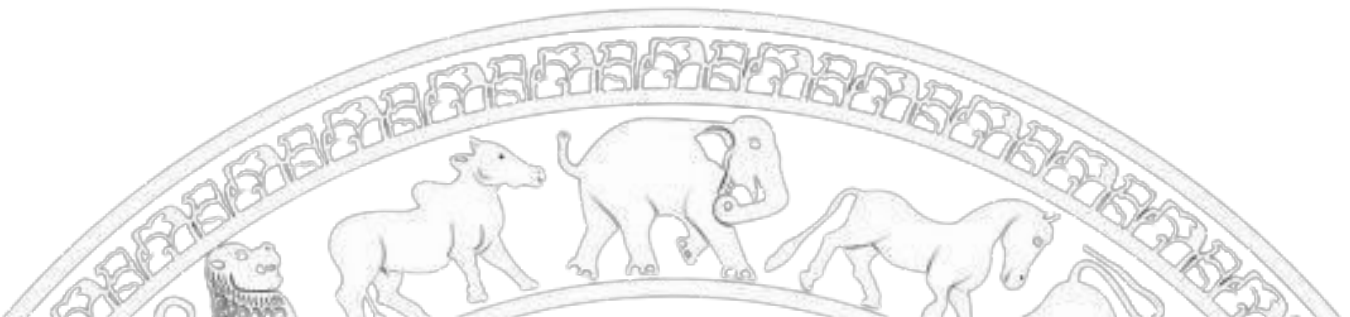


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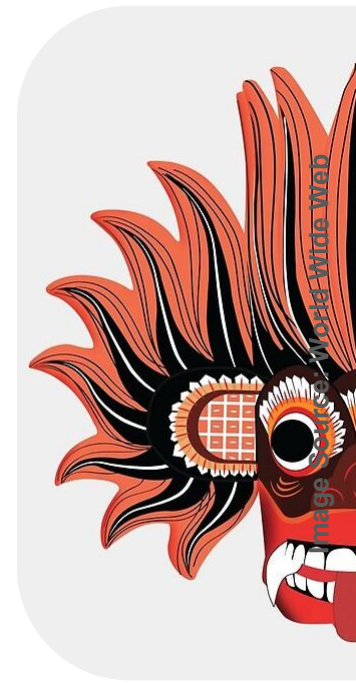
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Hey there, fellow SANH colleagues!

Welcome to the breathtaking island of Sri Lanka! We're thrilled to have you here, and we hope you're ready for an unforgettable adventure in the charming city of Kandy.

Kandy is a treasure trove of culture and natural beauty. During your spare time here at Peradeniya, be sure to explore the iconic Temple of the Tooth, where Sri Lanka's rich history and spirituality come alive. Stroll through the lush Peradeniya Botanical Gardens, a paradise for nature lovers.

Don't miss the mesmerizing Kandyan dance performances and indulge in delicious local cuisine. And of course, an exploration through University of Peradeniya where beauty meets history, is a must!

Your journey here promises to be one for the books. Enjoy every moment, make memories, and soak in the beauty of Kandy.

Safe travels and enjoy your stay.

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A Glimpse of **KANDY**



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Kandy, nestled in the heart of Sri Lanka, is a charming city that enchants with its lush greenery, historic temples, and warm hospitality. Known as the cultural capital, it's a must-visit destination offering a taste of both tradition and natural beauty.



The Temple of The Sacred Tooth Relic

Where tranquility meets spirituality, and hearts find inner peace.

The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a buddhist place of worship where the sacred tooth relic - the left Canine tooth of Gautama Buddha is enshrined. The first temple which housed the sacred tooth relic in Kandy was built by King Wimaladharmasuriya the first (1592 - 1604). Later King Sri Weera Parakrama Narendrasinghe (1707 - 1739) built the two storeid Dalada Madura which one can see today. The temple was finely renovated by King Keerthi Sri Rajasinghe (1798 - 1815) to its present appearance with the addition of Paththirippuwa or the Octagonal Pavilion. In 1988 the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic was named as a world heritage by **UNESCO**.

Natha, Vishnu, Kataragama, and Paththini temples are located surrounding the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

The museums in the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic

- International Buddhist Museum
- Dalada Museum
- Raja Tusker Museum
- Royal Palace Archeological Museum (closed on Tuesdays)

Location - [Click here](#)

Opening hours -

The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic - 5.30 AM to 8PM

All the museums - 8.00 AM to 7.00 PM

Suggested Duration - 1-2 hours

Special notes -

You should remove your footwear and dress modestly with shoulders and knees covered. Taking a pair of socks can be handy since the climb barefoot can be intense with the heat.

Pooja Timings -

Early morning: 5.30 a.m. to 7.00 a.m.

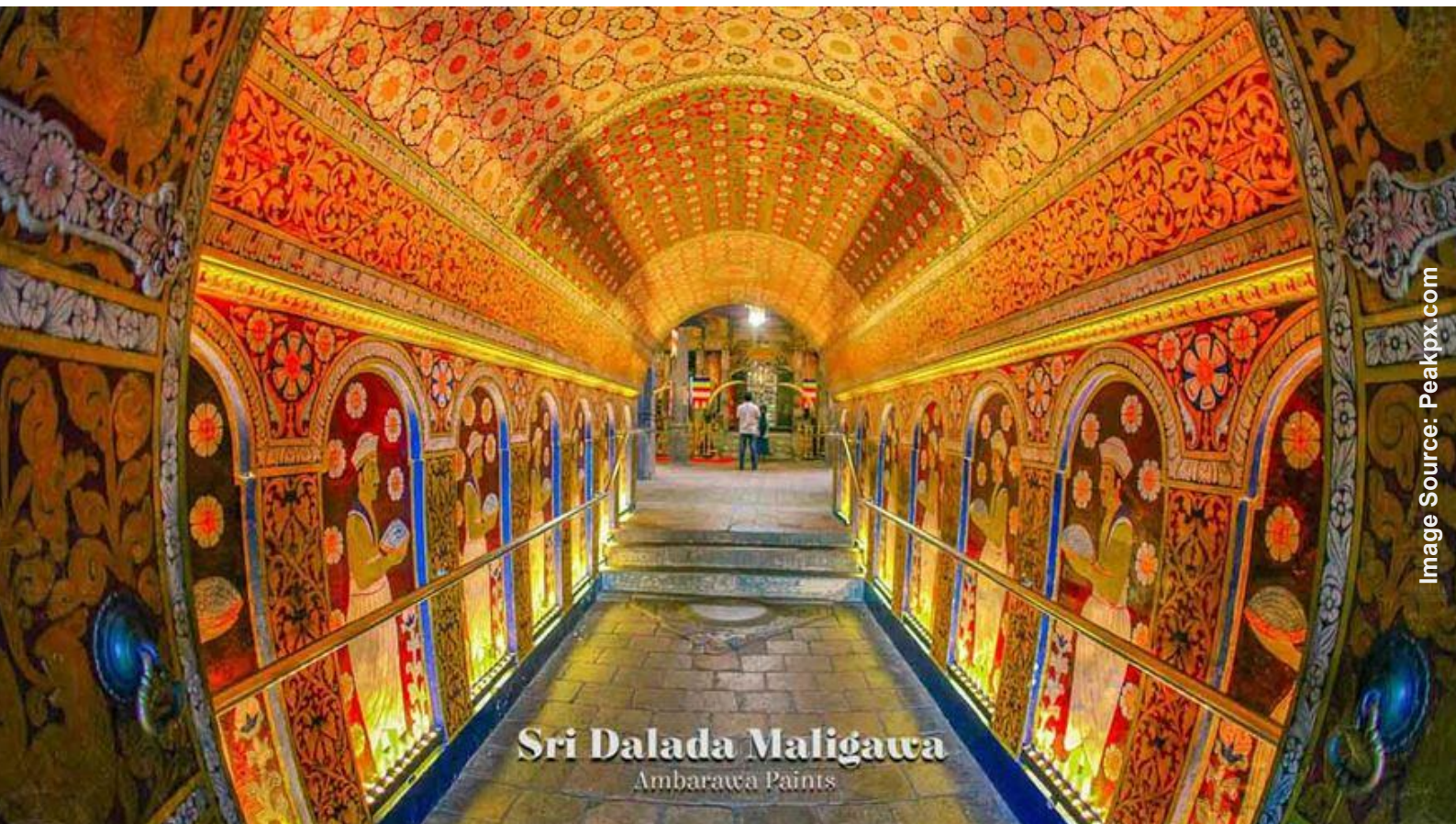
Morning: 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

Evening: 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Entrance Fees -

Category	Fee
Non-SAARC foreign adult	2000 LKR
Non-SAARC foreign children	Free Entry
SAARC foreign adult	1500 LKR
Thailand & Myanmar adult	1500 LKR
Thailand & Myanmar Children	Free Entry
SAARC foreign children	Free Entry
Local adults	Free Entry
Local children	Free Entry
All infant and toddler	Free Entry

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The Royal Botanic Gardens

Peradeniya: Where Nature's Beauty Reigns Supreme.

The Royal Botanic Gardens Peradeniya runs as far back as 1371 during King Wickramabahu III's reign. Later, King Kirthi-Sri Rajasinghe from 1747 to 1780 this was made a Royal Garden. The current Botanic Gardens were formed by Mr. Alexander Moon in 1821 six years after the final conquest of the Kandyan Kingdom.

- **Extent:** 147 acres
- **Species under cultivation :** Over 4000 species including orchids, spices, medicinal plants, palm/woody trees
- **Annual visitor turnout:** 1.2 million
- Attached to it is the "National Herbarium of Sri Lanka"

Location - [Click here](#)

Opening hours - 7.30 AM to 5PM

Suggested duration - 2-3 hours

Entrance Fees -

Category	Fee
Sri Lankans	
Adults and children over twelve (12) years of Age	200 LKR
Children below twelve (12) years of Age and school children	30 LKR
Senior citizens (age above 60 years) on producing National Identity Card	50 LKR
Foreigners	
Adults and children over twelve (12) years of Age	3,000 LKR
Children below twelve (12) years of Age and school children	1,500 LKR
School Children & University students (Upon producing of Satisfactory proof of the same to the curator of the Botanic Gardens)	2,000 LKR

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The Nelligala International Buddhist Centre

Discover Nature's Beauty at Hanthana Bird Park.

The Nelligala International Buddhist Center welcomes visitors of diverse faiths, offering an oasis of peace and tranquility. The golden Buddha statues against the azure sky create a stunning visual contrast. This sacred site houses relics of Lord Buddha, and its wheelchair-accessible facilities ensure a comfortable pilgrimage. Just a short drive from Kandy city, it beckons seekers of serenity.

Distance from Kandy - 12.3 KM

Location - [Click here](#)

Special notes -

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The Bahiravakanda Viharaya

Sri Lanka's Serene Mountain Oasis.

The Bahiravakanda Buddha Statue which was built in 1972 is in the seated Nirvana pose. It can be seen from the entire city of Kandy. The statue is located alongside the Sri Maha Bodhi Temple which is on the top of the Bahirawa Kanda hill. It stands at 88 feet in height and is one of the biggest Buddha statues in Sri Lanka. The hill gives a panoramic view of the City of Kandy.

Special notes -

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Location - [Click here](#)

Opening hours - 24hrs

Best time to visit - Night

The entrance fee for Foreign Nationals - Rs.250/-.

Suggested Duration - 1-2 hours

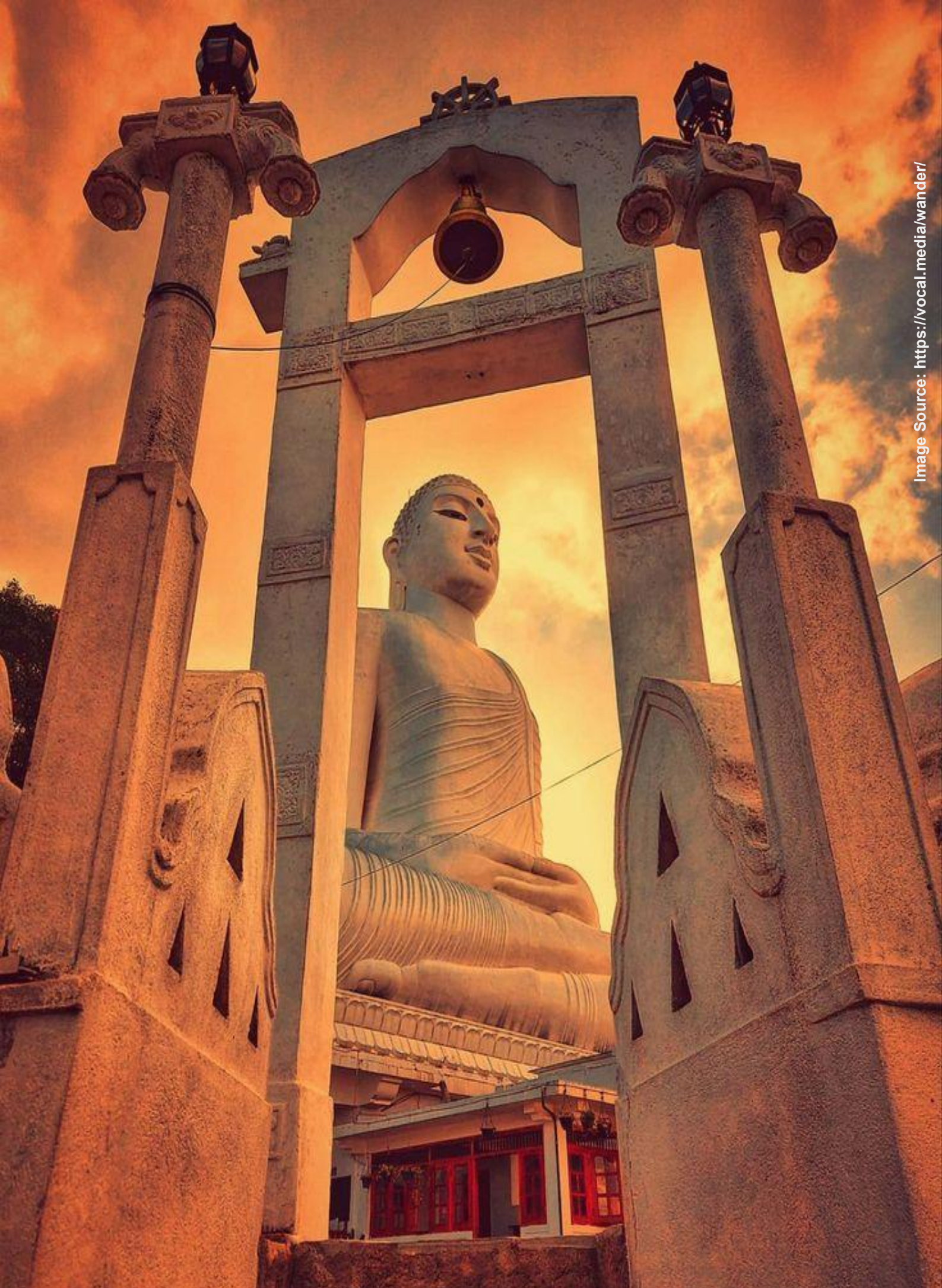




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The Udawattakele Sanctuary

Where Nature's Secrets Await Your Discovery.

Udawattakele Forest Reserve is a historic forest reserve on a hill-ridge in the city of Kandy which spreads over 257 acres. The sanctuary is famous for its extensive avifauna. Being easily accessible and containing a variety of flora and fauna the forest has a great educational and recreational value. Udawattakele was designated as a forest reserve in 1856, and it became a sanctuary in 1938. The forest is of religious importance as there are three Buddhist meditation hermitages and three rock shelter dwellings for Buddhist monk hermits.

Location - [Click here](#)

Open hours - 08:00 AM to 06:00 PM

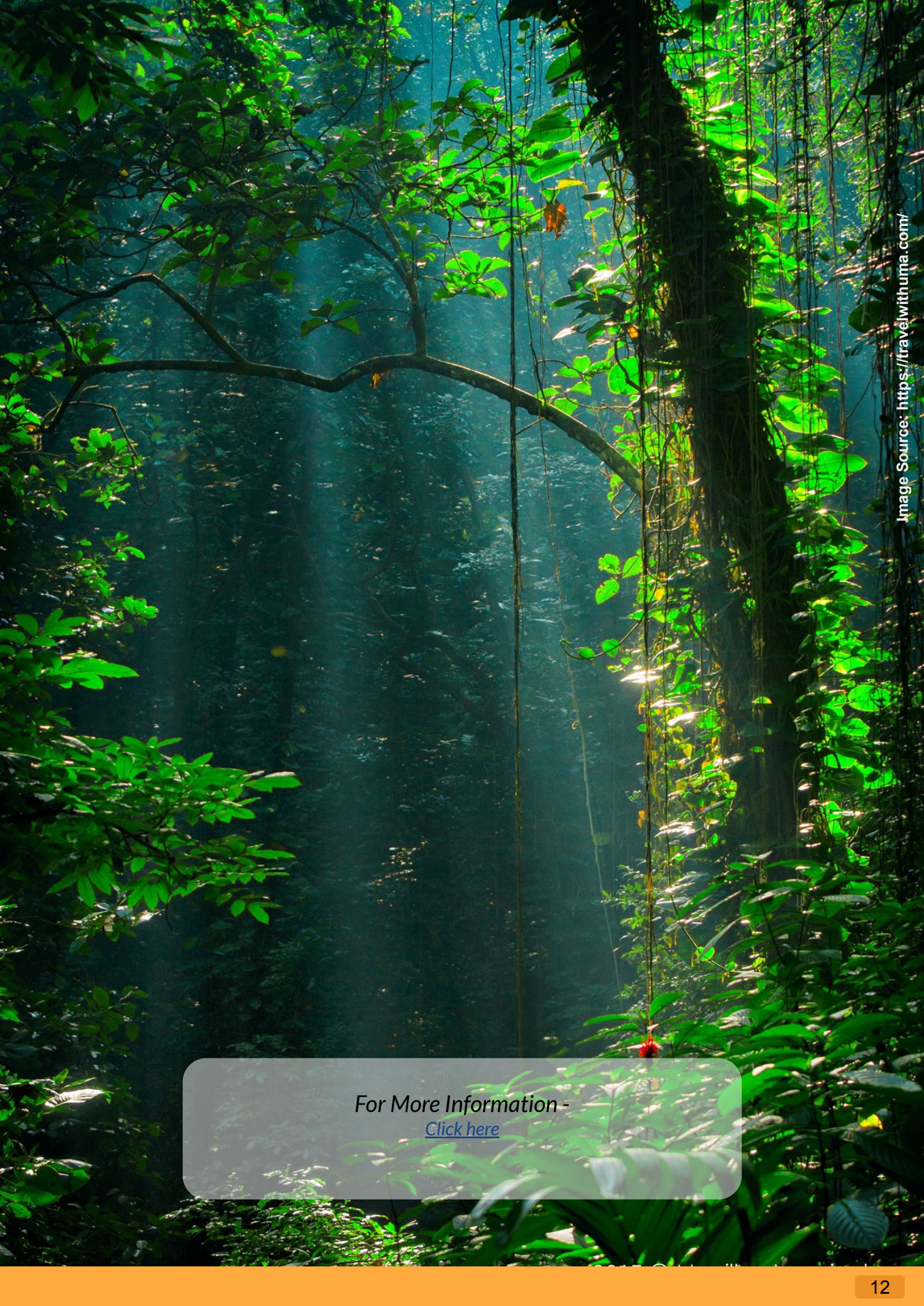
Ticket Prices - 900 LKR for foreigners and 70 LKR for locals

Best time to visit -

08:00 AM to 11:00 AM

The last ticket is issued at 4.30 AM

A special arrangement can be made to enter the sanctuary as early as 6.00 AM



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The Hanthana International Bird Park

Discover Nature's Beauty at Hanthana Bird Park.

The Bird Park is located in Hanthana. It is home to over 100 bird species, many of which are native to the island including the Sri Lanka Spurfowl, the Sri Lanka Junglefowl, and the Yellow-fronted Barbet. The park covers an area of about 4 acres. In addition to the birds, the park also has a variety of other animals, including monkeys, turtles, and rabbits. There is also a small gift shop where visitors can purchase souvenirs and gifts.

Location - [Click here](#)

Opening days and hours - Tuesday to Sunday 9:00 am to 6.00 pm.

Entrance Fees -

Category	Fee
	Local
Local Adults	600 LKR
Local Kids (4-12 year)	400 LKR
	Foreign
Foreign Nationals	2,000 LKR
Foreign Kids (4-12 year)	1,000 LKR



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Image Source: Facebook Page, Hanthana Birds Park



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The University of Peradeniya

Where knowledge blossoms, and beauty blooms in every corner.

The University of Peradeniya, nestled in the lush heartland of Sri Lanka, stands as an iconic institution of higher learning. Established in 1942, it boasts a rich history and an enduring commitment to academic excellence. Its sprawling campus, spanning over 700 acres, is a haven of natural beauty, featuring manicured gardens, serene lakes, and majestic trees. As the oldest university in Sri Lanka, it has consistently been a pioneer in education and research. With a diverse student body and a wide range of academic programs, Peradeniya offers a vibrant and inclusive learning environment. It is not just a university; it's a harmonious blend of heritage and innovation.

Location - [Click here](#)

Distance from Kandy - 7.2 KM

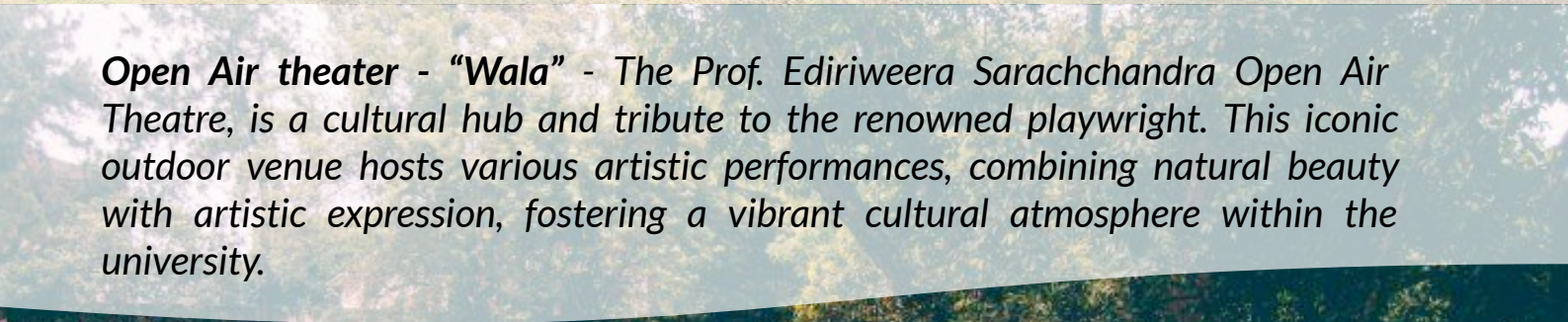


Inside Senate - The Administrative Building



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Polonnaruwa - Named under the second kingdom of ancient Ceylon, this place consist of a collection of rock carvings which depicts the artistic history of Sri Lanka.



Open Air theater - "Wala" - The Prof. Ediriweera Sarachchandra Open Air Theatre, is a cultural hub and tribute to the renowned playwright. This iconic outdoor venue hosts various artistic performances, combining natural beauty with artistic expression, fostering a vibrant cultural atmosphere within the university.

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Akbar Bridge - Built during the British colonial era, it combines classic British design with a touch of Mughal inspiration, featuring ornate arches and intricate stonework. The bridge spans gracefully over the Mahaweli River, adding to the natural beauty of the university's surroundings. As both a functional structure and a symbol of the university's historical significance, the Akbar Bridge is a cherished part of Peradeniya landscape.

Blooming Season - The blooming season at Peradeniya University is a breathtaking spectacle. Each year, during May - June period the campus bursts into vibrant colors, especially yellow. This enchanting display of nature's beauty attracts visitors from near and far, offering a sensory feast and a serene escape from everyday life.



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Shops within University of Peradeniya

Dining Options

The Kiosk

Food Option - Sri Lankan/Chinese

Location - [Click here](#)

Grocery Items Shopping

The Co-op Shop

Location - Near WUS Building

The RASAMUSU

Food Option - Local Food

Location - [Click here](#)



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Food Options around Peradeniya



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Cafe, American, Fast
Food, Asian, Sri
Lankan



Thalappakatti
Tamil/ Indian



Pizza Hut



XIANG YUN
Chinese



Oak Ray
Sri Lankan/ Indian



WorldSpice
Indian/Italian/Sri
Lankan/Chinese/Thai

Easiest Ways to Travel

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Places for Souvenir Shopping



Spa Ceylon: a renowned wellness brand that embodies the essence of Sri Lanka's ancient healing traditions. With a commitment to pure, natural ingredients and sustainable practices, Spa Ceylon offers a luxurious range of skincare, spa, and wellness products that transport you to a world of relaxation and rejuvenation.

Info: [Click here](#)



The Ceylon Tea Museum: nestled in the picturesque town of Kandy, Sri Lanka, is a captivating tribute to the nation's rich tea heritage. Housed in a former tea factory, it offers visitors a fascinating journey through the history, cultivation, and production of world-renowned Ceylon tea, amidst stunning scenic vistas.

Info: [Click here](#)



Jayamali Batik: a renowned Sri Lankan brand celebrated for its exquisite handcrafted batik textiles. Established with a passion for preserving traditional artistry, Jayamali Batik merges contemporary design with the rich heritage of batik craftsmanship. Their creations showcase vibrant colors and intricate patterns, reflecting the essence of Sri Lankan culture.

Info: [Click here](#)



Earthbound Creations: creative studio specializing in handmade artisanal goods. With a passion for sustainability, they craft unique items inspired by nature. Their products, ranging from jewelry to home decor, reflect a commitment to eco-friendly practices, preserving the beauty of planet in every creation.

Info: [Click here](#)



Main Market: this is a good idea if you're looking for locally manufactured products. You can find a selection of handicrafts, spices, fresh fruits, and vegetables in this bustling market space. You could stop by on the way for some traditional Sri Lankan cuisine as there are quite a few restaurants en route.

Info: [Click here](#)

Important Contact Details: Hospitals.

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Important Contact Details

Segment	Contact Number
Tourist Police - Kandy	+94 81 383 7392 Location - Click here
Local Police Station - Peradeniya	+94 812 388 222 Location - Click here
Grocery Shopping	Keells Super +94 812 205 145 Location - Click here
	Cargills Food City +94 812 387 287 Location - Click here
Ambulance Service - Suwa Seriya	1990 For More Information - Click here



Thank you for exploring our travel guide! We genuinely hope you find the time to visit these wonderful places during your stay.

Kandy's unique charm lies not only in its attractions but also in the warm Kandyan hospitality. We encourage you to embrace the local culture, savor the flavors, and connect with the friendly people here.

Wishing you success in your endeavors. May your time in Kandy be filled with enriching experiences and lasting memories.

Enjoy every moment!

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