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Balapitiya - Sri Lanka Travel & Accommodation Guide

A two hour drive south from Colombo, either along the costal road or by train, you'll find Balapitiya, a small, picturesque village with golden soft beaches.

A great destination for those who are looking for the "real Sri Lanka", away from the main-stream tourist resorts.



While Balapitiya still seems "untouched" by mass tourism its only a short drive away from Bentota, one of Sri Lanka's major beach resorts.

To the south Aluthgama, famous for its mask carving, the surfers paradise of Hikkaduwa and the historical city of Galle are within easy reach.



Balapitiya is traditionally a fishing village and you can see the scattered small fishing hamlets bordering the beach. Fishing trips and/or river safaris can easily be arranged.

Sweet water lagoons and the Maadu river with their amazing flora and fauna are making Balapitiya also attractive for ECO tourists and bird watchers.

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An important administrative site from the time of the British era, Balapitiya has many mansions and estates which are now converted into boutique villas and hotels.

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Balapitiya - Sri Lanka Activities

The open sparkling blue sea is ideal for surfing, snorkling or just relax on Balapitiyas golden beaches.

On the beach you can find romantic little coves offering privacy. life here is deifetily quieter than at the nearby popular tourist resorts.



Maadu River

The Maadu river offers very popular boat trips down the river where you can arrange to visit temples, cinnamon estates and other nature resorts. This area is a preserved wild life sanctuary.



Water Sports

Nearby Aluthgama and Bentota are well known for water skiing, boating, sailing, and many other water sports. For beginners several training schools are offering personal training.

Excursions

In the interior you can visit cinnamon estates where you can arrange to see the peeling, drying and stacking of some oth worllds best cinnamon.. In Meetiyagoda you'll find Sri Lankas only Moonstone mines.



Shopping

Balapitiya has a few shops with cottage crafts that would interest the visitor. Ambalangoda and Aluthgama are offering bigger variety in shopping and not to mention Hikkaduwa , the most popular souvenir centre.