

Honeymoon Tours Travel Guide

City of Negombo



Negombo is the best location to select for your journey to one of the leisure destinations to Sri Lanka. Negombo is a first beach resorts, located just 37km away from north of the capital, Colombo, and even closer to Sri Lanka's international airport. The gorgeous beaches are the main attraction in Negombo. While being in Negombo you can participate in Water sports activity such as wind surfing, scuba diving, snorkeling and dolphin watching.

For those on the look out to feel the pulse of Negombo there are many places to visit like the Negombo fish market, Negombo temple, lagoon, church, Dutch fort and the city area. One can also have a glimpse of the Hamilton canal which was built by the Dutch. Negombo is a perfect holiday destination with its golden sand beaches and the star class accommodation.

City of Dambulla



Dambulla is a large town, situated in the Matale District, Central Province of Sri Lanka, situated 148 km (92 miles) north-east of Colombo and 72 km (45 miles) north of Kandy. This city is famous for the Dambulla Rock Temple. It is the largest and best preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. The Rock towers 160 m over the surrounding plains. There are more than 80 documented caves in the surrounding. Major attractions are spread over 5 caves. Which contain statues and paintings. This painting and statues are related to Lord Buddha and his life. There are a total of 153 Buddha Statues.

Aluvihara Cave Temple



Aluvihāra Cave Temple is synonymous with the teaching of the Buddha. Aluvihāra rightly assumes its significance in the annals of the history of world Buddhism. It is in this very location that the Tipiṭaka was documented on palm-leaves. "Assembled the priests, who here compared their texts, which were then, or soon afterwards, committed to writing, and form the Banapota or Buddhist Bible. This took place about ninety-two years B.C." "Therefore, to the enlightened Buddhist" says Major Forbes in his work *Eleven years in Ceylon* written in 1840 "This secluded and comparatively unpretending cavern must be of infinitely greater interest than the Temple of the Tooth or Thupārāma itself." Aluvihāra also preserved with it a host of rich literature that had woven around the Tipiṭaka including commentaries

Spice Garden



Visit a spice garden in Matale to see many different types of spices Sri Lanka is famous for. Just 25 km from the hill capital of Kandy, the Matale spice gardens are among the best on the island. You will be introduced to different spices and shown how some of these spices are grown and processed. A processing and training unit has been set up in the area and farmers are grouped in a cooperative to ensure fair prices and you will also be able to purchase spices

Gardens are open to visitors, a delightful place to stroll in fragrant greenery and learn about nutmeg, pepper vines, clove trees and curry, cinnamon and the precious cardamom, a relative of ginger. It grows in the shade of high jungle trees and can only be harvested by hand.

Gadaladeniya Temple



Considered to be the largest temple in Sri Lanka, built of granite, Gadaladeniya is situated on top of a rocky outcrop. Believed to have been built by Ven Dharmakeerthi Thero (14th Century) during the time of King Buwanekabahu IV, the first king of the Gampola era, the temple shows significance influence of Hindu architecture. The image house has a massive wooden doorway that opens in two pieces, preceded by a simple moonstone of vines and lotuses. At the entrance there are two stone pillars, each with another set of pillars which makes up a tri-pillar on each side. Inside the image house, the

countenance of the seated Buddha statue is of 'pride and authority', different from that of the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa eras. The temple grounds also has a stupa, about 40 feet high with four small stupas surrounding, with a roof over it.

Lankatilake Temple



The Lankatilaka Raja Maha Vihara (also known as the Lankatilaka Temple or the Blue Temple), is located in Hiyarapitiya in the Udunuwara area of Kandy, Sri Lanka's hill capital. It was constructed as a four storey building that stood eighty feet high and sits on an uneven rock bed overlooking the Hantane mountain range. The history of Lankatilaka Vihara dates back to the Gampola era and was constructed during that

time under the patronage of King Buwanekabahu IV in 1344 AD.

Embekke Devalaya



the Dawulagala–Ganhatha – Welamboda road about six miles away from Pilimalawa

Embekke Devalaya famed for its elaborate wood carvings, pillars and other structures is a place of religious worship which will make you to feel that no one other than a craftsman possessing dexterity, skills, and talents similar to those of Vishwakarma—the architect of gods— could have accomplished such marvelous creations. This devalaya dedicated to God Kataragama is located at Udunuwara in the Kandy district on

Peradeniya Botanic Gardens



importance to the region. Even after it took on a more botanical emphasis in the 1840s, garden remained a centre for horticultural activities.

Botanical Gardens its rich and varied collections of tropical woody plants. Occupying 59 hectares (146 acres), it has about 4,000 species of plants. The most important specimens of the garden include palms, some of which are planted in impressive avenues. Significant, too, are the collections of orchids, gymnosperms, and flowering trees.

The gardens were founded in 1821 primarily to introduce coffee trees and various other tropical plants of economically

City of Kandy



value. The focal point is the Sri Dalada Maligawa also known as the Temple of the Tooth Relic, where the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha is enshrined. There are many shrines and temples in and around Kandy, where you will see rare paintings, frescoes, wood and stone carvings. Kandy is still the home of the arts and crafts, music and dance and song which flourished under the patronage of the Kandyan Kings.

Kandy is the charming Hill capital of Sri Lanka and the island’s second largest city. At an elevation of 465 meters above sea level, Kandy is located 129 Km North-East of Colombo. Nestling midst low hills. Kandy is the country’s religious and cultural center and a World Heritage City. The city was born in the 14th century and became the capital of the Kandyan kingdom in the 16th century. The Royal City fell to the British in 1815, when the last Kandyan King, Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe was captured.

For Buddhists, Kandy is the sacred city with its prestigious

Nuwara Eliya



Nuwara Eliya is situated 180 km away from Colombo in the Central Highlands of Sri Lanka at around 1,868m above sea level and surrounded by lush tea plantations, with a picturesque landscape and temperate climate. The city is overlooked by Pidurutalagala, the tallest mountain in Sri Lanka. Nuwara Eliya is a cool climate destination; there, the average temperature is 16°C and it falls to 5°C during the months of December to February.

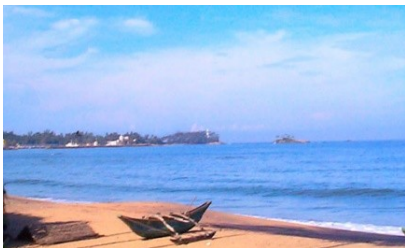
During the season of April, mostly by native travelers, it is visited and is the busiest time of the city. There are many sights to observe in Nuwara Eliya, including Lake Gregory, Queen Victoria Park, Horton Plains, and an array of waterfalls. Exceptionally, you can play golf on the 18-hole course, which is one of the best in Asia.

Kitulgala



Kitulgala is a small town in the west of Sri Lanka. It is in the wet zone rain forest, which gets two monsoons each year, and is one of the wettest places in the country. Nevertheless, it comes alive in the first three months of the year, especially in February, the driest month. Kitulgala is also a base for white-water rafting, which starts a few kilometres upstream and is also popular as a location for adventure-based training programs.

Beruwala



The town of Beruwala is located in the Kalutara District in the Western Province of Sri Lanka. Beruwala has everything from the tropical weather with perfect holiday spots to seaside resorts and attractive beaches. Apart from these attractions, Beruwala is famous for Ayurvedic treatments as almost all the hotels provide special herbal massages and steam baths. So, let's take a tour to Beruwala and discover its beauties.

Mount Lavinia



A suburban city of the capital state, Colombo, Mount Lavinia is a tourist hotspot in Sri Lanka. Here, you can take a long stroll along the beach and go for a quick bite in the city centre. This bustling city is well known for its beach activities and vibrant nightlife. Also, it has a number of chilled-out dining places perfect for getting together.