hand-plucking allows workers to select only the top two leaves and a bud from the tea plant, which are the freshest, most tender, and flavorful parts. If you prefer, you can also dress in traditional sarees, just like the tea pluckers, and step into the lush, green tea fields to personally try plucking the leaves yourself.



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Tea Workers' Village In Dambethenna

You can walk into Tamil tea workers' villages near the tea fields, strolling around their colorful, quaint houses. Sri Lankan tea workers are primarily Indian Tamils, brought by the British during colonial period to work on plantations. These villages are among the most economically deprived in Sri Lanka. While walking through the village, you may encounter children; offering chocolates or sweets can bring them joy, and witnessing their smiles in response to your kindness is gratifying. There are also many opportunities for portrait photography if you would like to take candid photos of villagers.



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Fishing Village In Negombo

Negombo fishing village is a small, bustling coastal community filled with vibrant fishing activities every morning. At dawn, the beach comes alive as fishermen return with their fresh catches, which are then laid out for sorting, drying, or selling at the lively local fish market. Colorful traditional boats, known as oruwa, dot the shoreline, while fishing nets are spread out to dry under the golden sun, adding to the village's unique charm. The market is especially energetic, with locals haggling over a wide variety of fish, from small sprats to large tuna.



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Fruit And Vegetable Market In Dambulla

Dambulla market is one of Sri Lanka's largest wholesale markets for fresh produce, serving as a hub for vegetables and fruits. Each day, farmers, traders, and suppliers arrive with a variety of goods, filling the marketplace with produce from leafy greens and tomatoes to bananas, mangoes, and other fruits. The market becomes especially active in the morning and evening as trucks loaded with freshly harvested produce line up to unload. This is a candid photo session capturing the market's vibrant atmosphere, focusing on the actions of hard workers and the emotions reflected in their close up faces.



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Stilt Fishermen In Koggala

Experience the traditional fishing method with stilt fishermen by visiting a roadside fishing spot during sunset. Stilt fishermen are a unique sight found along the southern coast of Sri Lanka. This ancient fishing technique involves fishermen sitting on wooden poles, known as stilts, anchored in shallow waters. The fishermen maintain a balanced position on the stilt while casting their lines to catch fish. You can also try this traditional method yourself by sitting on the perched vertical poles with crossbars, using a fishing rod to catch small fish and fully immerse yourself in the experience.



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Scenic Train Journey From Haputale To Nanu Oya

Experience a scenic train journey through the beautiful mountains of tropical Sri Lanka. The views on both sides of the tracks are spectacular, showcasing lush landscapes and vibrant greenery. The train winds through hills, providing glimpses of farms, villages, and vast tea plantations. If you step into third class, you will have the chance to interact with locals who enjoy chatting. Leaning out of the train door provides some of the best views and an exhilarating feeling, but be cautious. Avoid extending your limbs outside the train at the wrong moment, as low-hanging trees and tunnels pose danger.



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Ancient Ruins And Architectural Marvels In Polonnaruwa

Ancient ruins and cultural marvels of Polonnaruwa await you, where centuries-old stone carvings, royal palaces, temples, and statues tell the story of a once-glorious kingdom. Walking through this UNESCO World Heritage Site allows you to explore the timeless craftsmanship and witness the spiritual and cultural legacy left behind by great kings. You can admire the intricately carved Gal Vihara statues, wander among the remains of majestic audience halls and royal gardens, and discover the sophisticated irrigation systems that showcase the intelligence and grand vision of early Sri Lankan civilization.



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Dambulla Cave Temple In Dambulla

The Dambulla Cave Temple is a historic Buddhist temple complex in Sri Lanka. The ancient temple dates back over 2,000 years and is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its cultural and architectural significance. Located atop a large granite rock, it consists of five main caves filled with impressive statues, murals, and religious paintings. The statues include 153 Buddhas, four gods, and three of Sri Lanka's ancient kings, crafted in varying styles and sizes. These artworks depict Buddha's life, historical events, and religious stories, covering walls and ceilings with vibrant, detailed colors.



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Ancient Rock Fortress In Sigiriya

Experience climbing the ancient rock fortress of Sigiriya. This site of historical significance is dominated by a massive granite column approximately 180 meters high. Sigiriya features the ruins of an upper palace on the flat top, a mid level terrace with the Lion Gate and mirror wall frescoes, and lower palaces clinging to the slopes below. As you ascend, you'll encounter beautifully preserved frescoes depicting celestial maidens, providing a glimpse into the artistic talent of the time. The views from the summit offer a unique perspective of the lush jungles and distant mountains, creating a sense of tranquility.

