



HIGHWOLTON ESTATE

MATALE, SRI LANKA

GROWING NATURE, CULTIVATING LEGACY

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WELCOME TO

Highwolton Estate Matale

Situated in the heart of Matale, Sri Lanka, Highwolton Estate is a flourishing plantation where the richness of nature blends seamlessly with innovation. From towering trees to thriving crops, our estate is a vibrant ecosystem that reflects our unwavering commitment to sustainable growth and excellence. With deep roots in heritage and a vision for the future, we nurture every plant with care, ensuring the harmony of tradition and progress. Highwolton Estate is more than just land; it's a legacy of dedication, growth, and forward-thinking ambition, standing as a symbol of timeless prosperity.



OUR VISION AND MISSION



Vision

Our vision is to nurture a future where the timeless bond between land and people thrives. By preserving the essence of nature's gifts and embracing new opportunities, we aspire to grow not only in what we cultivate but in the enduring legacy we leave for generations to come.



Mission

At Highwolton Estate, our mission is to cultivate with care and grow with purpose. We are dedicated to nurturing both the land and our community, embracing opportunities that enhance the estate's vitality and promote sustainable growth. Through innovative practices, we aim to create lasting connections, offering experiences that bring people closer to the land in meaningful ways.



A JOURNEY OF GROWTH, HERITAGE, AND NEW HORIZONS

Highwolton Estate is deeply rooted in Sri Lanka's agricultural heritage as the site where the country's first coffee plant was planted. This rich history is central to who we are today, inspiring our commitment to cultivating diverse trees and crops that enrich our estate's ecosystem and contribute to its legacy.

Looking toward the future, Highwolton Estate extends its journey beyond cultivation. We are creating new opportunities for visitors to experience the tranquility of our landscape and the heritage embedded within it. Through thoughtfully crafted ventures, we aim to welcome those who seek a deeper connection to nature and history, leaving a lasting impression that reflects our dedication to growth, community, and sustainability.

Estate Views: A Panoramic Perspective

Highwolton Estate is surrounded by the beautiful greenery of Sri Lanka, providing a calm view that enhances its agricultural heritage. Close to the scenic paddy fields, the estate offers a peaceful atmosphere where visitors can enjoy the balance between farming and nature. The lush landscape around the estate invites exploration and quiet reflection. While we grow our crops, we also appreciate the beauty of the environment, strengthening our connection to the land that supports us.



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OUR JOURNEY AND KEY MILESTONES

From the first coffee plant ever planted on Sri Lankan soil, Highwolton Estate Matala has grown into a symbol of agricultural heritage and pioneering advancements. Our journey highlights a legacy of intentional growth, strategic partnerships, and a dedication to cultivating a unique agricultural ecosystem. Each milestone not only honors our past but also strengthens the estate's impact on sustainable agriculture, biodiversity, and community partnerships, establishing us as a leading estate with a vibrant legacy and a vision for continued excellence.



KEY EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Expansion of the Spice Garden

Driven by a vision to create a world-class selection of spices, we expanded our spice garden to include black pepper, Ceylon cinnamon, cloves, cardamom, nutmeg, turmeric, and ginger. This carefully curated variety supports our commitment to premium quality, with each spice chosen for its unique benefits to the estate's ecosystem. Our expansion reflects a dedication not only to cultivation but also to enhancing the estate's biodiversity, where every spice plays a vital role in fostering a sustainable and resilient agricultural environment.

Diverse Crop Cultivation

Highwolton Estate Matala is dedicated to a diverse and balanced approach to cultivation, incorporating an array of fruits, vegetables, economically valuable crops, specialty flavor and beverage plants, and vibrant flower varieties. Each crop and flower contributes to a dynamic ecosystem, where the diversity of plant life supports soil health, attracts beneficial pollinators, and promotes overall environmental resilience. This broad cultivation strategy not only enhances the estate's agricultural value but also enriches the landscape, creating a thriving, beautiful environment that embodies our commitment to sustainable and holistic farming.



Strategic Partnerships

Through partnerships with industry experts, we've solidified a streamlined, sustainable supply chain. These collaborations strengthen our operations, create efficient distribution channels, and help us achieve eco-friendly certification standards. By integrating knowledge and resources from our partners, we ensure our products reach broader markets while adhering to the estate's sustainable values.

ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION

The evolution of Highwolton Estate reflects a meticulous, step-by-step approach to creating a sustainable and thriving landscape. From the careful planting of diverse crops, including spices, fruits, and underutilized species, to the vibrant flowers that enhance biodiversity, each phase has been thoughtfully executed. Protective fencing now defines and safeguards the estate's boundaries, while a carefully designed road network provides seamless access for cultivation activities and visitors alike. Alongside these developments, the addition of summer huts offers tranquil spots for reflection, perfectly positioned to showcase the estate's natural beauty. Under this topic, images illustrate each phase of this transformation, capturing the journey from the estate's early days to its present form. Each step highlights our commitment to responsible land stewardship, combining productivity with ecological balance.



Planning the Areas

Highwolton Estate's layout was carefully designed to maximize the natural landscape's resources, allowing each area to contribute to sustainable growth. Every space, from crop fields to visitor areas, was thoughtfully mapped to balance productivity and accessibility.



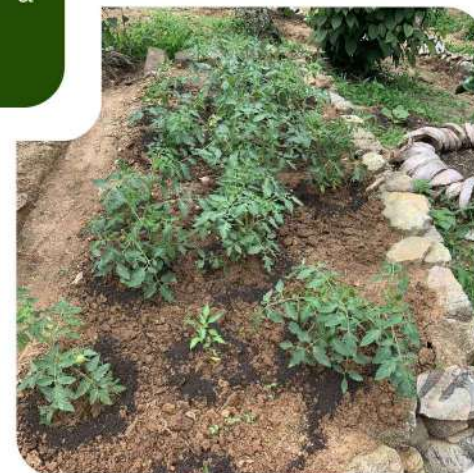






The Planting Phase

With a vision rooted in sustainable productivity, the planting phase at Highwolton Estate transformed the landscape into a rich mosaic of crops, spices, flowers, and economically valuable plants. Each addition was carefully chosen to cultivate a resilient ecosystem that thrives naturally, enhanced by the use of organic fertilizers that nourish the soil without compromising the environment. This phase didn't just increase output; it fostered biodiversity, bringing vibrant life and ecological balance to the estate. From staple crops to heritage spices and flowering plants, every layer of planting enriches the soil, supports pollinators, and strengthens Highwolton's foundations as a sustainable and abundant agricultural space.

















Spice Garden Development

Highwolton's organic spice garden embodies the rich agricultural heritage of Sri Lanka. Featuring a diverse array of spices, including black pepper, cinnamon, cardamom, nutmeg, cloves, and many others, each spice is cultivated with organic fertilizers to enhance sustainable yields and promote ecological health. This commitment to organic practices not only enriches the landscape but also underscores the estate's dedication to environmentally friendly and heritage-focused farming.





Flower Plantings

The flower plantings at Highwolton Estate create a vibrant, organic landscape, attracting beneficial pollinators while enhancing the estate's visual charm. Each variety was selected to seamlessly integrate with the estate's natural rhythms, adding both beauty and ecological value.







Estate Road Development

Our estate's carefully constructed roads wind gracefully through lush greenery, providing easy access across Highwolton. Designed to blend with the natural landscape, these paths enhance connectivity without disrupting the estate's organic beauty. The roads not only facilitate the transport of harvests and materials but also invite visitors to explore the estate comfortably, offering scenic views at every turn.





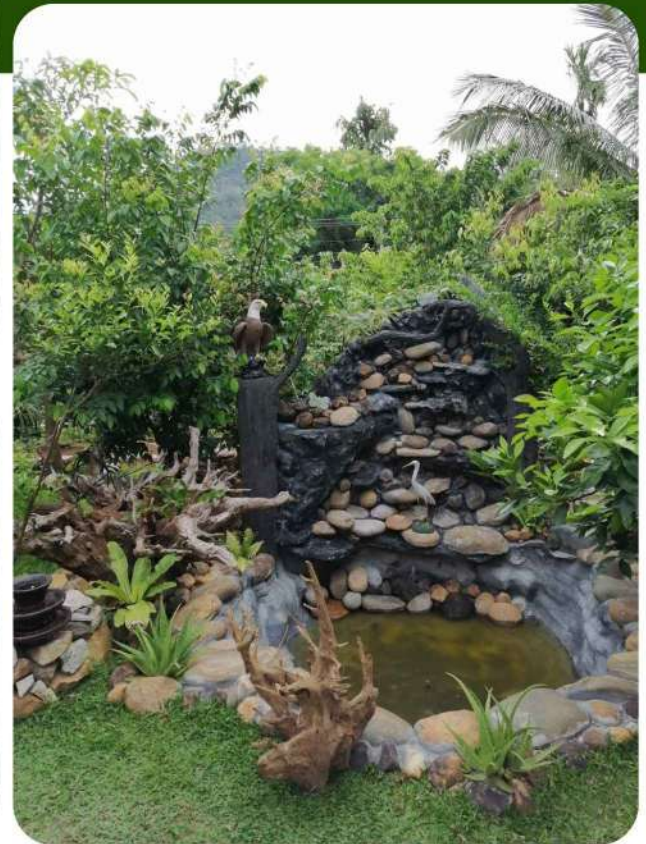
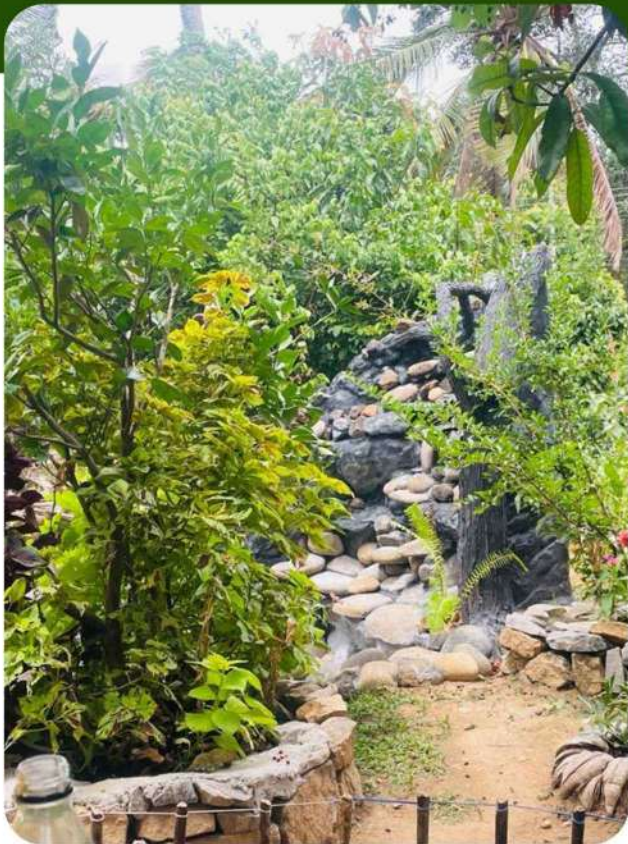


Pond Construction

Our handcrafted pond at Highwolton Estate serves as a peaceful focal point within the landscape, bringing a sense of calm while enriching the environment. Nestled among lush plants, it offers a natural habitat for aquatic life and contributes to the estate's biodiversity. This carefully crafted water feature enhances the aesthetic appeal, creating a tranquil spot that harmonizes beautifully with the surrounding greenery.









Summer Hut construction

Our handcrafted summer hut provides a peaceful retreat within the estate's lush environment. Built to harmonize with the surrounding greenery, it serves as a serene spot for relaxation and reflection, especially on warm days and tranquil evenings. The structure, illuminated gently at night, allows visitors to immerse themselves in the sights and sounds of nature, creating an experience that's both calming and inspiring. This space exemplifies our commitment to blending comfort with the natural beauty of Highwolton Estate, showcasing the estate's dedication to organic, handcrafted elements.







HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Highwolton Estate Matala holds immense historical value, with both documented evidence and oral history highlighting its pivotal role in Sri Lanka's agricultural evolution. Oral history and evidence suggest that in 1658, Dutch traders introduced coffee to Sri Lanka at Highwolton Estate, making it the first place outside Africa to grow this valuable crop. The estate is also rich in architectural and colonial history. The original bungalow in Highwolton Estate, built by the Portuguese in 1525, was destroyed by the Dutch. The Dutch then rebuilt the bungalow on the same foundation, creating a two-story structure with a mountain-view balcony. The current building of Highwolton Estate stands on the same foundation originally laid by the Portuguese. In the 1800s, Highwolton Estate contributed to Sri Lanka's rubber industry. Though the ruins of machinery used for manufacturing latex sheets and grinding rubber were discovered later. Additionally, drains designed to dispose of waste materials from rubber production are still visible today. The history of Highwolton Estate is a reflection of Sri Lanka's colonial past and agricultural heritage, with signs of its rich history still visible today.



The Arrival of Coffee : A Historic Milestone (1658)

In the year 1658, during the era of bustling trade along the Silk Road, Arab merchants transported valuable goods such as spices, agricultural crops, ivory, and precious stones. At a major port in Yemen, Dutch traders stole coffee which had grown in Africa from the Arabs. This stolen coffee was then introduced and planted in Sri Lanka, marking Sri Lanka as the first country outside of Africa to grow coffee.

According to oral history, it is believed that Highwolton Estate in Matale, Sri Lanka, was the location where the Dutch first planted coffee in 1658. There is some evidence supporting the role of Highwolton Estate in the initial introduction of coffee to Sri Lanka, and ongoing efforts aim to deeply discover and verify the estate's historical connection to this pivotal event.

Commercial coffee cultivation in Sri Lanka began later, during the 1800s. The first officially recorded coffee plantation was started in 1823 at Sinhapitiya, by Sir Edward Barnes.

Highwolton's Portuguese and Dutch Bungalow Heritage

According to oral history, the Highwolton Estate bungalow was originally built between 1505 and 1700. The first bungalow, constructed by the Portuguese in 1525, was destroyed by the Dutch (Landesi) in 1525. Following the destruction, the Dutch rebuilt the bungalow on the same foundation, creating a two-story house with a mountain-view balcony. This new structure became a symbol of Dutch architectural influence on the estate.

Even today, the current building of Highwolton Estate is situated on the same foundation originally laid by the Portuguese, preserving a rich historical connection between the estate and the early colonial influences in Sri Lanka.

Rubber Production in the 1800s at Highwolton Estate

Another significant era in the history of Highwolton Estate is during the 1800s when it became involved in rubber production. The estate had processing units for rubber manufacturing during this period. Later, remnants of these operations were found, including ruined machines that had been used for manufacturing latex sheets and grinding machines associated with rubber production. Visitors to Highwolton Estate can still observe drains designed to dispose of waste materials from the rubber manufacturing process. These physical traces stand as evidence that the estate was once a rubber plantation, and even today, rubber trees remain on the estate.

R. Herbert Anderson, an Oxford-educated European, owned Highwolton Estate during this time. In 1910, John Perera was appointed by Anderson as the manager (superintendent) of the Highwolton Estate, who had moved to Matale during the coffee boom of the 1880s and settled in Udasgiriya. Though known for his strict discipline, Perera was also a kind-hearted man. Over time, John Perera acquired considerable wealth, owning not only rubber plantations but also paddy land. Despite his wealth, he was dedicated to public welfare and contributed generously to the community. He built a Buddhist temple for the village, a bathing place, a parapet wall around a well, and resting places along the road to ensure safe stops for travelers, as there was no public road transport for long-distance travel.



CURRENT OPERATIONS

At Highwolton Estate Matale, our farming practices are grounded in sustainability and organic cultivation. We are dedicated to using only organic fertilizers produced exclusively on the estate, ensuring that our crops are grown in harmony with nature. Our estate boasts a range of major crops, including cinnamon, pepper, and coconut, which form the foundation of our operations. In addition, our diverse spice garden features valuable crops such as cloves, nutmeg, cardamom, turmeric, and ginger, all grown organically. Beyond spices, we also cultivate coffee, cocoa, and vanilla, alongside a wide variety of economically valuable plants, fruits, vegetables, and underutilized fruit species, contributing to the estate's rich biodiversity. This holistic approach reflects our commitment to delivering high-quality, eco-friendly products to the local market, while continuously expanding our operations.



MAJOR CROPS

Our estate is home to a variety of crops, with Cinnamon, Pepper, and Coconut being the cornerstones of our production:

Ceylon Cinnamon (*Cinnamomum verum*)

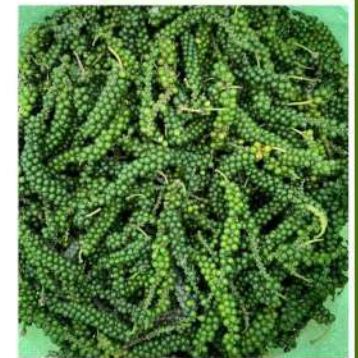
At Highwolton Estate Matale, we take pride in cultivating Ceylon cinnamon—a plant indigenous to Sri Lanka and a moderately sized, bushy evergreen tree. Known as the "true cinnamon," Ceylon cinnamon holds a special place worldwide, cherished for its unique quality, color, flavor, and aroma. The name "Ceylon Cinnamon," derived from Sri Lanka's former name, is a widely recognized geographical indication that highlights its long-standing reputation on the international market. At our estate, each cinnamon tree is nurtured organically in enriched soil, allowing it to develop its distinctive light, sweet-spicy taste that appeals to chefs, tea blenders, and traditional medicine practitioners alike. Cinnamon is Sri Lanka's most important and valuable spice, valued historically for uses that range from preserving meat to enhancing baked goods and Asian cuisine. With the growing concern over synthetic additives, natural flavors like Ceylon cinnamon are now preferred worldwide for their purity and health benefits. We are committed to sustainable, organic cultivation, using natural fertilizers that preserve soil health and bring out the cinnamon's true essence. We also proudly provide our organic Ceylon cinnamon to local markets in Sri Lanka, sharing a premium product that reflects our dedication to quality and environmental care.



Ceylon Black Pepper (*Piper nigrum*)

At Highwolton Estate Matale, green pepper is a cornerstone crop grown in the estate's spice-rich soil under fully organic practices. Our pepper plants thrive in this natural environment, yielding high-quality peppercorns cherished for their bold, robust flavor and pure aroma. Known globally as Ceylon pepper, Sri Lankan pepper is particularly prized for its high piperine content, the alkaloid responsible for its distinct pungency. This natural intensity gives Ceylon pepper an edge in the international spice market, where it fetches a premium price and is celebrated for its unique character.

Widely used as a "hot" cooking spice and essential seasoning, black pepper is versatile, adding depth to countless cuisines around the world. At Highwolton, we're committed to organic cultivation, ensuring each peppercorn captures the true essence of Sri Lankan spices without synthetic additives.



Locally, our pepper has become a favorite for its purity and intensity, elevating both everyday dishes and gourmet recipes. We're proud to bring this authentic, premium spice to Sri Lankan markets, embodying our dedication to quality and sustainable agriculture.



Coconut (*Cocos nucifera*)

At Highwolton Estate Matale, coconut cultivation is one of our primary focuses. Grown in our fertile, organically enriched soil, our coconuts thrive under ideal natural conditions. We are committed to sustainable practices, using only organic fertilizers produced on-site, which enhances the quality of our coconuts. Known for their premium freshness, rich flavor, and high nutritional value, our coconuts meet the demands of local consumers and businesses alike. From food production to household uses, our coconuts are prized for their versatility and exceptional quality, making them a staple crop in our estate's operations.



SPICE GARDEN

In addition to cinnamon and pepper, our spice garden features a variety of organically grown spices, all harvested and processed to maintain their natural quality. These include:



Cloves

(Syzygium aromaticum)

Our cloves are grown organically and hand-harvested at their peak, boasting a rich, sweet-spicy aroma and flavor. A versatile spice, they are prized for their use in culinary dishes, traditional remedies, and aromatic purposes. The quality of our cloves ensures a premium spice experience for consumers.



Cardamom

(Elettaria cardamomum)

Known for its fragrant, intense flavor, our cardamom is organically grown and handpicked to ensure exceptional quality. Often referred to as the "Queen of Spices," cardamom is a key ingredient in both culinary and medicinal uses, celebrated for its aroma and potent taste.



Nutmeg

(Myristica fragrans)

Highwolton Estate produces superior-quality nutmeg and mace, known for their deep, warm flavors and fragrant aromas. Nutmeg is a favorite in both sweet and savory dishes, while mace adds an exotic touch to culinary creations. Our commitment to organic practices ensures the natural richness of these spices.



Turmeric

(Cocos nucifera)

The turmeric we grow is known for its vibrant yellow color and numerous health benefits. Used in a wide range of culinary dishes and traditional remedies, our turmeric is cultivated organically to preserve its natural potency and high curcumin content.



Ginger

(Myristica fragrans)

Our estate-grown ginger offers a fresh, zesty flavor that is perfect for both culinary and medicinal uses. Grown using organic methods, it delivers a sharp, spicy taste that enhances a variety of dishes and is revered for its health properties.

FLAVOR AND BEVERAGE CROPS

At Highwolton Estate Matale, we organically grow coffee, cocoa, and vanilla, key flavor and beverage crops that enhance our estate's diverse agricultural offerings and meet the demand for high-quality, natural products.

Coffee



Our organically grown coffee beans, which include two distinct varieties, Robusta (*Coffea canephora*) and Arabica (*Coffea arabica*), offer a bold, full-bodied flavor, cultivated in the optimal conditions of our estate. Highwolton Estate is historically significant as the site where the first coffee plant in Sri Lanka was planted, marking the beginning of the country's coffee heritage. Each bean reflects the robust and complex taste of Sri Lankan coffee, making it ideal for coffee lovers seeking a rich, authentic experience. This legacy of excellence, combined with our commitment to organic farming, ensures that our coffee continues to embody the unique character of our estate.

Cocoa



The cocoa beans (*Theobroma cacao*) grown at Highwolton Estate are cherished for their deep, chocolatey flavor and natural purity. Grown in a sustainable environment, our cocoa is highly sought after by local artisans, providing the foundation for premium chocolates and other cocoa-based creations.

Vanilla



Our vanilla beans (*Vanilla planifolia*) are grown with great care, producing a rich and creamy flavor that is highly sought after in culinary circles. The beans have an intense, luxurious aroma, making them a top choice for high-end desserts, baked goods, and flavorings.

DIVERSE PLANT OFFERINGS

Beyond our spice garden, Highwolton Estate Matale is home to a diverse range of plants, all cultivated using our organic, eco-friendly practices. These include a variety of fruits, herbs/medicinal plants and vegetables that contribute to the estate's sustainability and agricultural richness. This extensive range not only enhances the biodiversity of the estate but also reflects our commitment to innovative, sustainable farming.



Fruits

Highwolton Estate nurtures a wide range of fruits, including underutilized varieties that are lesser known but highly valued for their nutritional and economic benefits.

Abbreviations:

- E. N. : English Name
- S. N. : Sinhala Name

Our fruits include:



E. N.: Weera
S. N.: වීර
Drypetes sepiaria



E. N.: Java Plum
S. N.: මාදො
Syzygium cumini



E. N.: Ceylon Gooseberry
S. N.: පුස්බේරියා
Dovyalis hebecarpa



E. N.: Bignay
S. N.: කරවල කැබැල්ල
Antidesma bunius



E. N.: Mulberry
S. N.: ඇඹිල්ල
Morus rubra



E. N.: Ramonchi
S. N.: උගුරැස්ස
Flacourtia indica



E. N.: Longan
S. N.: පැණි මොර
Euphoria longana



E. N.: Lansone
S. N.: ගඩුගුඩා
Baccauria motleyana



E. N.: Ber
S. N.: ඇපල් මසං
Ziziphus mauritiana



E. N.: Durian
S. N.: දූරියන්
Durio zibethinus



E. N.: Star Apple
S. N.: කිරි පලු
Chrysophyllum cainito



E. N.: Ceylon iron wood
S. N.: පලු
Manikara hexandra



E. N.: Bengal Currant
S. N.: මහ කරඹ
Carissa carandas





E. N.: Conkerberry
S. N.: හින් කරඹ
Carissa spinarum



E. N.: Namnam
S. N.: නංනං
Cynometra cauliflora



E. N.: Yellow sapote
S. N.: ලාවලු
Pouteria campechiana



E. N.: Star Fruit
S. N.: කාමරංගා
Averrhoa carambola



E. N.: Amla
S. N.: නෙල්ලි
Phyllanthus emblica



E. N.: Star gooseberry
S. N.: රට නෙල්ලි
Phyllanthus acidus



E. N.: Soursop
S. N.: කටු අනෝද
Annona muricata



E. N.: Bullock's heart
S. N.: වැලි අනෝද
Annona reticulate



E. N.: Bael fruit
S. N.: බෙලි
Aegle marmelos



E. N.: Wood Apple
S. N.: දිවුල්
Limonia acidissima



E. N.: Ceylon olive
S. N.: වෙරළ
Elaeocarpus serratus



E. N.: Blue olive
S. N.: නිල් වෙරළ
Elaeocarpus ganitrus



E. N.: Sapida
S. N.: ලොව්
Flacaurtia inermis



E. N.: Bilimbi
S. N.: බිලිං
Averrhoa bilimbi



E. N.: Velvet Tamarind
S. N.: ගල් සියඹලා
Dialium indum





E. N.: Tamarind
S. N.: සියඹලා
Tamarindus indica



E. N.: Himbutu
S. N.: හිඹුටු
Salacia reticulata



E. N.: Sapota
S. N.: සැපදිල්ලා
Manilkara zapota



E. N.: Miracle Fruit
S. N.: මිරකල් ෆාට්
Synsepalum dulcificum



E. N.: Ceylon Oak
S. N.: කෝන්
Schleichera oleosa



E. N.: Red Guava
S. N.: රතු පේර
Psidium guajava



E. N.: Chinese Guava
S. N.: චීන පේර
Psidium guajava



E. N.: Sour Guava
S. N.: ඇඹුල් පේර
Psidium guajava



E. N.: Kilo Guava
S. N.: කිලෝ පේර
Psidium guajava



E. N.: Apple Guava
S. N.: ඇපල් පේර
Psidium guajava



E. N.: Cherry
S. N.: වෙරි
Prunus avium



E. N.: Red rose apple
S. N.: රතු ජම්බු
Syzygium aqueum



E. N.: Malay apple
S. N.: පිනි ජම්බු
Syzygium malaccense



E. N.: Bell fruit
S. N.: රට ජම්බු
Syzygium samarangense



E. N.: Mandarin
S. N.: නාරං
Citrus reticulata





E. N.: Mandarin
S. N.: ජමකාරං
Citrus reticulate



E. N.: Atalantia Ceylanica
S. N.: යකිකාරං
Atalantia ceylanica



E. N.: Red Pomelo
S. N.: රතු ජම්බෝල
Citrus maxima



E. N.: White Pomelo
S. N.: සුදු ජම්බෝල
Citrus maxima



E. N.: Sweet Orange
S. N.: පැණි දෙඩම්
Citrus sinensis



E. N.: Sour orange
S. N.: ඇඹුල් දෙඩම්
Citrus aurantium



E. N.: Passion Fruit
S. N.: වැල් දෙඩම්
Passiflora edulis



E. N.: Green Lemon
S. N.: කොළ ලෙමන්
Citrus limon



E. N.: Yellow Lemon
S. N.: කහ ලෙමන්
Citrus limon



E. N.: Kolikuttu Banana
S. N.: කෝලිකුට්ටු කෙසෙල්
Musa spp.



E. N.: Suwandel Banana
S. N.: සුවඳැල් කෙසෙල්
Musa spp.



E. N.: Ambul Banana
S. N.: ඇඹුල් කෙසෙල්
Musa spp.



E. N.: Sugar Banana
S. N.: සීනි කෙසෙල්
Musa spp.

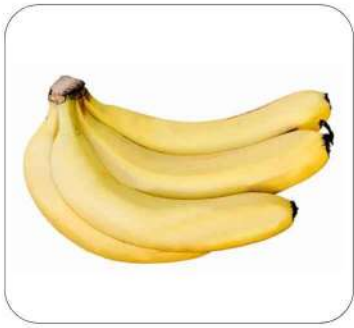


E. N.: Ambun Banana
S. N.: ඇම්බුන් කෙසෙල්
Musa spp.



E. N.: Anamalu Banana
S. N.: ආනමාලි කෙසෙල්
Musa spp.





E. N.: CIC Banana
S. N.: CIC කෙසෙල්
Musa spp.



E. N.: Alumondam Banana
S. N.: අළුමොන්දම් කෙසෙල්
Musa spp.



E. N.: Red Banana
S. N.: රත් කෙසෙල්
Musa spp.



E. N.: Nethrapalam Banana
S. N.: නේත්‍රම්පලම් කෙසෙල්
Musa spp.



E. N.: Ash Plantain
S. N.: අළු කෙසෙල්
Musa spp.



E. N.: Alphonso Mango
S. N.: අල්පොන්සු අඹ
Mangifera indica



E. N.: Mee Mango
S. N.: මී අඹ
Mangifera indica



E. N.: TJC Mango
S. N.: TJC අඹ
Mangifera indica



E. N.: Karthakolomban
Mango
S. N.: කර්තකොලම්බන් අඹ
Mangifera indica



E. N.: Vilad Mango
S. N.: විලාඩ් අඹ
Mangifera indica



E. N.: Papaya
S. N.: ගස්ලබු/පැපෝල්
Carica papaya



E. N.: Jew Peum
S. N.: ඇඹරුල්ලා
Spondias dulcis



E. N.: Avocado
S. N.: අලිගැටපේර
Persea Americana



E. N.: Mangosteen
S. N.: මැංගුස්
Garcinia mangostana



E. N.: Pomegranate
S. N.: දෙළුම්
Punica granatum





E. N.: Pineapple
S. N.: අන්නාසි
Ananas comosus



E. N.: Cashew
S. N.: කජු
Anacardium occidentale



E. N.: Rambutan
S. N.: රඹුටන්
Nephelium lappaceum



E. N.: Dragon Fruit
S. N.: ඩ්‍රැගන් ෆාට්
Hylocereus undatus



E. N.: Dragon Fruit
S. N.: ඩ්‍රැගන් ෆාට්
Hylocereus Polyrhizus



E. N.: Blackcurrant
S. N.: කුඹි ඇඹිල්ල/බු ඇඹිල්ල
Antidesma ghaesembilla



E. N.: Ceylon Bigney
S. N.: හින් ඇඹිල්ල
Antidesma alexiteria



E. N.: Beach Cherry
S. N.: බීච් චෙරි
Eugenia reinwardtiana



E. N.: Grapes
S. N.: මිදි
Vitis vinifera



E. N.: Lime
S. N.: දෙහි
Citrus aurantiifolia



E. N.: Strawberry
S. N.: ස්ට්‍රෝබෙරි
Fragaria ananassa



E. N.: Garcinia
S. N.: ගොරකා
Garcinia zeylanica



E. N.: Jackfruit
S. N.: කොස්
Artocarpus heterophyllus



E. N.: Fatheralone Jackfruit
S. N.: ෆාදර්ලෝන් කොස්
Artocarpus heterophyllus



E. N.: Breadfruit
S. N.: දෙල්
Artocarpus altilis



Herbs and Medicinal Plants

Highwolton Estate is home to a diverse array of herbs and medicinal plants, each carefully cultivated for their therapeutic properties and culinary uses. These plants are highly valued for their ability to promote health and well-being, as well as their role in traditional and modern herbal remedies.

Abbreviations:

- E. N. : English Name
- S. N. : Sinhala Name

Our herbs and medicinal plants include:



E. N.: Lemongrass
S. N.: සේර
Cymbopogon citratus



E. N.: Dancing plant
S. N.: ප්‍රාණජීව
Codariocalyx motorius



E. N.: White Sandalwood
S. N.: සුදු හඳුන්
Santalum album



E. N.: Red sandalwood
S. N.: රත් හඳුන්
Pterocarpus santalinus

Other Plants

In addition to the plants mentioned above, Highwolton Estate also cultivates a variety of other crops, all grown with a focus on quality and sustainability.

Abbreviations:

- E. N. : English Name
- S. N. : Sinhala Name

Our other plants include:



E. N.: Areca Nut
S. N.: පුවක්
Areca catechu



E. N.: Sugarcane
S. N.: උක් දඩු
Saccharum officinarum



The Elegance of Kithul Raa: A Taste of Sri Lankan Heritage

At Highwolton Estate Matale, the *Caryota urens*, known locally as the Kitul palm, stands tall as a symbol of tradition and sustainability. These iconic trees not only enhance the estate's natural beauty but also provide the cherished gift of Kithul Raa, a traditional alcoholic beverage deeply rooted in Sri Lanka's culture.



Kithul Raa, or palm wine, is a cloudy white drink with a refreshingly unique taste. It carries an alcohol content of 7% to 8%, making it a mellow yet invigorating choice. Kithul Raa is a rare delight, not found in conventional bars due to its short shelf life. Instead, it is available through toddy tappers, who skillfully extract the sap from the Kitul palms. Beyond its refreshing taste, Kithul Raa also offers surprising health benefits.



Uniquely Sri Lankan

While Kitul palms grow across South Asia, the Sri Lankan Kithul palms are unmatched in size and quality. Highwolton Estate Matale takes pride in preserving this heritage, offering a rare opportunity for visitors to experience an industry that thrives only in Sri Lanka.



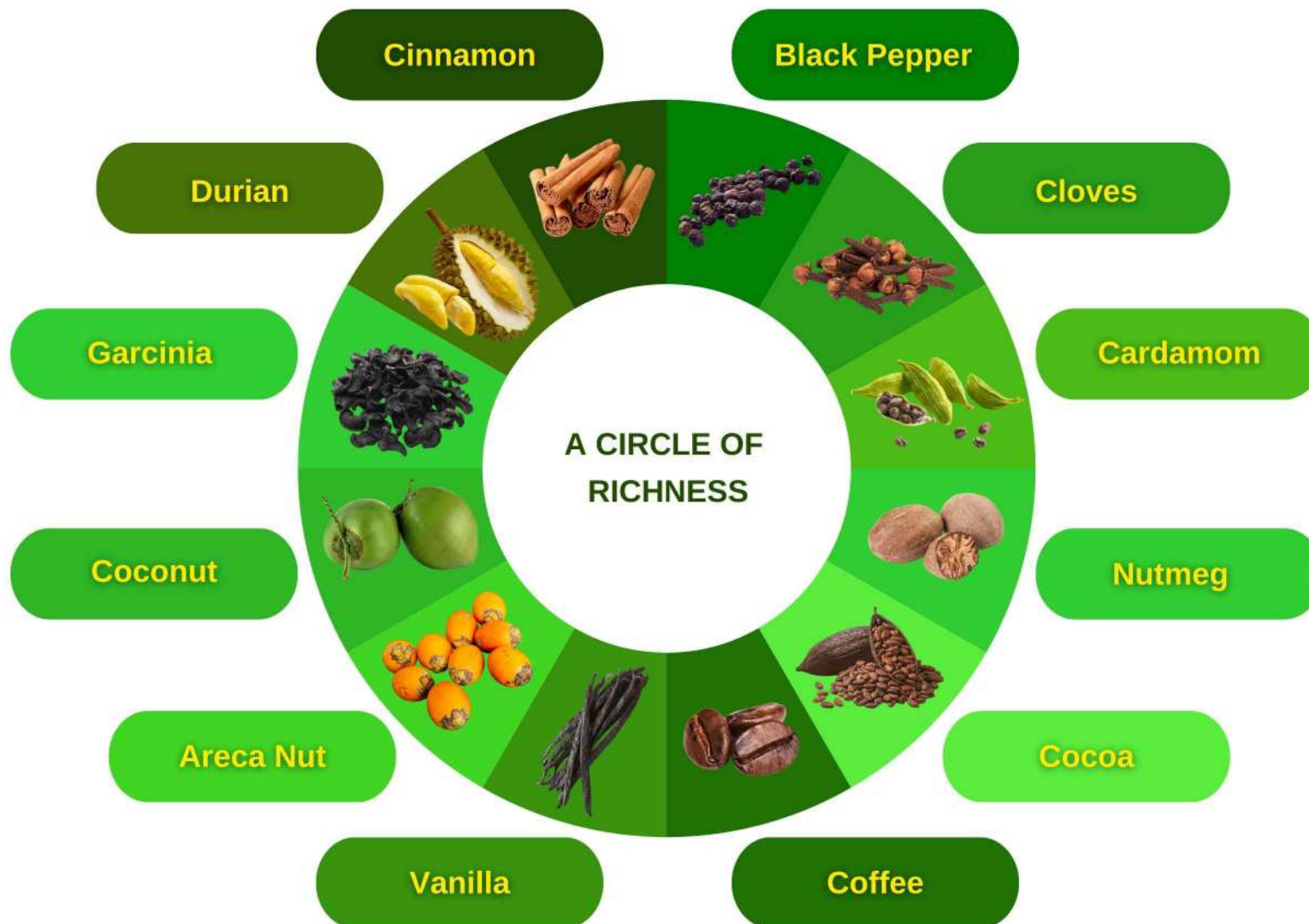
A Must-Try for Visitors

A visit to Highwolton Estate isn't complete without witnessing the toddy collection process or tasting the authentic Kithul Raa. It's more than a drink; it's a journey into the heart of Sri Lanka's natural and cultural heritage.



OUR PLANT ASSETS AT A GLANCE

At Highwolton Estate Matale, these crops form the backbone of our operations. Their abundance reflects our dedication to organic practices and sustainable cultivation, ensuring they remain vital resources for years to come.





FUTURE PLANS

At Highwolton Estate Matale, our vision for the future is rooted in enhancing both the land and the experience we offer to all who visit. We're planning thoughtful additions, from a greenhouse for high-value fruits and vegetables to an organic chicken farm. By expanding our spice and specialty crop production and establishing a small tea plantation, we aim to continue our commitment to organic practices while supporting local markets with fresh sustainable products.

Our plans also focus on welcoming guests through eco-friendly accommodations, including a room building and cabanas with panoramic views and fresh, farm-to-table dining. Visitors can engage in estate activities, from learning about Ceylon cinnamon and black pepper in our spice garden to enjoying scenic garden visits. We're even creating special spaces for photoshoots, capturing the estate's beauty as it continues to grow. These future plans will allow Highwolton Estate to flourish as a hub for sustainable farming, heritage, and unique agritourism experiences.



ESTABLISHMENT OF A GREENHOUSE ON THE ESTATE

Objective:

To create a greenhouse dedicated to growing fresh fruits and vegetables, providing high-quality produce for visitors and supplying any excess to the local market.

As part of our commitment to sustainable and diversified agriculture, we are initiating the immediate development of a greenhouse on Highwolton Estate. This greenhouse will allow us to cultivate a variety of fruits and vegetables in a controlled environment, ensuring premium quality and freshness. The produce from this greenhouse will primarily serve our visitors, with any surplus offered to local markets.

Key Elements of the Greenhouse Project:

- **Controlled Growing Environment:** The greenhouse will provide optimal conditions for fruits and vegetables by managing temperature, humidity, and soil quality to ensure consistent, high-standard produce.



- **Visitor-Centric Focus:** Fresh fruits and vegetables will be available to enhance the visitor experience, adding a farm-to-table component that connects guests with the estate's organic produce.
- **Sustainable Practices:** Following organic farming principles, we will prioritize eco-friendly cultivation methods to support soil health, minimize chemical use, and promote sustainable practices.
- **Local Market Supply:** Any excess produce from the greenhouse will be distributed to local markets, contributing to the community's access to fresh, organically grown products.

This greenhouse project will enrich Highwolton Estate's offerings, providing visitors with a unique taste of estate-grown produce and supporting local market needs with high-quality, sustainable fruits and vegetables.

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION DEVELOPMENT



Objective:

To establish eco-friendly tourist accommodations at Highwolton Estate, offering guests an immersive experience of the estate's scenic beauty, sustainable practices, and locally sourced flavors.

As part of our commitment to agritourism, we are developing a tourist room building that will feature three rooms with attached bathrooms on the first floor, each designed with an aesthetic that complements the natural surroundings. These rooms offer stunning views of the estate, nearby paddy fields, and the picturesque landscapes beyond. On the ground floor, guests will find a dining area along with a tea, coffee, and juice bar, where we serve food crafted from fresh fruits and vegetables grown on both our estate and in our greenhouse. Additionally, we are planning to build few cabanas throughout the estate, providing guests with private, nature-centered accommodations.



Key Features of the Tourist Accommodations:

- **Design and Location:** Strategically positioned rooms and cabanas provide panoramic views of lush estate landscapes and the surrounding greenery, creating a serene and immersive environment for visitors.
- **Eco-Friendly Construction:** Our accommodations will ensure minimal environmental impact and aligning with our estate's values.
- **Farm-to-Table Dining:** Guests can enjoy freshly prepared meals made with fruits and vegetables sourced directly from the estate and greenhouse, providing a true farm-to-table experience.
- **Enriching Guest Activities:** Visitors can engage in a variety of activities, including garden visits, hands-on farming experiences, tours of the estate's future developments like the chicken farm and tea plantation. Additionally, guests will have the opportunity to learn about our spice garden's heritage crops, such as Ceylon cinnamon and black pepper.

Through these thoughtfully designed accommodations and engaging activities, Highwolton Estate aims to offer a unique and memorable stay that showcases our dedication to sustainable agriculture and immersive agritourism experiences.

DEVELOPMENT OF A SMALL TEA PLANTATION

Objective:

To establish a small, premium organic tea plantation on Highwolton Estate, offering high-quality tea that celebrates the rich heritage of Sri Lankan tea for our customers and visitors.

In a carefully designated area, we plan to cultivate organic tea that highlights the estate's unique growing conditions. Sri Lankan tea is globally renowned for its distinct flavor and quality, and our plantation aims to honor this legacy by producing tea that reflects the excellence associated with Ceylon tea. All cultivation, harvesting, and processing will take place on-site, ensuring we maintain strict quality standards and sustainable practices.



Key elements of the tea plantation include:

- **Cultivation Excellence:** By focusing tea production within the estate, we implement best practices in organic cultivation, including careful soil management and harvesting methods, to produce superior tea leaves that represent the quality of Sri Lankan tea.
- **Product Diversity:** We aim to offer a curated selection of teas, from classic black and green to specialty blends, appealing to the refined tastes of tea lovers who appreciate the unique qualities of Ceylon tea.

- **Sustainable Practices:** Our dedication to eco-friendly methods in cultivation and processing underscores our commitment to preserving the environment and enhancing the sustainability of our tea production.

This tea plantation will enrich Highwolton Estate's offerings, connecting visitors and customers with the celebrated heritage of Sri Lankan tea while delivering an authentic, organic tea experience.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHICKEN FARM FOR ORGANIC EGG PRODUCTION



Objective:

To create a sustainable, organic egg production facility that aligns with our dedication to ethical agriculture and supports the growing demand for high-quality, natural products.

As part of our upcoming initiatives, we are planning an organic chicken farm within Highwolton Estate. This facility will produce premium eggs in a natural, eco-friendly environment, prioritizing ethical practices that ensure both the welfare of our chickens and the quality of our eggs.

In preparation for this project, we have already designated a specific area on the estate with clearly marked boundaries to organize future operations effectively.

Key components of the chicken farm include:

- **Natural and Free-Range Farming:** Chickens will have open spaces to roam within the designated area, encouraging natural behaviors and health. They will be nourished with organic, non-GMO feed to ensure the highest quality eggs.

- **Sustainable Farming Methods:** Our practices avoid harmful chemicals in both feed and farm management, reflecting our commitment to environmentally conscious farming.
- **Market Reach:** Fresh, organic eggs from Highwolton Estate will be offered to meet the rising demand for ethically sourced, top-quality products.

By emphasizing natural, traditional farming methods, we aim to produce eggs of exceptional organic quality while upholding sustainable agriculture values.



EXPANSION OF SPICE AND SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCTION

Objective:

To establish Highwolton Estate as a trusted source of high-quality, organically grown spices and specialty crops, while introducing value-added processing to meet diverse market needs.

In expanding our spice and specialty crop production, we are committed to ensuring that all cultivation takes place exclusively within Highwolton Estate. This includes growing traditional spices such as black pepper, Ceylon cinnamon, cardamom, and nutmeg, alongside specialty crops like coffee, cocoa, and vanilla. To support this growth, we are introducing advanced processing units that will allow us to diversify our products and meet demand in both local and international markets. Every product from our estate is crafted to meet the highest organic standards, embodying a commitment to quality and sustainability.

Key aspects of this expansion include:

- Land Allocation and Processing Units: With cultivation and processing centralized on the estate, we can maintain strict quality control and ensure sustainable practices at every stage.

- Organic and Sustainable Practices: Upholding our commitment to organic farming, we follow environmentally friendly methods that protect the purity and natural quality of each product.
- Market Reach: Highwolton Estate aims to become a recognized source of Sri Lankan spices and specialty crops, offering products that bring together the rich heritage of Sri Lanka and the demands of modern agricultural quality standards.



This expansion reflects our dedication to providing the best in organic, high-quality products and reinforcing Highwolton Estate's role as a sustainable and respected player in the spice and specialty crop sectors.



OFFERING SPACE FOR PHOTO-SHOOTS

Objective:

To create a captivating setting within Highwolton Estate that attracts photography enthusiasts and professionals, enhancing the estate's appeal with new, picturesque features.

Recognizing the unique beauty of Highwolton Estate, we are developing designated areas for photo-shoots that showcase the estate's lush landscapes and serene environment. This initiative aims to invite visitors for photography sessions, whether for personal, creative, or professional projects, while further enhancing the estate's charm with new scenic elements.

Key Features of the Photo-Shoot Space Offering:

- **Picturesque Settings:** We will create and enhance select spots around the estate to provide stunning backdrops, incorporating elements that highlight the natural beauty of the landscape, gardens, and ponds.
- **Exclusive Access:** Photography groups and individuals can reserve exclusive time slots, ensuring a private and uninterrupted environment ideal for capturing high-quality images.
- **New Scenic Additions:** To continually appeal to photographers, we plan to introduce visually captivating features, such as unique landscaping elements, flower installations, and tranquil spaces that highlight the estate's natural allure.

By welcoming photo-shoots, Highwolton Estate becomes not only a destination for nature and agriculture but also a picturesque venue for capturing memorable moments. This plan adds a fresh dimension to the estate, attracting a diverse audience and celebrating the estate's beauty through photography.



Explore Sri Lanka's Wonders from Highwolton Estate

Strategically positioned in the heart of Sri Lanka, Highwolton Estate Matale offers an ideal starting point for exploring the island's most cherished destinations. Its central location ensures easy access to historic landmarks, scenic spots, and adventure-filled destinations.

Discover the proximity of Highwolton Estate to these remarkable destinations, highlighting the distances from the estate to each location :



- Colombo Bandaranaike International Airport ~ 111 km
- Aluviharaya Rock Cave Temple ~ 9.1 km
- The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic ~ 36.7 km
- Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya ~ 40.8 km
- Knuckles Forest Reserve ~ 57.3 km
- Nuwara Eliya ~ 112 km
- Kandy ~ 37.1 km
- Ambewela ~ 124 km
- Hakgala Botanical Garden ~ 117 km
- Pinnewela Elephant Orphanage ~ 58.2 km
- Dambulla ~ 44.9 km
- Victoria Randenigala Rantembe Sanctuary ~ 100 km
- Horton Plains National Park ~ 133 km
- Ella ~ 170 km
- Badulla ~ 149 km
- Bandarawela ~ 178 km
- Sri Pada / Adam's Peak ~ 123 km
- Ratnapura ~ 151 km
- Kitulgala ~ 95.7 km
- Udawalawe National Park ~ 229 km

- Sinharaja Forest Reserve ~ 194 km
- Yala National Park ~ 205 km
- Bundala National Park ~ 279 km
- Hambantota ~ 296 km
- Matara ~ 269 km
- Weligama ~ 259 km
- Galle ~ 240 km
- Hikkaduwa ~ 230 km
- Unawatuna ~ 239 km
- Negombo ~ 112 km
- Beruwala ~ 185 km
- Bentota ~ 193 km
- Habarana ~ 66.3 km
- Sigiriya (Lion's Rock) ~ 61.6 km
- Polonnaruwa ~ 109 km
- Anuradhapura ~ 109 km
- Minneriya ~ 91.5 km
- Wasgamuwa National Park ~ 94.8 km
- Somawathiya National Park ~ 142 km
- Wilpattu National Park ~ 126 km
- Puttalam ~ 126 km
- Kalpitiya ~ 164 km
- Jaffna ~ 289 km
- Mannar ~ 211 km
- Arugam Bay Beach ~ 238 km
- Maduru Oya National Park ~ 126 km
- Gal Oya Valley National Park ~ 164 km
- Pasikuda ~ 176 km
- Nilaveli ~ 164 km
- Batticaloa ~ 201 km
- Trincomalee ~ 150 km
- Kalkudah ~ 173 km

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