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**KANDY CITY TOUR**



## ABOUT THE TOUR GUIDE

Saman Weeratunga is a professional travel photographer and videographer based in Kandy, Sri Lanka. He guides photography tours in Sri Lanka for beginners, enthusiasts, and professionals. He specializes in people photography in Sri Lanka, cultural photography tours, and travel photography experiences across the island, helping photographers capture authentic moments of local life and traditions. With international travel experience across Switzerland, Austria, France, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Kenya, Czech Republic, Singapore, and Malaysia, he brings strong creative insight and global photography knowledge to every Sri Lanka photography tour. Saman has deep local knowledge and strong connections with local communities in Sri Lanka, allowing him to guide you around the country and help you experience the real lifestyle, culture, and daily life of local people. If you are interested in photography, he will also guide you step by step in camera settings, composition, lighting techniques, and creative storytelling. He can also take beautiful photos of you with local people, cultural attractions, scenic location across the country.



**MODE OF TRANSPORT – A MODERN SEDAN CAR**



# SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

## NELLIGALA BUDDHIST CENTRE

The temple has become a popular religious and tourist destination because of its calm atmosphere, modern architecture, and breathtaking panoramic views of the central highlands of Sri Lanka. The temple was developed as an international Buddhist center to promote Buddhist teachings, meditation, and religious harmony. Over the years, it has expanded into a large religious complex with beautifully designed buildings, prayer halls, meditation areas, and impressive statues. One of the most remarkable experiences at Nelligala is the panoramic scenery visible from the mountain.



# SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

## CULTURAL DANCE SHOW

The dance show is a vibrant, colorful stage performance that showcases traditional Kandyan dancing, drumming, and cultural rituals of Sri Lanka. There are three main traditional dance styles in Sri Lanka: Kandyan dancing from the hill country, known for energetic movements and drumming; Low Country dancing from the southern coastal areas, famous for mask and ritual dances and Sabaragamuwa dancing from the Sabaragamuwa Province region. The fire walking segment at the end of the show is especially thrilling and leaves a strong impression on audiences.



# SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

## BAHIRAWAKANDA BUDDHA STATUE

The Bahirawakanda Buddha statue is one of the tallest Buddha statues in Sri Lanka, standing high above Kandy city and visible from many parts of the city. The massive seated Buddha statue at Sri Maha Bodhi Temple on Bahirawakanda Hill was constructed in the late 20th century as a religious and cultural project to promote Buddhism. The 88 foot high Buddha Statue is shown in a seated meditation posture, symbolizing peace and compassion. You can also climb up to the shoulder level of the statue, where an amazing viewpoint offers breathtaking panoramic views of Kandy city.



# SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

## TEMPLE OF THE SACRED TOOTH RELIC

The temple of the tooth is one of the most sacred Buddhist sites in Sri Lanka, housing the tooth relic of Gautama Buddha. The history of the temple dates back to the 4th century AD, when the relic was brought to Sri Lanka from India and became a symbol of authority, as it was believed that whoever possessed the relic had the right to rule. Today, it remains an active place of worship, where daily rituals are performed, and it is also the focal point of the Esala Perahera, a procession that honors the sacred tooth relic with traditional dancers, drummers, decorated elephants and whip crackers.



# SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

## ARTHUR'S SEAT VIEW POINT

The viewpoint offers a breathtaking panoramic view of Kandy and is a favorite spot for travelers, where you can see the beautiful Kandy lake, the historic temple of the sacred tooth relic area, busy city streets, and the huge Bahirawakanda Buddha Statue. The area became popular during the British colonial period when hill roads and residential neighborhoods were developed around Kandy. Because of its naturally elevated location, the site gradually turned into a public viewpoint where people could stop and admire the scenery of Sri Lanka's hill capital.



## SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

### GIRAGAMA TEA FACTORY

Visiting a tea factory, visitors can learn the full tea manufacturing process, starting from freshly plucked green leaves brought from nearby plantations to the final graded product ready for export. The process typically includes withering, rolling, oxidation, drying, and sorting, with each stage carefully controlled to develop the tea's flavor and aroma. This guided tour is led by knowledgeable staff and is followed by a tea tasting session, where guests can sample freshly brewed Ceylon tea, and it is also possible to buy fresh, factory-made Ceylon tea directly from the factory outlet shop.

# KANDY CITY TOUR ITINERARY

## **LOCATION 01 - 5.30 AM**

Temple Of The Sacred Tooth Relic (Ritual Time)

## **BREAKFAST - 7.30 AM**

## **LOCATION 02 - 8.30 AM**

Arthur's Seat View Point

## **LOCATION 03 - 8.45 AM**

Bahirawakanda Buddha Statue

## **LOCATION 04 - 11.00 AM**

Nelligala Buddhist Centre

## **LOCATION 05 - 12.15 PM**

Giragama Tea Factory

## **LUNCH - 2.00 PM**

## **LOCATION 06 - 4.30 PM**

Cultural Dance Show



# KANDY CITY TOUR COST DETAILS

## COST PER PERSON

Total city tour cost US\$ **60** for one day (from 5.15 am to 6.15 pm)

\*\*\*\* Maximum **3** participants

## INCLUDES

Air Conditioned Private Transport

Photography Guide Service Fee

## EXCLUDES

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Beverages

Entrance Tickets For Cultural Dance Show

Entrance Tickets For Temple Of The Sacred Tooth Relic

Entrance Tickets For Bahirawakanda Buddha Statue

Tips & Other Similar Charges (If Any)

## FOODS AND BEVERAGE COST

Our tour cost does not include breakfast, lunch, dinner, beverages, or any other food. We will recommend good restaurants close to the visiting locations. Food costs are not included as they are variable, and we also prefer to give guests the freedom to choose meals according to their own preferences.

# KANDY CITY TRAVEL TIPS

When visiting Buddhist or Hindu temples, cover your legs and shoulders, and remove your shoes and hats. Thick socks can help protect your feet from hot sand. Never pose with your back to Buddha statues when taking photos, as it is considered highly disrespectful in Sri Lankan culture. Always face the statue respectfully.

Flying drones is prohibited in the Kandy metropolitan area. Special permission is required from the civil aviation authority and Sri Lanka police to fly drones outside the Kandy metropolitan area.

Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted, but American Express may not be accepted everywhere. Small shops may not accept credit cards, so keep some Sri Lankan rupees on hand for small purchases and local restaurants.

