



—Sri Lanka—
Day Tours

Jaffna Cycle Tour

“Cycling through centuries of unspoken history in the North – Jaffna”

SLDT/1702/CY12



Why should you book this trip?

- Ride through a culturally abundant land with open roads, large temples, and fascinating religious rituals specific to the North.
- Discover a region which was once infamous for devastating wars since medieval times.
- Spend a day exploring Jaffna, covering religious and cultural attractions, including Nallur Temple, St. James' Church, St. Mary's Cathedral, a Buddhist Dagoba, the statue of the last king of Jaffna Kingdom, and monuments of the last palace.
- Cycle through Jaffna City, experiencing a living heritage such as the Fort, the infamous Library, Subramaniam Park, and the 19th century 'Old Park'.
- Meet the locals from the coastal villages for an interactively rich and authentic cultural experience.
- Each attraction will be explained in depth to guests, covering mythology and historical importance.
- Ample time will be granted for photography, or simply to take in the view.

- Enjoy different stops for refreshments and snacks, which includes the original Rio Ice Cream Parlour which stood the test of time and war.

Quick Facts

- Availability: All year round
- Meeting point: Jaffna Railway Station
- Pick Up and Drop Off from / to any location can be arranged on request at an additional cost
- Preferred starting time: 2:30 pm
- Duration: 4 hours
- Distance of cycling: Approximately 18 km (soft / moderate grading)
- Not recommended for children under 14 years
- Activity can be extended with accommodation

Tour in brief

- This rich and immersive tour is designed for those seeking a holistic Jaffna experience, covering the historical and traditional landscape of Jaffna and its outskirts, and all it entails. You will meet your English-speaking host in front of the Jaffna Railway Station at 2:30 pm, and after the initial briefing we start your cycling journey into modern and ancient Jaffna. Though the tour will cover approximately 18km, a shorter trip / route can be designed on request.
- Traffic-heavy main roads will be mostly avoided, inviting you to scenic off-brochure memories on back roads. Your host will take you through Jaffna's historical and cultural attractions, complementing the experience with immersive storytelling and personal memories only a Jaffna-native could inherit. Watch esoteric religious activities take place in front of you, and experience the North as a local would.
- En-route, stop and browse Palmyrah-woven goods made by empowered local women, or purchase real Jaffna Wine and Nelli Cordials extracted from Indian gooseberry (produced and sold by Catholic nuns)! By a 6:30 pm sundown you get to celebrate a wonderful day with a grand finale; witness a jaw-dropping sunset splashed across the western sky off the Jaffna Peninsula.

Important

- Clients should bring suitable clothing for warm, windy, and rainy conditions.
- Recommended items such as sunscreen and sunglasses should be brought by clients.
- Lightweight clothes and footwear suitable for cycling should be worn during the trail.
- All electronic devices should be securely carried.

Included in the price

- High-quality, well-maintained mountain bikes with helmets
- Knowledgeable and experienced cycling guide
- Water and snacks during the tour
- Emergency backup at any time
- All applicable government taxes

Exclusions

- Any transportation to the meeting point or after the tour
- Any additional food, beverages or souvenirs purchased during the tour
- Any personal effects not mentioned under 'included'
- Any tips for the staff
- Any other expenses not mentioned under 'included'