



—Sri Lanka—
Day Tours

5th century rock fortress shadow cycling – Sigiriya

“Uncover an isolated village before biking around the shadow of the 8th wonder of the world – Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Afterwards, cycle to a second rock fortress dating back to 1st and 2nd century BC.”

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Why should you book this trip?

- Sri Lanka Day Tours' cycling tour of Sigiriya takes you on a journey into the areas surrounding the Sigiriya Rock Fortress.
- It offers you an alternative activity to be engaged in during your time in Sigiriya.
- Acquire more knowledge about daily routines of the villagers and interact with them directly.
- Visit the Stupa believed to mark the spot where King Kashyapa, creator of the Sigiriya Rock Fortress was cremated.
- Visit the less frequented but equally important Pidurangala Rock.

- If you have not visited the Sigiriya Rock yet, it's possible to couple this tour with the Sigiriya climb.
- You will be led by knowledgeable and experienced cycle guide.

Quick Facts

- Availability – all year around
- Transfer arrangements to be picked up and dropped off to any preferred destination could be provided on request
- Starting time: Morning 7.30 a.m., evening 2:30 p.m.
- Starting Point: Main Entrance gate of the Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Duration 4 hours (without the climb to Sigiriya)
- Cycling distance 20km in total – all flat terrain; grading: Soft
- Not recommended for children under 12 years
- Possible to extend the activity with accommodation in Sigiriya as well

Tour in brief

- Do get in touch with your sales consultant as soon as the booking is confirmed, where you will be advised on the meeting point. Our cycling guide will meet you at the designated point on time.
- Sri Lanka Day Tours' cycling tour of Sigiriya takes you on a journey into the areas surrounding the Sigiriya Rock Fortress.
- The cycling tour starts at the entrance to the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. From there, you ride through "Thalkote", a remote isolated village to the Thalkotawewa (reservoir). At the village, you will be able to see and experience how traditional farming (paddy and other crops) is done. Chena cultivation (slash and burn farming) is prevalent in the area. The region's clean air and friendly environment is perfect for stress relief. The village borders Thalkotawewa, its main source of water.
- Thalkotawewa and the thickets surrounding it are also perfect for bird watching in the morning and evening (the typical tour times). If you choose to take the tour in the morning, you may even witness signs of the presence of wild elephants in the area the night before. Stop and interact with villagers in the area and enjoy their hospitality. Make sure you take in the rich history of the area, as you make brief stops at a few of the archaeological sites.
- Two of the important archeological sites we cover in this trail are the Stupa, believed to mark the spot where King Kashyapa, creator of the Sigiriya Rock Fortress was cremated and the Pidurangala Viharaya which dates back beyond the first and second century BC. Pidurangala was used as a Buddhist monastery and became a prominent place during the reign of King Kashyapa (473 - 495 AD).
- A climb of the Sigiriya Rock Fortress is available as an add-on to an already exciting tour.
- We stop at different places to meet the locals and to refresh ourselves.

Important

- Clients should bring suitable clothing for warm, windy and rainy conditions
- Recommended items such as insect repellent and sun lotion should be brought by clients
- Lightweight clothes and suitable footwear for cycling should be worn on the ride

- Water bottles and refreshments should be carried by clients at all times

Included in the price

- High quality, well-maintained mountain bikes with helmets
- The services of a knowledgeable and experienced cycling guide
- Drinking water during the cycle tour
- Packed snacks and refreshments during the trail
- Entrance permit for the Pidurangala Temple
- Emergency back-up at any time
- All Government taxes

Exclusions

- Transportation to starting point and from the end point of the cycle trail
- Any extra beverages or food and snacks consumed
- Entrance fees to Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Optional activity costs
- Any personal effects not mentioned here
- Any tips for the attending staff
- Any others expenses not mentioned in Price Inclusions section