

Bird Watching, community sightseeing & Visits to Magul Maha Vihara and lunch with local community are all in the agenda of this half day excursion.

The **Lahugala Buddhist temple** is famous for two reasons. It is believed to be the location for the royal wedding of King Kawantissa and Princess Vihare Maha Devi. The other reason is that it has a “Moon Stone” with a carving that is one of a kind in Sri Lanka. At the entrance to the temple there is a small archeological museum with artifacts excavated from the site, a museum worth exploring. Lahugala Temple, Magul Maha Vihara is a place of Sri Lanka’s that is lesser known but of much ancient historical value

After the visit to the Archeological Museum, a traditional Sri Lankan Lunch is arranged with vegetables and rice from the village home gardens so that you get a chance of experiencing the renowned Sri Lankan hospitality of the village community.

You will also visit eco-friendly home gardens.

Please turn overleaf for excursion itinerary....



Guidelines for travelers

- When visiting Buddhist temples or any other place of worship, ensure that you are appropriately dressed. Wear tops with sleeves and pants.
- Footwear and hats should be removed when entering places of worship.
- For bathing in open places:
Women: A t-shirt and a pair of shorts.
Men : A pair of shorts.
- Women should always wear $\frac{3}{4}$ trekking trousers and t-shirts with sleeves (not reveal the shoulders).
- Trekking shoes are recommended. High heeled shoes are not advisable.
- Smoking is not well accepted among village people, especially women- smokers.
- It is advised to avoid smoking in public areas of the village.

Duration	– 4 - 5 hours
8:00 am	Leave hotel after an early breakfast / or packed breakfast for Lahugala Excursion.
8:30 am	Reach Lahugala village and you will be welcomed by the Community guides at the Lahugala Temple. Then proceed with the community guides to visit a village home garden and have tea with local snacks.
9.30 am	Visit the Magul Maha Vihara, ancient temple in Lahugala.
11.00 am	Walk along the village paddy fields with the guides and observe birds and also the village life. You will end your walk at a village house where lunch is prepared for you.
12.00 noon	Enjoy the traditional lunch of Rice & curry prepared by a village farmer family.
12.30 – 1pm	After lunch proceed to Arugambay.

