

POSSIBLE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN SRILANKA

Second ISRM Commission Conference on Estimation of Rock Mass Strength and Deformability to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka on July 10, 2026

"Is Sri Lanka worth visiting?", **it is most definitely so!** Sri Lanka is one of the most beautiful countries in the world.



COLOMBO

There are so many **things to do in Colombo**, may it be cultural, tradition, or food! With a population of over 5-6 million residents, Colombo is a huge cosmopolitan city with significant changes seen over the past few years.



GANGARAMAYA TEMPLE [COLOMBO]

The **Buddhist temple** Gangaramaya (Vihara) consists of several buildings and is a bustling temple complex filled with an enormous number of things.



St Anthony's Shrine, Colombo

This **Roman Catholic church** is often crammed with locals who come to pray or leave offerings to its holy relic. People of many different faiths worship at the site; this is because St Anthony is believed to be a 'miracle worker' by the local community.



TEMPLE OF SRI KAILAWASANATHAN SWAMI DEVASTHANAM KOVIL [COLOMBO]

Also called Captain's Garden Kovil, this is Colombo's oldest **Hindu Temple**.



Jami-Ul-Alfar Mosque

One of the **oldest mosques** in the city, Jami Ul-Alfar dates back to 1909 and features some gorgeous architecture that draws on lots of different styles.



BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL BUILDINGS IN THE FORT AREA [COLOMBO]

All around downtown Colombo 1, in the Fort Area, there are stunning monumental buildings dating back to the Dutch and British era of Sri Lanka.



Independence Memorial Hall

Built between 1949 and 1953, Independence Memorial Hall was erected to commemorate the country's independence.



Galle Face Green [Colombo]

A beautiful stretch of open space sandwiched between the bustling Galle road and the Indian Ocean.



National Museum of Colombo

Established during 1877, this is the biggest museum in the island nation and is undoubtedly the pride of Sri Lanka.



Colombo Lotus Tower

One of the most unique structures in Colombo, the Lotus Tower is nearly 350 meters tall and towers over Slave Island.



Old Dutch Hospital [Colombo]

Established in the 17th century, the Old Dutch Hospital is one of the oldest and most well-preserved buildings in Colombo. Although the building served many different purposes over the years, it has now been turned into a shopping center.



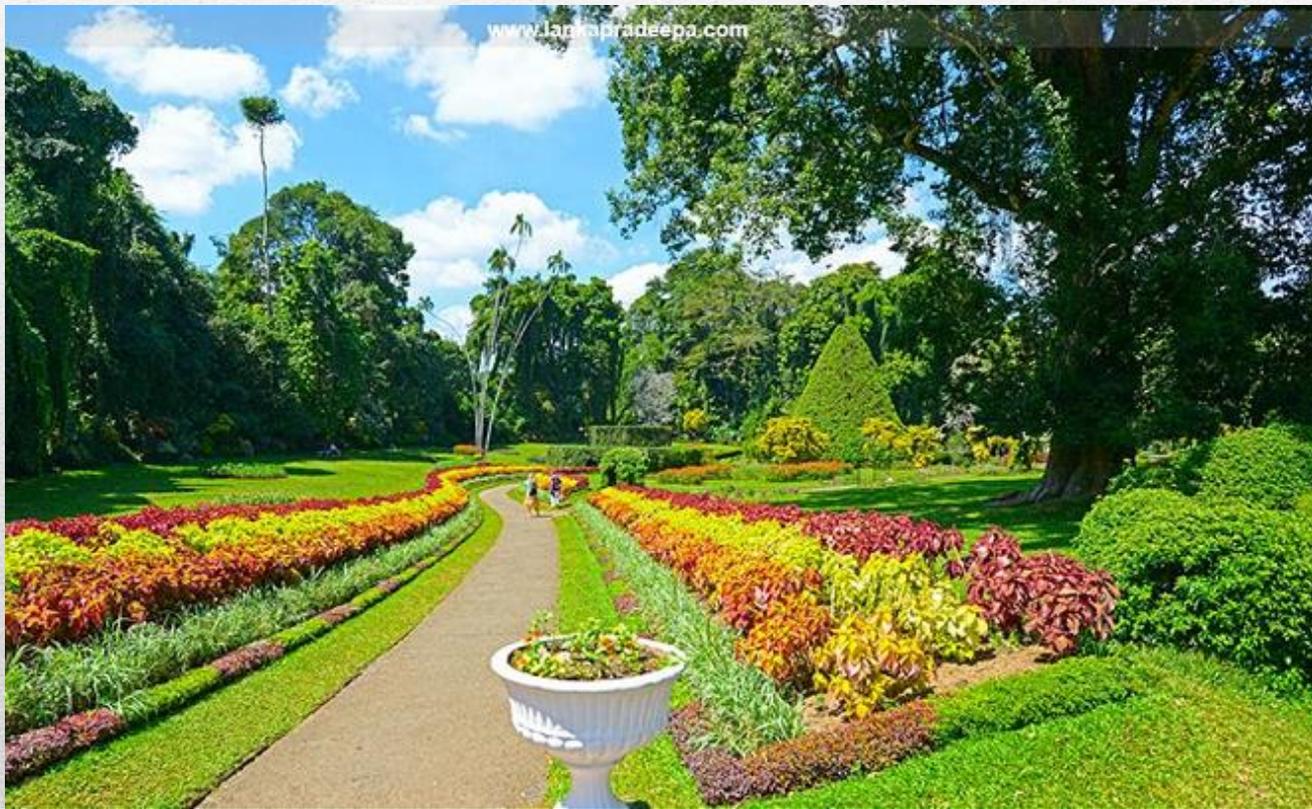
PINNAWALA ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE – Rabukkana KANDY

Known for its Elephant orphanage, Pinnawala has earned its fame among all the travelers that are paying a visit to Sri Lanka.



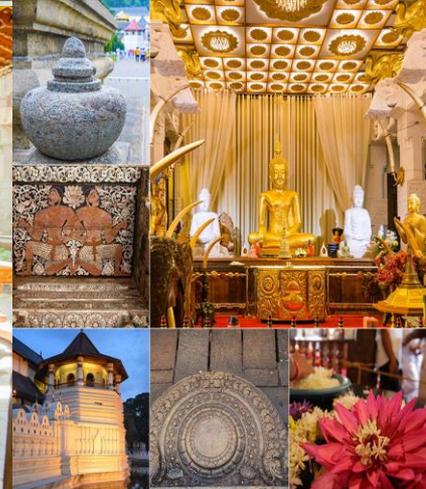
Royal Botanical Garden –Peradeniya KANDY

The Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens is not just a garden with pretty flora and a landscape. Its history dates back to 1371 it is a place that is not be missed if you are around Kandy.



Sri Dalada Maligawa -KANDY

The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic or Sri Dalada Maligawa, is a Buddhist temple in Kandy, Sri Lanka.



NUWARA ELIYA

Nuwara Eliya, nicknamed the “Little England” of Sri Lanka **for its chilly climate and colonial style bungalows.** The town of Nuwara Eliya is mostly famous **for the tea production in Sri Lanka.** Apart from the tea plantations; Horton Plains National Park, Gregory Lake, and Sita Temple are some of the popular places to see in the town.



Water Falls in Sri Lanka – Bakers Falls

Baker's Falls is a famous waterfall in Sri Lanka. It is located in the Horton Plains National Park.



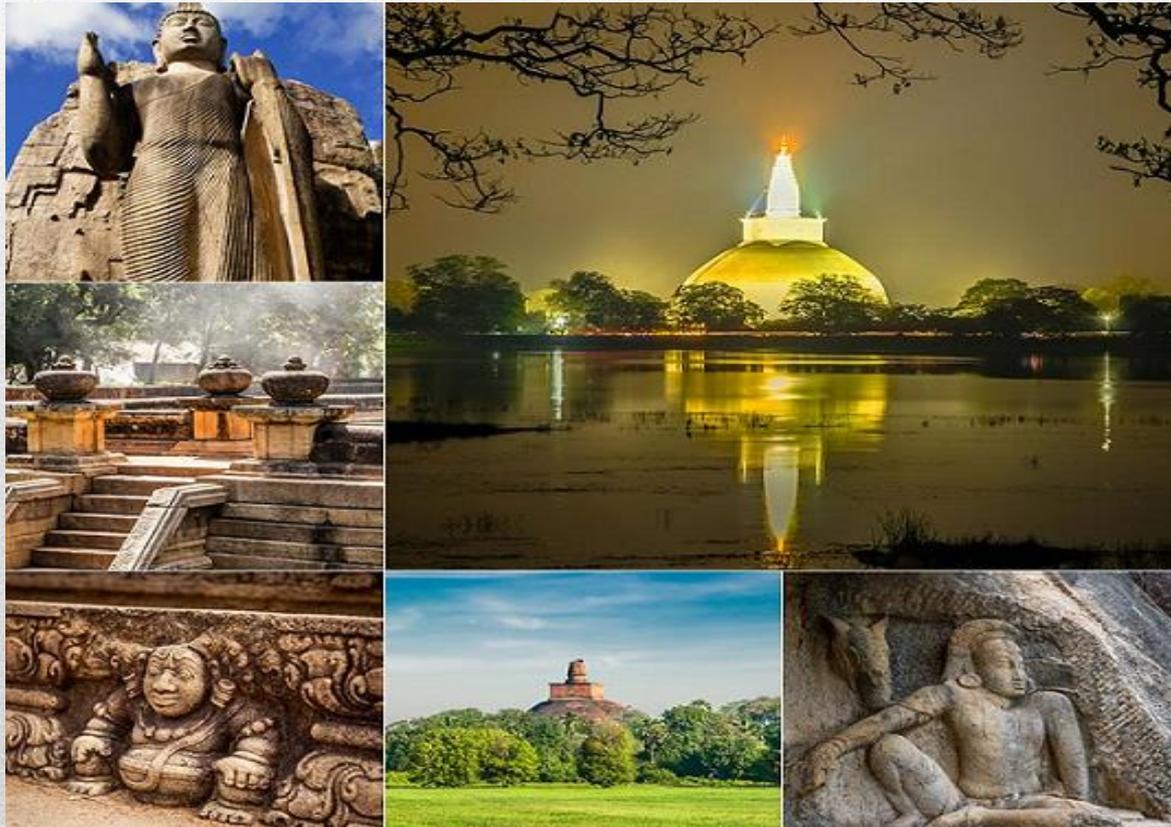
Sigiriya and Dambulla

Sigiriya, an ancient palace, was once nominated as the 8th wonder of the world.. It is home to an ancient cave Temple also known as the Golden Rock Temple.



Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa - Sri Lanka's Ancient Capitals

Anuradhapura has been Sri Lanka's capital for about one thousand years, starting from 380 BC, when Buddhism was making its appearance into the country.



Polonnaruwa the city that has been Sri Lanka's second capital for three centuries. Being far less ancient, here the ruins are better preserved.



JAFFNA

Jaffna is one of the most beautiful towns located right on the northern tip of Sri Lanka.



HIKKADUWA

Hikkaduwa is popular among travelers for its **natural magnetism**: sea with crystal clear beaches, coral garden, and hot sun are few to give some examples.



GALLE

Galle is a city on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka. It's known for Galle Fort, the fortified old city founded by Portuguese colonists in the 16th century.

