



—Sri Lanka—  
**Day Tours**

## **White Water Rafting at Kithulgala**

**“An exciting ride through currents and rapids on River Kelani.”**

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### **Why should you book this trip?**

- Consider your safety; consider the quality and then the price; whichever way we are the number one in white water rafting in Sri Lanka.
- This activity, which doesn't require swimming capabilities at all, is ideal for the amateurs who wish to 'take the plunge' and for experts as well.
- We are engaged in white water rafting since in year 2000 and we offer professional guides with detailed attention to customer safety.
- High-level of environmental and responsible travel practices.
- The crystal-clear waters of this river that stumbles through a rocky gorge just above Kitulgala will make for an interesting challenge for rafting amateurs and professionals. The Kelani River offers up some of the most exciting white water rafting sections available in Sri Lanka.
- Rafting through the boulders and rocks creates grade 2 to 3+ rapids. The actual run takes about 1 ½ hours to 3 hours (depending on how much time you want to spend in the water) to complete, with encounters of grade 2 to 3+ rapids, bearing unique names such as Butter Crunch, Killer Falls, Head Chopper and Virgin's Breast.

- You are able to see the locations used for the Academy Award winning film – Bridge over the River Kwai, filmed in 1956 – which is also a great place to jump in for a refreshing swim. On a clear day, you could even dive in to see the remains of the actual bridge and carriages used for the film.
- Possible to add activities such as canyoning, waterfall abseiling (rappel down), rainforest walks, a visit to a prehistoric man’s cave or a rubber plantation.

## Quick Facts

- Availability: all year around
- Transfer arrangements to be picked up and dropped off to any preferred destination could be provided on request, for an additional fee
- Starting time: No specific time. However, the preferred starting time is between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.
- Meeting point: Plantation Hotel, Kithulgala
- Children 6 to 12 years of age will be charged 50%

### Please Note:

- Kitulgala white water rafting is not recommended for children under six years of age.
- Possible to extend the activity with accommodation.
- A normal rafting boat accommodates 6 to 12 people safely, including the guide.

## Tour in brief

- Your safety is always our foremost priority. Our clients are briefed on all safety precautions, including “man overboard” procedure, paddling techniques and the route are elaborated upon before starting out.
- While water rafting in this section of the Kelani River is an exhilarating experience. Rocky sections, rapids, and rafting through the boulders and rocks, create grade 2 to 3+ rapids. As the river widens, you will go past the exact location used to film ‘The Bridge on the River Kwai’. This location is also ideal for a refreshing swim with its cool and inviting waters.
- A flatter section of the lower gorge is ideal for those who want to enjoy the river and its surrounding beauty - without having to navigate through the thrills and spills of large rapids. This option is perfect for children and family groups.
- The changing contours of the route along with the gushing crystal clear waters, certainly make white water rafting at Kitulgala a novel experience.
- The white water rafting adventure ends further down the river close to the Kitulgala town.
- It is possible to add activities such as: canyoning, waterfall abseiling (rappel down), rainforest walks, a visit to a prehistoric man’s cave or a rubber plantation.

## Important

- Clients should bring suitable clothing for white water rafting
- Recommended items such as insect repellent and sun lotion should be brought by clients
- Change of clothes is required
- River sandals are recommended

## Included in the price

- Boat charter fee and guide fee
- Safety jackets
- A warm drink at the end of the journey
- Bottled water
- All applicable service charges and Government taxes

## Exclusions

- Transportation to and from Kitulgala
- Any extra beverages or food and snacks consumed
- Optional activity costs
- Any personal effects not mentioned in this description
- Any tips for the staff
- Any others expenses not mentioned in “Included in the Price “ section