



### Why should you book this trip?

- Watch the spectacular sunrise from the peak of Butterfly Mountain. In the early hours of the morning you will witness not only a spectacular sunrise but also a glimpse of a mysterious triangular shadow cast by the peak.
- You are climbing the island's fourth highest peak.
- In the pilgrim season (December to May), you are in the company of pilgrims of four religions who each claim that the mountain's sacred footprint or Sri Pada was created by one of their own faith. You will experience the peaceful prosperity that this dazzling spectacle brings.
- Legend has it that the footprint indented in the rock at the summit of this verdant conical mountain was made by the Buddha, on his third and final visit to the island. Muslims believe it is the spot where Adam first set foot on earth after being banished from the Garden of

Eden. Christians believe it belongs to St. Thomas the Apostle, whilst to Hindus the footprint belongs to Lord Shiva.

- You will be led by an experienced naturalist guide.

## Quick Facts

- Availability – all year around. However, please note that there are 2 seasons to climb and what you experience and see are different during these 2 seasons
- Transfer arrangements to be picked up and dropped off to any preferred destination could be provided on request
- Meeting point – Dollhouse (Nallathanniya)
- Children 8 to 12 years of age will be charged 50%
- Not recommended for children under 8 years
- Possible to extend the activity with accommodation

## You will meet



**Kithmini**

Kithmini is a young and hands-on naturalist who is bursting with enthusiasm for the work she does. Starting her volunteer work in her teenage years and having studied subjects pertaining to biodiversity, conservation and environmental degradation throughout her university career, she has stepped into the professional arena with a glowing portfolio of qualifications and field work. She is a dedicated animal handler, having worked closely with animals from a very young age, while she has also participated in and contributed to several research projects pertaining to matters of biodiversity.

## Included in the price

- Experienced local guide
- Coffee & snacks on the way up
- Picnic breakfast

## Exclusions

- Transportation to and from location
- Any extra beverages or food/snacks consumed
- Optional activity costs

- Any personal effects not mentioned here
- Tips for the staff

## Tour in brief

Do get in touch with your sales consultant as soon as the booking is confirmed, where you will be advised on the meeting point.

Your naturalist with his guide team will meet you at the meeting point and after a briefing we start our exciting climb.

Scale the dizzying heights of this 2,240m sacred mountain – the island’s fourth highest peak – in the early hours of the morning to witness not only a spectacular sunrise but also a glimpse of a mysterious triangular shadow cast by the peak against the light of the rising sun. In the company of pilgrims of four religions who each claim that the mountain’s sacred footprint or Sri Pada was created by one of their own faith, you will experience the peaceful prosperity that this dazzling spectacle brings.

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This excursion will be conducted as a day climb from May to December (full moon days) with a stay overnight at the top to witness the sunrise. From the full moon day in December to May we will do this as a night climb, beginning a few hours before dawn so that you witness the sunrise and descend on the same day.

## Important

### Two climbing seasons

#### Seasons

December Full Moon Day to  
May Full Moon Day -  
**Pilgrim Season**

Day after Full Moon day in  
May to Day prior to December  
Full Moon Day –  
**Considered as “off season”**

Crowded with pilgrims  
Possible to do a night climb  
as the path is illuminated.  
Hence, you could be at the  
peak for the sunrise  
Less rain

Very few people  
Not possible to do a night  
climb as the path is not  
illuminated. Hence you

#### Timings

We start the climb at midnight  
or a little after, depending on  
the number of pilgrims on that  
day.  
We will be at the top for the  
sunrise and be at the bottom  
around 9 a.m.

We start the climb around 4 or  
5 a.m. with the aid of our  
torches until the early rays of  
sunlight set.

may not be able to be at  
the peak for the sunrise  
A very high probability to  
observe the diversity of  
flora and fauna on the  
world heritage peak  
You need to expect rain

We are expected to be back at  
the foothill around noon.