



## Destination: Kandy, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka, known as Ceylon before 1972, is an island nation in South Asia. Located about 31 kilometers (18½ mi) off the southern coast of India, it is home to approximately twenty million people. Famous for the production and export of tea, coffee, rubber and coconuts, the country boasts a progressive and modern industrial economy. Kandy is the 2nd largest city in Sri Lanka and considered one of the most scenic destinations in the country.

### Kandy Fast Facts:

- ⦿ Served as the capital of the last Sinhalese kingdom
- ⦿ The filming location of *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*
- ⦿ Houses many sweet shops and confectionaries

## THE TRAVEL CORNER

### What do Sodha Travelers recommend in Kandy?

*“Check out a Kandyan dance performance at one of the cultural centers.”*

*“Visit Kandy Lake. It is serene, has great views of Temple of the Tooth, and is overflowing with feisty monkeys!”*



## - Featured Tour: Treasures of Sri Lanka -

With rows of coconut palms, dense forests and clear waters of the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka is an incredible offshore garden. Although heavily affected by the tsunami in 2004, the country has made an empowering comeback and continues to impress travelers from around the world. On this tour, visit the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, the ancient kingdom of Polonnaruwa, and the beaches of Bentota. Reserve our [Sri Lanka](#) package in the month of May and receive \$75 off registration!



*Amaya Hills*

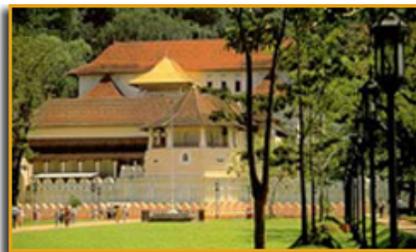
## - STAY -

### ☆☆☆ Baramba House

This bed and breakfast is big on charm. Baramba House has three rooms with en-suite bathrooms, all with spectacular views. Relax by the pool and enjoy the sunset over the Mahaweli River. Baramba House is quiet, private, and the hosts go out of their way to accommodate guest requests.

### ☆☆☆☆ Amaya Hills

Nestled in the hills of Kandy, this hotel draws inspiration from ancient Kandyan architectural concepts and motifs. There is also an Ayurvedic center and spa with an extensive selection of wellness treatments and packages. Be sure to visit the tea room in the lobby level, offering over 40 varieties of high grown, mid and low country Sri Lankan teas.



*Temple of the Tooth*

## - DINE -

### Bamboo Garden (Slightly Chilled Lounge)

With views of the lake, a roof-top bar and a diverse menu, this restaurant caters to both locals and tourists. Only a short walk from the Temple of the Tooth, Bamboo Garden also offers complimentary wi-fi.



*Peradeniya Botanical Gardens*

## - TOUR -

### Peradeniya Botanical Gardens

A serene escape from the hustle of the city. The gardens include more than 300 varieties of spices, orchids, and medicinal plants.

### Sri Dalada Malagawa (Temple of the Tooth)

This temple, housing the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha, is one of the holiest shrines in the entire Buddhist world.

### Horton Plains National

This World Heritage Site was declared a national park in 1988 and is rich in biodiversity. Go early and walk to World's End, a sheer cliff with dramatic views!