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Rural Tour from Bentota (2 Days)

2 days · 1 nights | Private tour with chauffeur guide

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About this experience

This two-day tour leaves from the Bentota bridge and heads inland to the villages around Galathara and Uthumgama, trading the coast for river, hill and paddy country for one overnight. The route combines a boat ride along the Bentota tributary with a hike up Pahurukanda mountain, a night in a tree house, and a second day spent around a working paddy field and a traditional forge before returning to Bentota.

The pace is hands-on rather than sightseeing from a vehicle: a two-hour climb to Pahurukanda Temple and the viewpoint locals call Mini World's End, a village lunch on the mountaintop, a tuk-tuk ride on to Uthumgama, a dip in a natural pool with toddy available on request, and a barbecue dinner at the tree house. The following morning puts you into a paddy field to try the work yourself and into a blacksmith's forge to see traditional techniques explained by the smith, before the drive back to Bentota, where the tour ends.

It suits travellers who want a short, active break from the coast and a closer look at rural livelihoods rather than a conventional sightseeing circuit.

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 Bentota → Galathara → Uthumgama

The tour begins at the Bentota bridge with a boat ride inland, followed by a hike and an overnight stay in a tree house near Uthumgama.

Bentota tributary boat ride

The day starts at 0800 near the Bentota bridge with a boat ride along the Bentota tributary to Galathara junction.

Pahurukanda mountain hike

A two-hour hike leads to the top of Pahurukanda mountain, where you can visit Pahurukanda Temple and spend time exploring the surrounding area.

Mini World's End viewpoint

From the edge of the mountain there is a view that local villagers call Mini World's End.

Village lunch on the mountain

A village lunch is arranged on top of the mountain before the return to Galathara junction and a tuk-tuk ride on to Uthumgama.

Natural pool

At Uthumgama you can take a dip in a natural pool, with toddy available on special request.

Tree house BBQ and overnight stay

The day ends with a barbecue dinner and an overnight stay in a tree house.

Day 2 Uthumgama → Bentota

After a village breakfast, the second day focuses on paddy field life and traditional blacksmithing before the return to Bentota, where the tour ends.

Paddy field visit

After breakfast you are taken to a paddy field, where you can step in and try the work yourself to learn how things are done there.

Traditional forge

A visit to a traditional forge follows, where a blacksmith explains old blacksmithing techniques.

Return to Bentota

The tour returns to Bentota and drops you where the journey started, ending the tour.

What's included

INCLUDED

- All prevailing taxes and service charges.
- Service of English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide.
- Transport in a Private Vehicle, Fuel, Parking & Highway tolls.

NOT INCLUDED

- Hotel Accommodation and Meals.
- Entrance fees to the respective sites.
- Tips & Portages.
- Expenses of personal nature.