Why should you book this trip?

• Belihuloya is situated in the upcountry at an altitude of 616m with a non-humid, excellent climatic condition all year round and is one of the best places to enjoy the outdoors and its natural environment
• Opportunity to go trekking, canoeing, birding, zip line, and have real local interactions in the same package, whilst also opting to do only what you want to do
• Ideal for families and couples alike
• The trekking trail takes you through the wilderness and also villages which makes the trail more diverse and interesting
• You will be able to witness several types of beautiful birds and butterflies and a small but charming waterfall
• The village you will go through is one of the villages that were known to have been engaged in the steel industry between 161 and 137 BC – probably the first in the world
• You are bound to have some fascinating insights into the villagers’ lifestyles
• The location is very well positioned on your way to the coast from Nuwara Eliya/Ella or on your way to the hill country, on the A4 main road
• You will be guided by a well-experienced adventure guide
• Opportunity to extend accommodation or to customize the program with many other activities

Quick Facts

• Adventure Camp in Belihuloya is a 1 night/2days program
• Suggested arrival time is before lunch on the first day
• This package is possible all year round
• Arrival and departure transport for any location could be arranged on request for an additional cost
• Children 6 to 12 years of age, sharing the parents’ tent, will be charged 50%
• Children under 6 years of age, sharing parents' tent, will be free of charge
• Not recommended for children under 3 years (simply because of the activities)
• Possible to extend accommodation and customize the program with various other activities like cycling
• You can request a special BBQ dinner at an additional cost
• Trekking trail – 6km
• Canoeing – distance is your choice (flat water)

You will meet

Buddhika, is a graduate from the University of Peradeniya in Biology, and is currently reading for his Master's in Ecology at the same institute. He began his wildlife research and conservation projects during his time at the university. He has worked in turtle conservation projects as a volunteer and worked on a fishing cat conservation project from 2013. He has experience in the field of ecology as a member of the research team of the Environment Impact Assessment project. He has also shared his knowledge with international research projects by participating in research conferences and workshops conducted in Sri Lanka and overseas. Currently, he is working as a naturalist for Eco Team (Pvt) Ltd. and is spreading the message of protecting the environment and wildlife among the community.
Included in the price

- Well-experienced adventure guide
- Accommodation
- Meals during the stay
- Canoeing program
- Trekking program
- Zip line experience
- Canoes/lifejackets and all necessary equipment for canoeing
- Snacks and water during excursions
- All Government taxes

Exclusions

- Transportation to the location
- BBQ dinner
- Any additional food and beverages consumed
- Any tips to the staff/guides

Tour in Brief

You will be arriving at River Garden Resort Belihuloya around noon. Upon meeting our staff and receiving the initial briefing about the program to experience in the coming 2 days, you will sit for lunch overlooking the beautiful Horton Plains mountain range.

After lunch, you will be taken on the trekking trail. If you have a small backpack, it’s possible to take it with you. If not, we will be making the arrangements to transfer your baggage directly to the camp.

During the trekking trail, you will walk through paddy fields, across rivers, and past local village houses with their extensive vegetable plots. It is an ideal opportunity to learn a bit about the local agricultural systems and simple ways of village living. Along the way, in the jungle and village, you will also witness several types of beautiful birds and butterflies and a small but charming waterfall. Feel free to have a dip in the crystal clear water.

The whole journey takes between 3 to 4 hours, depending on how often you want to stop for rest, take photos, or simply to enjoy the wonderful surroundings.

Finishing the trail, you will be reaching your camp overlooking the beautiful Samanalawewa Reservoir.

You will be able to enjoy the camp and the delicious dinner served around 7.30 p.m.

We have our breakfast early and start the Canoe Trail around 7.30 a.m. on the following day.
However, to get to the bank of the lake is an adventurous journey too. You do not walk but “fly”. Our zip line starts at a tree top and lands at the lake bank below.

Whether you want to take your time and go for a leisurely paddle for a couple of hours, or do a challenging ride to constitute a workout, or spend a few hours exploring the perimeter of the reservoir, you are sure to have an unforgettable experience. The surrounding mountains add to the idyllic setting of the reservoir. Come back to the camp, change, and hit the road to get to your next adventure!

. Important

- Recommended to have sunglasses, sun protection lotions, insect/leech repellent and personal effects for warm, windy, rainy conditions
- Recommended to use light clothing and trekking shoes or boots for trekking
- Best to wear shorts and t-shirts with soft shoes (river sandals or sports shoes) during the canoeing

Belihuloya

Belihuloya is a climatically transitional area, which links the dry and wet zones at an altitude of 616m. As a result, the vegetation consists of moist semi-evergreen forests, tropical savanna forests, dry patana grasslands and montane temperate forests, which are ideal for trekking and cycling. The vegetation in this environment has made this location an exciting one for the serious as well as the casual nature lover. The surrounding mountains, rivers, reservoirs make Belihuloya an adventure capital for adventure lovers

Kinchigune

Kinchigune is an ancient village which is almost totally submerged in the waters of the Samanalawewa Reservoir which came to being in the 1980s. The people of this village have been engaged in the steel industry in addition to agriculture, since the early days.