



—Sri Lanka—
Day Tours

Spelunking in a 400 million year old cave – Waulpane

“Explore the prehistoric Waulpane Limestone Cave with walls of ancient fossils, over five hundred thousand sleeping bats, and a sixty foot underground waterfall”

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Why should you book this trip?

- This is a legendary rock cave with archaeological evidence of many civilisations, and runs back to the prehistoric era.
- This cave is known for its beautiful stalactite and stalagmite.
- Wildlife, which includes bats, amphibians, reptiles and freshwater fish are also found here.
- Interestingly, Waulpane is designated to the lowland wet zone of evergreen forests and presents a diversity in plants and vegetation.
- Experience real, non-touristic, rural village life, interact with the locals and have lunch with them.

- Opportunity to give back to the community – part of your fee goes back to a needy village school child. Furthermore, all our local guides are from the local community and you taking this trip contributes to their wellbeing too. Rather than bringing lunch from a restaurant, we have it prepared at the village - generating another opportunity of income for the village.
- You will be led by a knowledgeable and experienced naturalist

Quick Facts

- Availability: all year around
- Transfer arrangements to be picked up and dropped off to any preferred location could be provided on request, at additional cost
- Tour start time: 9 a.m. at the Waulpane village
- Duration: about 5 hours
- Children 8 to 12 years of age will be charged 50%

Tour in brief

- Please get in touch with your sales consultant as soon as the booking is confirmed and you will be advised on the meeting point.
- Your naturalist with his guide team will meet you at the meeting point at 9 a.m. and after the safety briefing and getting into our adventure gear, we start our exciting day.
- The Cave is located in the Buluthota-Rakwana Mountain Range in the Rathnapura District which is about 278 metres above sea level.
- The fascinating activity of caving is relatively new to Sri Lanka, but with an impressive range of caves located throughout the country, it's an unusual experience not to be missed. Known to the experts as Speleology, caving involves the exploration, surveying, mapping and photographing of caves.
- The Waulpane cave is also known as the "Cave of Bats" or the "Limestone Cave". With some of Sri Lanka's caves dating back approximately 500 million years, this is an adventure into the prehistoric era.
- Waulpane Cave is known for its beautiful "Stalactite" and "Stalagmite". The pencil columns of "Stalactite" and "Stalagmite" were formed by age-old lime stones, an inch of which, according to the scientific calculations, would take a hundred years to grow. This is a rare phenomenon and gift of nature, to see.
- Upon entering the cave, a 300m underground descent reveals a prehistoric world with ancient fossils in the cavern walls. A stream running through the cave feeds the stunning waterfall located towards the centre. The dark, moist depths of the cavern are inhabited by numerous bats. This cave is home to about six species of bats which is estimated at over 500,000 in numbers.
- Sri Lanka Day Tours provides local experienced guides and all the necessary gear for caving including raincoat, head torches, helmets, ropes etc. making the activity accessible to amateurs and experts alike.
- Once we emerge from the cave, we will refresh ourselves at a nearby freshwater brook before proceeding to our lunch host.

Important

- Recommended items such as insect repellent and sun lotion should be brought by clients.
- Appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for walking in water, along with a change of clothes is recommended.(You wouldn't be able to wear the same clothes used in the cave, throughout the day).

Included in the price

- All the necessary approvals needed for the trip
- Transportation to and from Waulpane village junction
- Services of a naturalist and fee for local guides
- Gloves, raincoat, head torches, torches and safety helmet
- Local lunch at the village
- Bottled drinking water and snacks for the tour
- All applicable Government taxes and service charges

Exclusions

- Any tips to the attending staff
- Transportation to and from the meeting point
- Optional activity costs
- Any personal effects not mentioned in this description
- Any others expenses not mentioned in "Included in the Package" section