



Why should you book this trip?

- This is a legendary rock cave with the mysterious archaeological evidence of many civilizations, running back to tens of thousands of years.
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- Examine the behavioral patterns of bats, amphibians, reptiles and fresh water fish.
- Ability to witness 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. Further, all our local guides are from the local community and you taking this

trip helps them too. Rather than bringing lunch from out, we get it prepared at the village, providing another opportunity of income to the village.

- You will be led by 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
- Arrival at 9 a.m. at the Waulpane village
- Activity finishes at 2 p.m.
- Children 8 to 12 years of age will be charged 50%
- Not recommended for children under 8 years
- Possible to extend the activity with accommodation and a Safari in the Udawalawe National Park

You will meet



Puwathara

Puwathara's passion for wildlife at a very early stage, made him a member of the Young Zoologists' Association (YZA) where he initially gained his theoretical and practical knowledge on wildlife.

Due to his many involvements in environmental protection as a volunteer and a facilitator his exposure and experience to the diversified National Parks and natural terrains of wilderness in Sri Lanka is enormous.

Puwathara has advanced his knowledge and passion for the field by participating in Conservation Breeding forums in South Asia. He now serves as a naturalist for Mahoora Tented Safari Camps & Eco Team Pvt Ltd where he continues his important work to protect the biodiversity of Sri Lanka including special efforts to protect elephants.

As an explorer and a nature guide he has visited Waulpane Cave many times and his experience and knowledge will be an immense value addition to our guests.

Included in the price

- All the necessary approvals needed for the trip
- Transportation to and from Waulpana 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 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 here
- Any others expenses not mentioned in Price Inclusions section

Tour in brief

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 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 "Lime Stone Cave". It is located in the Buluthota-Rakwana mountain range in the Rathnapura District about 278m above sea level.

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The pencil columns of "Stalactite" and "Stalagmite" were formed by the age-old lime stones, over the years, an inch of which according to the scientific calculations would take a hundred years to grow. This is a rare gift from nature.

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 to over 500,000 in numbers.

The cave is a river cave and entered from the sink. After following the underground river for 300m, the cave is left through a second entrance.

With some of Sri Lanka's caves dating back approximately 500 million years, this is an adventure into the prehistoric. 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 immerge from the second entrance, 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
- Footwear that is suitable for walking in water
- Change of clothes (You wouldn't be able to wear the same clothes used in the cave to continue to the journey)

Waulpane village

Waulpane village is situated in the Embilipitiya District, Sabaragamuwa Province in Sri Lanka. It is one of the best examples for typical rural village life in Sri Lanka. Most of the villagers are farmers. Their livelihoods depend upon pepper and cinnamon cultivation. Apart from that, banana, paddy, and lowland vegetables (Chena cultivation) are grown here. There are nearly one hundred families living in the village. The Waulpane Primary School is the only school for the village. It provides education for thirty to forty village children.