



## Why should you book this trip?

- You will be able to witness a completely different side of Kandy, from the waters of the Mahaweli River
- The journey will take you through the flat waters of the Mahaweli River along the beautiful river banks where you can see monitor reptiles, lizards, bird nests and also monkey tribes
- You can observe a diverse range of colorful birds that come to the area to feed in the resource-rich waters
- This canoe journey is a good adventurous experience and also a valuable sight-seeing trip
- It's a much better workout outside than what you do inside the closed walls of a gym
- It's a fun-filled adventure for an expert and even for an amateur to try his/her hand
- As The Eco Team, we adhere to A high-level of environmental and responsible travel practices

## Quick Facts

- Canoeing on the Mahaweli River is a 1½ - 2 hour program
- Suggested meeting times are 6.30 a.m. or 4.30 p.m.
- This excursion is possible all year round
- Arrival and departure transport for any location could be arranged on request for an additional cost
- Meeting point – Mahaweli Reach Hotel Pier
- Safety briefing and orientation will be done before starting the excursion

## You will meet



**Dananjaya**

Dananjaya is an experienced paddler and also a war veteran who joined our team after serving our country in the commando regiment. He chose to live with his favorite hobby – adventure sports. His skills in waterfall abseiling are also remarkable. His home town is Polonnaruwa where his parents and siblings live.

## Important

- Personal effects for warm, windy, rainy conditions should be carried by clients
- Sunscreen is recommended
- Disclaimer to be signed by the clients

## Included in the price

- Life jackets and all necessary equipment for canoeing
- Well-experienced paddler to assist
- Water and snacks
- Required emergency assistance
- Government taxes
- All Government and other stakeholder approvals

## Exclusions

- Transportation to and from starting point
- Extra food and beverages consumed
- Any tips to the staff

## Tour in Brief

The banks of the Mahaweli River in Kandy and its outskirts are rich in natural beauty, with a lot of lush greenery, birds and other wildlife to be seen. Sri Lanka Day Tours takes you on a tour which provides a unique perspective on the natural beauty of the area. The canoeing trip gives you a view of the banks from the river, where you will get a good understanding of both the nature and the local population going on with their daily routines. The canoeing trip is best taken in the early morning or the evening. See a diverse array of wading birds and kingfishers that come to the area to feed in the resource-rich waters. Monitor Lizards and other reptiles are not an uncommon sight. In the trees along the river banks, see the birds' nests and the monkeys going about foraging for food.

The tour starts at the pier of The Mahaweli Reach Hotel and moves upstream along the Mahaweli River on a flat waterbed towards Katugasthota and Haloluwa. From there, you will turn back and return to the starting point.

## Safety

Sri Lanka Day Tours' Mahaweli Canoeing Tour involves canoeing in a body of fresh water in what could be deep waters. All participants will be given a safety briefing, and canoes, oars, life jackets and helmets will be provided. You are encouraged to bring your own towel and a change of clothing. Our guides will lead the way, and participants are expected to follow their instructions for their own safety.

## Mahaweli River

The Mahaweli River literally means the "Great Sandy River" and is the longest river in Sri Lanka, which travels 335km throughout Sri Lanka. It covers almost one-fifth of the total area of the island. The spring source of the Mahaweli River starts in the hill country. At the end of the journey, the Mahaweli River reaches the Bay of Bengal on the southwestern side of Trincomalee Bay. The Mahaweli River plays a major role in Sri Lanka's power generation as several parts of the river have been dammed in order to facilitate the creation of various hydroelectricity power plants that generate a sizeable part of the country's electricity. It is for this reason that Sri Lanka's primary source of power is through hydro-electricity.