

Mahoora Camps at Sinharaja Rain Forest

Experience An Unforgettable Journey in Sinharaja Rainforest. Go Trekking, Birding and Camping at The World-famous Biodiversity Hotspot. Inquire Now!

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Why should you book this trip?

- The Mahoora Tented camp in Sinharaja Rainforest is set in one of the Sri Lanka's best and remote nature reserves, a place to breath fresh air and listen to the sounds of nature.
- Bird Watching in this ecosystem is particularly interesting because it is home to 95% of the endemic birds of Sri Lanka.
- Sinharaja Rainforest is a world heritage site and a major Eco Tourism destination, which can also be described as a tropical lowland rainforest or tropical wet evergreen forest.
- In Sinharaja Rainforest, endemism among mammals and butterflies is also greater than 50%.
- The total density of flora belonging to each category is around 24,000 individuals per hectare.

- The comfortable setting of the tented camp gives you a relaxing atmosphere. A warm campfire and Sri Lankan cuisine coupled together 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 Sinharaja Rainforest.
- Your naturalist 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 Kudawa Bus Station. 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 Sinharaja Rainforest and one night walk in the periphery
- Camping in the outskirts of the, Sinharaja Rainforest 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 Sinharaja Rainforest
- 2 Nature Walks & 1 night walk
- Service of a professional naturalist who is very well familiarized with Sinharaja Rainforest
- 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 accompany you to the campsite

Upon 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 rainforest 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 areas where you can see what you are most keen to witness

On your return from the adventurous trail, having rested and refreshed yourself, 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 the rainforest is very different than what it is during the day time

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 Sri Lankan rainforests

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

Sinharaja Nature Reserve

A virgin, age-old rainforest like Sinharaja does not come without its fair share of vibrant history. The name itself translates into the 'Kingdom of the Lion' and according to legend, Sri Lankans are said to be descendants of the coupling of a princess and the lion king who lived in this forest. Being one of the last remaining and least disturbed biodiversity hotspots in Sri Lanka, the Sinharaja Rainforest was designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 1978 and then a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988. It is Sri Lanka's first nature reserve to earn this esteemed distinction.

Preliminary studies on the fauna of Sinharaja have revealed that there is a high degree of endemism among the butterflies, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Ninety five percent of Sri Lanka's endemic birds are present in Sinharaja making it a birding expedition unlike any other. Another interesting sight to be found in Sinharaja is the presence of mixed species of foraging bird flocks, a phenomenon commonly found in rainforests. A hundred such flocks have been systematically observed, and studies have revealed that some flocks contained 48 species including 12 endemic to the island. The rare endemic birds to be seen in the Sinharaja Rainforest are the Red-faced Malkoha, the Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, the Ashy-headed Babbler and the White-headed Starling. The Green-billed Coucal has been given the title of being the Rarest of Sri Lankan birds.