



—Sri Lanka—
Day Tours

The village crossing and forest hike to old waterfalls – Makandawa Rainforest

“Ride a dugout canoe across Kelani River, then hike through a birdwatcher's paradise in search of hidden waterfalls in the belly of Makandawa Rainforest.”

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Why should you book this trip?

- A real experience amidst untouched natural beauty.
- It's the perfect destination for endemic bird watching.
- An experienced naturalist with in-depth knowledge on the Makandawa Rainforest, will accompany you.
- Traditional dugout canoe ride to cross the Kelani River.
- Local community interactions and observing their way of life.
- Logistically very feasible to include in your itinerary on your way from Colombo to Nuwara Eliya via Hatton (or on your return journey from the hill city).

- Options available to combine this excursion with whitewater rafting and canyoning.
- Excellent photography opportunities.

Quick Facts

- Availability: 365 days of the year
- Transfer arrangements to be picked up and dropped off at any preferred destination could be provided on request, at an additional fee
- Arrival time: 6.30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at pre-agreed location in Kitulgala

Please Note:

- Children 8 to 12 years of age will be charged 50%.
- The Makandawa Trekking Tour is not recommended for children under eight years of age.
- Possible to extend the activity with accommodation.

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 excursion leader will meet you and after a briefing on the tour and safety precautions, we will walk through the village and find our dugout canoe. A villager will take us on our ride across the village.
- From the landing point we start our trail. The reserve has rich birdlife including many endemic species; making it a great spot for avid birdwatchers. The hike takes you through a thick canopy of lush forest with trees towering above and providing natural shade and coolness even on the hottest days. The reserve has several waterfalls and it is possible to swim in natural swimming holes inside the reserve.
- Some of the birds that you may see in this area include: the Sri Lankan Wood Pigeon, White Faced Starling, Green-billed Coucal, Sri Lanka Magpie, Red-faced Malkoha, Malabar Trogon, Sri Lanka Orange-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Chestnut-backed Owlet and the Lesser Yellow Nape.
- Finishing the trail, we take a swinging bridge back, or the same canoe to cross back.

Important

- Suitable casual clothing for windy, rainy, warm weather conditions should be considered.
- Insect repellents and sun-protection creams are recommended items to carry.
- All electronic devices should be securely carried.
- Water bottles should be carried by clients at all times.

Included in the price

- Services of a local guide for the trek
- Bottled water
- Entrance fees to the Makandawa Forest

Exclusions

- Any transportation to and from the meeting point
- Any additional beverages or food
- Any tips for staff
- Any personal effects not mentioned in this description
- Optional activity costs
- Any others expenses not mentioned 'Included in the Package' section