

Tuk Tuk Safari from Ridee Villa (RV)

RV is willing to undertake providing reliable and a carefree Tuk Tuk safari in and around the outskirts of unawatuna. A risky tour on your own is best avoided this way !

Rock Temple



A wonderful rocky temple is located in the south of Sri Lanka close to RV, A 10 minutes drive will bring you to this ancient temple built around 2300 year ago. The same types are located at ancient cities of Sri Lanka which are about 250km away from RV. Three ancient kings of Sri Lanka had patronized this rock temple in the past. Murals are a specialty in this temple.

Galle Fort



Galle Dutch Fort UNESCO world heritage site in Sri Lanka south coast remains the best preserved fortified city build by European colonial powers in Asia. Galle is a vibrant, living world heritage city with residents walking the very old ramparts at sunset. Strolling along the high rampart walls you view Old Dutch and English churches, the Governor's house, the massive VOC warehouses, the Square of Law Courts, the elegant pillared facade of the old Dutch hospital, the Portuguese Black Fort, Old Dutch and English churches, the lighthouse, Clock Tower and colonial type buildings with pillared verandas, carved doors wooden windows and much more !

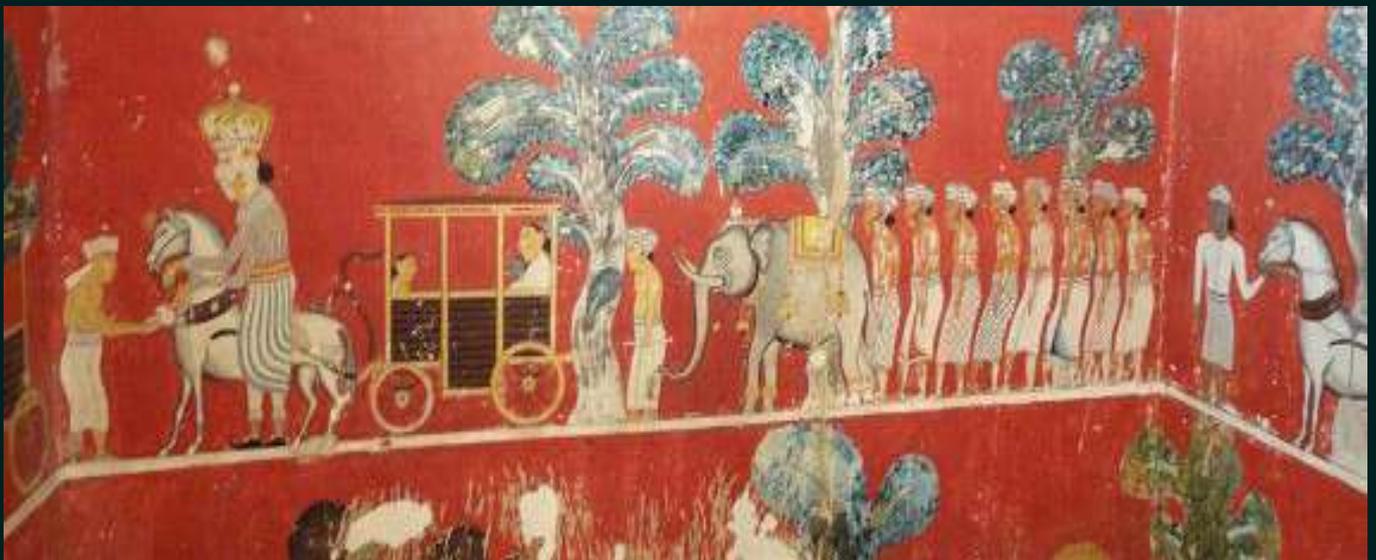
It will take around 20 minutes from RV to this location by the Tuk Tuk .

Stilt Fishing Scenery



Stilt fishing is solely practiced by a very few families (about 500) in the southern district of Galle in Sri Lanka. The villages involved in stilt fishing are Kathaluwa and Ahangama passing unawatuna tourist zone. The traditional way of fishing from rock outcrops in the ocean practiced in the past was transferred to this type of angling later, Staying motionless in that posture on a strong wooden stake planted into the reef bed. These stilt fishing villages could be reached in about 20 minutes from RV. A patient & a courageous way of angling !

An Old Temple



About 3km from RV is a ancient temple. The paintings are not the traditional type found elsewhere in ancient cities of Sri Lanka. These paintings are preserved by the government of Sri Lanka due to its historic value. The raw materials used for preparing these paints were from juices extracted from leaves, seeds herbals and specific types of soils suitable for same, together with resin & charcoal etc, If some one who is interested in Sri Lankan old arts, this is the only place around this area.

Turtle Hatchery



Sea turtles are fascinating creatures. They are naturally born under the sandy beach. The weather conditions play a major part in deciding their gender. When born little creatures approach the sea shore and swim continuously for 48 hours to reach and rest in their new habitat yonder. This natural way of evading the predators area is usually lost when the young ones after maturing in hatcheries are released to the sea. Gender balancing is also a problem arising here due to exposure to different temperatures. There are about 10 such hatcheries right along the beaches of Sri Lanka where protection to injured turtles are also provided. Habaraduwa is one of them-3km away from RV. If you visit at night releasing baby turtles to the sea could be witnessed.

Surfing



Sri Lanka is renowned as one of the best Surfing destinations in the world and in Indian ocean. This is a paradise as mentioned by Marco Polo. For the best surfing where features a lovely and almost private white sandy beach Ahangama is the ideal location. It is only 30 minutes drive from RV. A real place to relax after your aquatic activities in the shade of the coconut palm fringed beach.

Beaches



There are many beautiful beaches around RV. Taking 30 minutes towards right ,you will meet Hikkaduwa beach which is famous for marine life such as Scuba Diving, Glass boats, Snorkeling. Driving another 20 minutes to left of RV you can see a beautiful Koggla Beach & Lake thereafter Weligama Bay beach could be sighted over there. And beyond then a very attractive another silent beach called Mirrissa Beach could be reached .

Spices Garden



When European navigators found sea routes to the East, they broke the Arab monopoly held by them up to then of the spice trade. When the Dutch took over from Portuguese, they tried to improve the spice lands of Sri Lanka. Today spices are used mainly to flavor food. In medieval times. However, spices played a more important role as food preserving agents, in the absence of fridges and freezers. People used spices to preserve meat during the long winter months. Now there are several spices garden around RV.

Tea Factory



Sri Lanka is renowned for its tea, and 25 minutes south of RV is the Handunugoda unique Tea Plantation. This plantation has been acclaimed as the only producers of White Tea in the whole world in the processing system. You are treated to complementary tea at the proprietor's bungalow . After a tour around the factory, visitors are taken to the tasting room to try a myriad of teas.

The ideal way to conclude the visit in a panoramic & soothing view at the Handunugoda tea estate is to enjoy a cup of white tea from the plantation,