

KANDY

*One day tour*  
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# Kandy One-Day Tour Itinerary

**6:00 AM** – Departure from Colombo  
Early morning pick-up from hotel.

Scenic drive through lush countryside and tea plantations (-3.5 hrs).  
Optional: Stop at Kadugannawa viewpoint for breathtaking sunrise views.

**8:30 AM** – Breakfast Stop at a Local Restaurant  
Enjoy a traditional Sri Lankan breakfast (Milk rice, string hoppers, or a Western meal).  
**9:30 AM** – Visit the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage (Optional)  
Observe rescued elephants, including baby elephants being fed.  
Enjoy watching them bathe in the river.  
Alternative: Visit the Millennium Elephant Foundation for an ethical elephant experience.

**11:30 AM** – **Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens** 🌿  
One of the largest botanical gardens in Asia.  
Home to 4,000+ plant species, including orchids, spice plants, and towering palm avenues.  
Ideal for nature lovers and photography.

**1:00 PM** – Lunch in Kandy  
Enjoy an authentic Sri Lankan rice and curry meal or an international dish at a lake-view restaurant.  
Recommended spots: Balaji Dosai (for vegetarian), The Empire Café, or Helga's Folly (for unique ambiance).

**2:00 PM** – **Visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa)**  
The most sacred Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka, home to the tooth relic of Lord Buddha.  
Witness Buddhist rituals and learn about the temple's history.

**3:00 PM** – **Explore Kandy City & Kandy Lake**  
Walk around the scenic Kandy Lake.  
Visit the Kandy Viewpoint for a panoramic city view.  
Explore the local markets for souvenirs like tea, gems, and handicrafts.

**4:00 PM** – **Cultural Dance Show (Optional)**  
Experience traditional Sri Lankan dance performances, including fire-walking acts.  
Venue: Kandyan Art Association & Cultural Centre.

**5:00 PM** – **Visit a Tea Factory & Spice Garden**  
Learn about Ceylon tea production at a tea estate.  
Visit a spice garden in Mawanella to see how cinnamon, vanilla, and cardamom are grown.

**6:00 PM** – **Drive Back to Colombo**  
Relaxing drive through scenic landscapes.  
Optional dinner stop en route.

**9:30 – 10:00 PM** – Drop-off at Your Hotel

**Pick up from your hotel in Colombo En route, visit the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, where you can observe the care of wild Asian elephants, an unforgettable experience of these majestic creatures.**

## ***PINNAWALA ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE***



The Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage was established in 1975 to care for orphaned and injured elephants. It's managed by the Department of Wildlife Conservation in Sri Lanka and aims to provide these majestic animals with food, shelter, and medical care. It's also a breeding center, and today, it's home to one of the largest herds of captive elephants in the world

### Key Highlights

**Elephant Herds:** Witness herds of elephants, ranging from newborns to adults, roaming freely.

**Feeding Time:** Visitors can observe or even participate in feeding milk to baby elephants using bottles.

**Morning Feeding:** 9:15 AM

**Afternoon Feeding:** 1:15 PM

**Bathing in the River:** Elephants are taken to the nearby Ma Oya Riverto bathe twice a day.

**Bathing Schedule:**

**Morning:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Afternoon:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

### Visiting Information

**Opening Hours:**

**Daily:** 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

**Entrance Fees:**

**Sri Lankans:** LKR 200-500

**Foreigners:** USD 20-30

**Best Time to Visit:**

Mornings are ideal for watching both feeding and bathing.

### Tips for Visitors

- Arrive early to enjoy both feeding and bathing sessions.
- Wear comfortable clothing and sunscreen as it can get quite warm.
- Photography is allowed, but respect the animals' space.
- Consider supporting conservation efforts by purchasing from the souvenir shop.



## **DALADA MALIGAWA**

Then you will visit The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, which is a world-renowned centre of worship that houses Gautama Buddha's left Canine tooth.

The temple is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built during the reign of King Vimaladharmasuriya I in the late 16th century. The relic is believed to hold great spiritual and political significance, as it was historically seen as a symbol of the right to rule Sri Lanka.



### **Visiting Information**

#### **Opening Hours:**

**Daily: 5:30 AM to 8:00 PM**

#### **Entrance Fees:**

**Sri Lankans: LKR 150-300**

**Foreigners: ~USD 10**

**Discounts for children, students, and Buddhist monks.**

#### **Dress Code:**

**Modest attire is required (shoulders and knees must be covered).**

**Sarongs are available for rent.**

## ***Kandy city tour***

### **Kandy Lake**

Kandy Lake, also known as Kiri Muhuda or the Sea of Milk, is a picturesque man-made lake located in the heart of Kandy city. It was built in 1807 by King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe, the last king of the Kandyan Kingdom, and is now one of Kandy's most iconic landmarks





## **BOTANICAL GARDENS**

### Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens

- Location: Peradeniya, near Kandy (~6 km from Kandy city)
- Size: ~147 acres
- Famous For:
  - Over 4,000 species of plants, including orchids, palms, spices, and medicinal plants.
  - The Avenue of Palms - a picturesque row of tall palm trees.
  - The Orchid House and Giant Java Fig Tree (spanning a massive area).
- Visiting Hours: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM daily
- Entrance Fee:
  - Locals: LKR 60-100
  - Foreigners: ~USD 10
- Best Time to Visit: Mornings and late afternoons for cooler weather.



### **Kandy City Market**

- *Ideal for shopping for local handicrafts, gems, spices, and souvenirs.*



## Tea Museum

The Ceylon Tea Museum in Kandy is a fascinating destination for tea lovers and history enthusiasts. Located in a restored 1925 tea factory in Hantana, just a short drive from Kandy city center, it offers a glimpse into the history, culture, and technology of Sri Lanka's world-famous tea industry.



### Visitor Information:

- Location: Hantana, approximately 3 km from Kandy city.
- Opening Hours: Typically open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM (closed on public holidays).
- Entry Fee: A small fee is charged for entry, which often includes tea-tasting.
- Duration: 1-2 hours for a thorough visit.
- Best Time to Visit: Morning hours for cooler weather and clear views.

### **Key Highlights:**

#### 1. Historical Displays

- Learn about the evolution of tea production in Sri Lanka, from colonial times to modern methods.
- Exhibits feature vintage tea-processing machinery and tools.

#### 2. Tributes to Tea Pioneers

- Dedicated sections honor James Taylor, the pioneer of tea cultivation in Sri Lanka, and Thomas Lipton, who popularized Ceylon Tea globally.

#### 3. Tea-Tasting Room

- Enjoy a complimentary cup of Ceylon Tea while taking in stunning views of the surrounding mountains.

#### 4. Panoramic Views

- The top floor of the museum offers breathtaking views of Kandy city, the Hantana Mountain Range, and lush tea estates.

#### 5. Tea Shop

- Purchase premium-quality Ceylon teas and souvenirs to take home.

