



RAMAYANA TRAIL - HIGHLIGHTS

5 NIGHTS | 6 DAYS

Day 01 [AIRPORT / CHILAW](#)

Meet your guide on arrival and transfer to a hotel in Chilaw for overnight stay.

Travel to visit Munishwaram Temple & Manavari Temple in Chilaw.

Munishwaram Temple.

It is believed that Munishwaram predates the Ramayana and a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva was located here. Munishwaram means the first temple for Shiva (Munnu + Easwaran).



Manavari Temple

Manavari is the first lingam installed and prayed by Rama and till date this lingam is called as Ramalinga Shivan. Rameshwaram is the only other lingam in world named after Lord Rama.

Overnight stay at Hotel in Chilaw

Day 02 [CHILAW / TRINCOMALEE](#)

After breakfast,

Visit Koneswaram temple and Shankari Devi temple in Trincomalee.

Koneswaram temple

Koneswaram temple of Trincomalee (also historically known as the Thirukonamamalai Konesar Kovil, the Temple of the Thousand Pillars and Thirukonamamalai Maccakeswaram Kovil) is an Hindu temple in Trincomalee, Eastern Province, Sri Lanka venerated by Saivites throughout the continent. It is built atop Swami Rock, a rocky promontory cape overlooking Trincomalee, a classical period harbour port town.

Shankari Devi Temple



The famed SHANKARI Temple, in Sri Lanka, is one of the 18 Devi Temples (Ashta Dasha Shakti Peethas). Many have heard the Ashtadasha Shakti Peetha Shloka starting with LANKAAYAAM SHAANKARI DEVI.composed by Sri Adi Shankara which means Shankari in Lanka. This Shloka enumerates the list of places of Devi temples which are considered to be part of the 18 Devi Peethas.



Overnight at Hotel in Trincomalee

Day 03 [TRINCOMALEE / LAKEGALA / DUNUWILA / KANDY](#)

After breakfast,

En route visit the cartels behind the Dunuvila lake are called Laggala which when translated into English gives us the meaning target rock. Laggala served as a sentry point to the King Ravana's army and it was from this rock the first Glimpse of Lord Rama's army was sighted and informed to King Ravana. This hill is geographically the highest part of the northern region of King Ravana's city and on a clear day the north east side that is Thiru Koneshwaran and north west side that is Talai mannar could be seen even today. King Ravana is believed to have done meditation on this rock and prayed Lord shiva at Thiru Koneshwaran from this point.



Then visit Dunivila,

Dunuwilla is the place from where Lord Rama fired the brahmaastharam at King Ravana, which eventually killed him. Dhunu means arrow and Vila Means Lake. This place got its name because Lord Rama fired his arrow from this lake.

Proceed to Kandy

Visit the Temple of the Tooth and view a cultural dance in evening.

Overnight at Hotel in Kandy

Day 04 [KANDY / NUWARAELIYA](#)

After breakfast, travel Nuwara Eliya, last seat of the Sinhala Kings, is a very popular destination for visitors from home and abroad. Then travel to Nuwara eliya. Visit a tea factory en-route to see how the world's favorite drink is prepared and visit Hanuman temple. Nuwara Eliya resembles an old English town, complete with a lake, race track, well- kept lawns with hedges, an Anglican Church and an 18 hole golf course.



Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple In the hills of Ramboda where Hanuman was searching for Sita, the Chinmaya Mission of Sri Lanka built the Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple which is visited by thousands of devotees every year.

Sita Amman Temple.

The prominent temple architecture will not fail Sita can be seen on one side of the temple. The temple today is



a modern building with its paintings, statues and pillars decorated with sculptures; all depicting the tale of Rama and Sita.

Hakgala Botanical Gardens

This is the exotic pleasure garden where King Ravana kept the depressed Sita, insisting that she marries him. It was here where the heartwarming meeting took place between her and Hanuman, who brought her Rama's ring with the news that Rama was looking for her. He offered to carry her back but she refused saying it would be an insult to Rama's honor if she did so. Part of this majestic garden still exists. It is also said that Hanuman nearly destroyed it in order to prove to Ravana of the forces against him.

Overnight at Hotel In Nuwara Eliya

Day 05 [NUWARA ELIYA / COLOMBO](#)

After breakfast, Visit Colombo Anjaneyar Temple

This is the first Anjaneyar Temple in Sri Lanka and also the only Panchamuga (five faced) Anjaneyar Temple in Sri Lanka. Its the only temple in the world to have a chariot for Anjaneyar.



And then Kelaniya Temple if the time permit
After King Ravana's death, Vibeeshana was coronated as King of Lanka by Lakshmana at Kelaniya. There are murals enshrined outside the Buddhist temple depicting the crowning of Vibeeshana. The Kelani River is mentioned in the Valmiki Ramayana and Vibeeshana palace was said to be on the banks of this river.

Overnight stay at Hotel In Ciolombo

Day 06 [COLOMBO / AIRPORT](#)

After breakfast

Thereafter travel to airport for your flight.

INCLUSIONS

- ❖ Accommodation in standard rooms on *Full Board Basis*
- ❖ All Lunches at *Local outside restaurants*
- ❖ Transportation by *A/C Vehicle* as per the Itinerary
- ❖ Services of an *English Speaking Guide*
- ❖ All sightseeing as per program

EXCLUSIONS

- ❖ Any entrance fees & fares to the above-mentioned sightseeing places
- ❖ Expenses of a personal nature.

ATTIRE

- ❖ Visitors of both genders must wear decent clothing to cover the body appropriately when visiting religious places and shorts and sleeveless tops are not acceptable. This rule is strictly adhered to at all religious sites especially the Sacred Bo Tree and Stupas in Anuradhapura and the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy.
- ❖ Visitors should remove hats, caps, shoes and slippers when entering buildings and sites with religious monuments. Most of these places have a secure facility at the entrance for visitors to leave behind shoes and slippers for a very small fee.