

Mahoora Camps at Knuckles Mountain Range **A Breath of Fresh Air at The Mahoora** **Campsite, Surrounded by The Gorgeous** **Views of The Knuckles Mountain Range**

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Why should you book this trip?

- The Knuckles region stretches an impressive 155 sq km and contains five major forest formations, a wide variety of rare and endemic flora and fauna and some breathtaking mountain scenery of Sri Lanka.
- The Knuckles Mountain Range (called that due to its appearance resembling a set of knuckles in a closed fist) is a major eco tourism venue in Sri Lanka and has been declared a conservation area, now known as the Knuckles National Heritage and Wilderness Area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The Mahoora Tented Safari camp in Knuckles is set up to enjoy this unique ecosystem, a place to breath fresh air and listen to the sounds of nature.
- The Knuckles mountain range provides one the best terrains to enjoy nature by foot, with an amazing number of trails that encapsulates the beauty of the mountains including its flora and fauna.

- The comfortable setting of the tented camp gives you a relaxing atmosphere. A warm campfire and Sri Lankan cuisine coupled with BBQ dinners will add to the flavour of your experience.
- An opportunity to meet and interact with the local communities.
- Your experience is led by a professional naturalist cum environmentalist who is very familiar with the Knuckles mountain range.
- Your naturalist led guided walks will make your experience unique. A facility that Mahoora guarantees
- You will have excellent photo opportunities.

Quick Facts

- Availability – all year around
- Transfer arrangements to be picked up and dropped off to any preferred destination could be provided on request
- Arrival at 12.30 p.m. at the Laggala Pallegala Road (Mathale)
- You will be dropped back to the same location around 11 a.m. on the following day
- Children 6 to 12 years of age sharing the parents' tent will be charged 50%
- Not recommended for children under six years
- Possible to extend the stay beyond one night. Every additional night entitles you to two nature walks in the Knuckles mountain range and one night walk
- Camping in the outskirts of the, Knuckles mountain range as per the Mahoora Explorer Camping package

You will meet



Devaka

He was born in southern Colombo, near the Bolgoda Lake in his hometown of Moratuwa. He studied at the prestigious Prince of Wales College in Moratuwa throughout his school career where he developed a deep love for the vibrant nature that surrounded him. He carried on with his academic work, acquiring an English Diploma from the Aquinas University College in Sri Lanka and a Diploma in Wildlife from the Open University of Sri Lanka. Furthermore, he has also completed the Wildlife Conservation course at the Wildlife Trust, amassing a deep knowledge to go with his enthusiasm for nature. Devaka, or someone in his calibre, who is available on the day you book the tour, will be leading this tour.

Included in the price

- Tented Accommodation in Knuckles National Park
- Two nature walks and one night walk
- Service of a professional naturalist who is very well familiarized with Kumana National Park safaris
- Entrance fee and the tracker fees
- Picnic basket with snacks and hot and cold beverages during the walks
- Unlimited beverage service
- All meals during your stay
- Bottled water throughout the day
- All Government tax

Exclusions

- Tips for the staff
- Anything that is not mentioned above

Tour in brief (1 night, 2 day)

Do get in touch with your sales consultant as soon as the booking is confirmed, where you will be advised on the meeting point. Mahoora staff will meet you at the meeting point at 12.30 p.m. and you will be accompanied to the campsite

In reaching the campsite, the Team Leader will warmly welcome you and brief you about your stay with Mahoora. Thereafter, you will be accompanied to your tent by our staff. Lunch will be served and soon after, the afternoon trail in the Knuckles mountain range will commence

You will be fully geared with the rain protection attire and the leach socks etc., and accompanied by a professional naturalist. He will guide you to see what you are most keen

On your return from the adventurous trail, having rested, you will have the wonderful opportunity to dine under the stars, enjoying the exquisite BBQ meal that our chef prepares

After dinner, depending on your readiness, we are happy to take you on a night walk too. A night in this unique Knuckles Nature Reserve is very different from what it is in the day

A morning wakeup call followed by tea and coffee and you are ready to depart on your morning trail. Back from the trail, enjoy a delicious breakfast. Alternatively for longer trails our chefs will prepare a packed breakfast to enjoy on your way

We guarantee that you will depart from the Mahoora campsite with the best ever experience in a Sri Lankan nature reserve

Important

- The pickup time from each pickup point is 12.30 p.m.; late or early arrivals may result in inconveniences
- Mahoora Camping's meal basis is on full board, from lunch on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 2. This is a standard procedure and will remain the same for all our guests
- Lunch is served at the campsite; it is an experience by itself (any change to this will be specifically advised by our staff)
- There should be enough time to do an evening activity. Guests should leave the campsite by latest 2.30 p.m. for the afternoon nature walk after having lunch
- In case you get delayed due to unavoidable circumstances or for help on how to get to the location, please call the contact person early
- Personal effects for warm, windy, rainy conditions should be carried by clients
- Insect repellent, sunscreen etc. are recommended
- Sandals or walking shoes are recommended
- Please refrain from making casual donations to anyone. If you like to tip, please hand it over to the Team Leader at the camp. He will distribute it amongst the staff
- Please do not buy any wildlife-related products from anyone, as it is illegal and against our sustainable policies

Knuckles Mountain Range

The Knuckles mountain range is rated as one of Sri Lanka's true natural wonders. A total of 160 endemic flowering plants can be found on the Knuckles Mountain Range, some of which are only found in this location making it a botanist's dream come true. Unfortunately, due to the threat of further deforestation, 32 percent of these are listed as endangered.

Though the majority of Sri Lanka's mammals are to be found on this vast range, including Sri Lankan Elephants, Sri Lankan Leopards and several types of deer, these sightings are rare. However, Knuckles remains the favored destination for those wishing to go on walking safaris and nature treks. The climate is cool in Knuckles and the mountains are picturesque. From the most casual nature lover, to the most ardent wildlife enthusiast, the Knuckles Mountain Range provides ample opportunities for anyone to get up close and personal with the smaller marvels of nature while on a walking safari.