

Important Information

The following activities and excursions have been curated exclusively for you, our resident guest.

Treks and hikes can be shortened or lengthened according to your requirements and every experience listed below is hosted by our in-house trekkers and local guides.

The pricing does not include tips or anything not mentioned in the 'includes' list and any dietary requirements, allergies, or physical incapacities should be communicated to Madulkelle Tea and Eco Lodge in advance.

1. Spa Treatments

Overlooking the Knuckles mountain range, our Spa has the most incredible view in the island, comparable to none. Choose from a range of spa treatments for singles as well as couples which can be had at the spa or in the comfort of your own lodge's terrace. Refer our spa menu in your lodge for a detailed list of treatments and price guide.

2. Bird Watching | (Minimum 2 Pax)

The forests surrounding Madulkelle have some of the best sites for bird watching – we've named our lodges after some of our favourite birds found in the forests surrounding the hotel. Wake at the crack of dawn for the best bird watching, or head out with your guide in the afternoon.

Endemic birds include: Ceylon hanging parrot, Sri Lankan Grackle and the Yellow fronted barbet, while other birds include: the Black Eagle, Brahmin Kite, Black hooded oriole and wood peckers.

Includes: Bottled water, a guide, binoculars and a bird watching guide book

What to wear and bring: Wear sunscreen, a cap, a good pair of hiking or trekking shoes and insect repellent.

Tip: The best time for bird watching is between 6.30am to 8am or 4.30pm to 6pm

Price: US\$ 10 per person



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3. Trekking Mini World's End through Tea Plantations | (Minimum 2 Pax)

Experience local country life, explore some fauna and flora specific to region and trek through old Ceylon's ancient tea valleys.

Includes: Bottled drinking water, snacks, Nature guide

What to wear or bring: Camera, sunscreen, a cap, clothes that cover the shoulders for temple visits and insect repellent. Your guide will have raincoats in case of rain and provide leech socks for treks on request or an herbal repellent.

Tip: This trek is moderate. Children under the age of 8 may find the trek too strenuous. Always follow closely behind your guide and take as many breaks as you need to.

Price: US\$ 12 per person

4. Half Day trekking through Campbell Forest | (Minimum 2 Pax)

Experience local life in the hill country and trek through the stunning tea plantations to tropical mountain rain forest to explore endemic flora & fauna and right up to the Campbell Forest Waterfall.

Includes: Bottled drinking water, snacks, naturalist, binoculars and a bird watching guide book and provide leech socks for treks on request or an herbal repellent.

What to wear or bring: Camera, sunscreen, a cap and insect repellent.

Tip: This trek is moderate but includes a few steep ascents. You should be in good physical condition for this experience. General climatic conditions are sunny and breezy. Children under the age of 8 may find the trek too strenuous. Always follow closely behind your guide and take as many breaks as you need to.

Price: US\$ 22 per person



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5. The Story of Tea | (Minimum 2 Pax)

Learn and experience the harvest, production and brewing of a fine cup of Ceylon tea. The experience begins at the hotel's tea estate where you will learn the art of picking tea alongside tea pickers, then visit a working tea factory to see withering and packaging processes (orthodox Process) and finally, a tea tasting session either at the factory or back at the hotel.

Includes: Tea picking, bottled drinking water and transport by tuk tuk, factory visits with entrances fees, tea tasting at a tea factory or hotel.

What to wear or bring: Camera, sunscreen and a cap.

Price: US\$ 18 per person

6. Knuckles Day Trekking | (Minimum 2 pax)

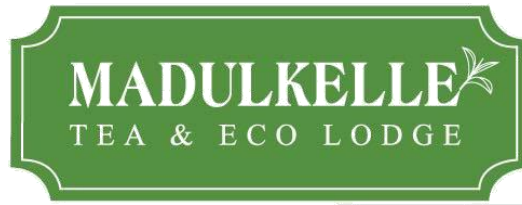
Trekking in the Knuckles mountain range starts at the entry point of Gomaraya, around 60 minutes' drive from the hotel. The final destination is 1864m above the sea level, an uphill drive. The distance from the entry point to final destination point is around 7.5km. The full trek will take 4-6hrs. Explore crystal clear waterfalls, endemic flora and fauna.

Includes: Bottled water, snacks, a nature guide, entrances fees and transport to and from the Knuckles entrance.

What to wear and bring: Wear sunscreen, a cap, a good pair of hiking or trekking shoes and insect repellent. Your guide will have raincoats in case of rain and provide leech socks for treks on request or an herbal repellent.

Tip: The Knuckles trek is somewhat strenuous and is entirely dependent on good weather. Children under the age of 8 are not allowed inside the Knuckles reserve due to safety reasons. Always follow closely behind your guide and take as many breaks as you need to.

Price: US\$ 75 per person



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7. Overnight Camping at Knuckles | (Minimum 2 Pax)

This experience is great for lovers of the outdoors. Rise early and be driven by 4x4 jeeps to entry point of Gomaraya and walk to the camp site, located approximately 1500m above sea level.

Includes: Tented accomodation, entrance fees, English speaking naturalist, bottled drinking water, 'survival' meals (Dinner & Breakfast), transport to and from the Knuckles' entrance by 4X4 jeep or tuk tuk.

What to wear or bring: A good pair of hiking shoes (water proof shoes are recommended), warm clothes, insect repellent and a raincoat.

Tip: You should be in good physical condition for this experience. General climatic conditions are windy, cold and rainy. The Knuckles trek is somewhat strenuous and is entirely dependent on good weather. Children under the age of 8 are not allowed inside the Knuckles reserve due to safety reasons. Always follow closely behind your guide and take as many breaks as you need to. This experience can only be booked based on availability, and should always be booked in advance.

Price: US\$ 165 per person

8. A Guided Visit to Madulkelle | (Minimum 2 Pax)

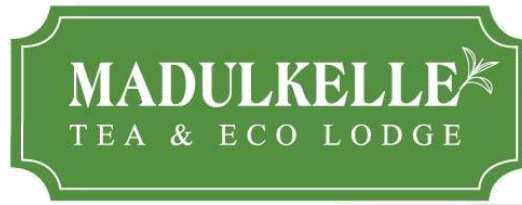
Madulkelle was one of the main in the region during the British planter's period. Your first stop will be an Anglican Church built in 1837, by British planters. Adjoining you will see the burial grounds of the planters of past. Following this, you'll visit the Madulkelle Hospital, an interesting place for those interested in British colonial architecture. The visit ends with a stop at the Kelebokka Hindu Temple for a traditional Hindu blessing.

Includes: Bottled drinking water and transport by 4x4 jeep or tuk tuk

What to wear or bring: Camera, sunscreen, a cap, wear clothes that cover shoulders and wear knee length shorts/ skirts for the temple visit.

Tip: This experience is best in the late afternoon, after lunch to make it to the Hindu Kovil in time for a blessing by the Kovil's resident preist at around 5pm.

Price: US\$ 15 per person



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9. Visits to Nearby Waterfalls | (Minimum 2 Pax)

Visit the waterfalls of Hulugaga, Hathale Ella, Saree Ella and Jodu Ella in a 2 to 3 hour experience that includes a scenic drive through the hill country.

Includes: Bottled drinking water, snacks and transport by 4x4 jeep or tuk tuk **What to wear or bring:** Camera, sunscreen, a cap and insect repellent.

Price: US\$ 22 per person

10. Traditional Hill Country Cooking Demonstration | (Minimum 2 Pax)

Join the Madulkelle Tea and Eco Lodge chef for a short walk around our organic vegetable and herb garden and pick a basketfull of the day's fresh, in season produce. Learn to identify fresh herbs and how they grow. Then, join the chef in the kitchen for a hands-on cooking lesson of typical Sri Lankan hill country dishes.

Includes: Cooking demonstration and lunch of traditional Sri Lankan hill country dishes with dessert. **What to wear or bring:** Notepad and pen/pencil

Price: US\$ 15 per person

11. A Visit to a Kandyan Forest Garden | (Minimum 2 Pax)

A complex sustainable land use system that combines multiple farming components, such as annual and perennial crops and livestock. The Kandyan home garden provides for employment and income generation opportunities to the households.

Includes: Bottled drinking water, transport by 4x4 jeep or tuk-tuk, traditional welcome, simple community food and tea.

Price: US\$ 35 per person



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12. Community Tourism with Dr. Nishadi Somaratne | (Minimum 2Pax)

Experience the Madulkelle community and have tea with a hosting family in our 'tour with a cause' project. While getting to know a local family and their way of life, enjoy a simple snack in true Sri Lankan hospitality. You could also experience tea picking with the estate community ladies that work in the field.

Includes: Bottled drinking water, transport by tuk-tuk, traditional welcome, simple community food and tea.

Tip: This experience can only be booked based on availability, and should always be booked in advance.

What to wear or bring: Camera, sunscreen, a cap, wear clothes that cover shoulders and wear knee length shorts/ skirts.

Price: US\$ 50 per person