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Agro Tour of Sri Lanka (5 Days)

5 days · 4 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This five-day tour moves through Sri Lanka's farming regions, from the coconut coast at Marawila inland to Matale, Hingurakgoda and on to Kandy, giving a grounded look at how the island's agricultural economy actually works. Travellers visit a coconut research institute, a working organic farm, a state livestock farm, a large seed production farm with paddy fields, and a tea factory, moving from coastal plantations to the dry-zone farmlands of Polonnaruwa district and finishing in the hill country near Kandy.



The itinerary is built around hands-on, practical visits rather than monuments: seeing coconuts harvested and processed, learning how organic crops such as pepper, cinnamon, coffee and cocoa are grown alongside free-range poultry and dairy cattle, trying milking at a livestock farm, walking into paddy fields to learn about rice cultivation, and following tea from leaf to cup at a working tea factory. It suits travellers who want to understand rural Sri Lankan life beyond the usual sightseeing route.

The tour runs with private transport between stops, covering the coconut-growing west coast, the farming belt around Matale and Hingurakgoda, and the approach to Kandy, before returning travellers to the airport at the end.

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Airport → Marawila

The tour begins with a transfer from the airport to Marawila, with an evening visit to a coconut research institute before returning to the hotel to relax.

Coconut Research Institute, Marawila

Founded in 1929, this national institute has centred Sri Lanka's scientific research on coconut cultivation since its establishment, covering genetics, chemistry and soil science, and holds both national and international standing in the field.

Day 2 Marawila → Matale

After breakfast, the tour continues to Matale to visit Jim's Farm Villas, a sustainable organic farm created in memory of the owner's father, a Suffolk farmer.

Jim's Farm Villas

The farm covers over 2500 coconut palms, 500 banana palms, and several hundred mango and papaya trees, alongside crops of black pepper, cinnamon, coffee and cocoa grown using organic methods. Visitors can learn about coconut harvesting, which takes place every six weeks, and see the farm's free-range chickens and cows kept for milk and organic manure.

Day 3 Jim's Farm Villas → Melsiripura Farm → Hingurakgoda Farm Villa

After checking out, the day is spent at Melsiripura Farm before continuing to Hingurakgoda for the overnight stay.

Melsiripura Farm

Made up of four divisions, this farm was taken over by the National Livestock Development Board in 1976-1977 and sits on the Kurunegala-Dambulla road. Visitors can learn about coconut cultivation and harvesting, try the cow milking process, and see other farm animals kept on site.

Day 4 Hingurakgoda → Kandy

The day combines a visit to a major seed production farm with a stop at a tea factory on the road to Kandy.

CIC Seed Production Farm

Located in Hingurakgoda in Polonnaruwa district, one of Sri Lanka's best-known paddy-growing areas, this is the country's biggest seed production farm, irrigated by the Minneriya reservoir. Visitors can walk into the paddy field to learn about rice cultivation and also see a fruit and vegetable farm within the site.

Mlesna Tea Fortress

Set between Pilimathalawa and Peradeniya on the road to Kandy, this tea factory takes its name from its fortress-like architecture and offers a close look at how tea leaves are plucked and processed, with tea available to taste for free and to purchase from its shop.

Day 5 Colombo → Airport

After breakfast, the tour ends with a transfer from the hotel to the airport.

What’s included

INCLUDED

- Transport in a Private Vehicle, inclusive of, cost of fuel, parking & highway tolls.
- Service of an English-Speaking Chauffer Guide throughout the tour.
- All prevailing taxes and service charges (Except for Credit Card Charges).

NOT INCLUDED

- Hotel Accommodation.
- Entry Visa Fees
- International / Domestic Airfare.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Entrance fees to the respective sites.
