

## Ratnapura One-Day Tour Itinerary

### Morning

#### 1. National Museum of Ratnapura

- Begin your day with a visit to the museum, located in the famous Ehelapola Walawwa. It features artifacts related to gems, minerals, and the history of Ratnapura.
- Duration: 1–1.5 hours.

#### 2. Gem Mines

- Explore a traditional gem mine in Ratnapura, Sri Lanka's gem capital. Learn about the mining process and the city's gemstone heritage. Some mines offer guided tours.
  - Duration: 1–1.5 hours.
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### Lunch

- Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant or hotel in Ratnapura. Recommendations: **River Face Restaurant** or **Hotel Sapthapadhi** for authentic Sri Lankan food.
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### Afternoon

#### 3. Batadombalena Cave

- Visit this prehistoric site, believed to have been inhabited by early humans over 30,000 years ago. It's a short hike to reach the cave, surrounded by lush greenery.
- Duration: 2–2.5 hours.

#### 4. Saman Devalaya

- A sacred temple dedicated to God Saman, a guardian deity of Sri Lanka. This is a serene place to experience cultural and religious heritage.
  - Duration: 1 hour.
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### Evening

#### 5. Bopath Ella Falls

- Conclude your day by visiting this picturesque waterfall resembling the shape of a Bo leaf. Relax by the falls and enjoy the natural beauty.
  - Duration: 1–1.5 hours.
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## **Additional Options**

If time permits or based on your interests:

- **Katugas Ella Falls:** Another beautiful waterfall near Ratnapura.
- **Sinharaja Forest Reserve (Partial Visit):** A UNESCO World Heritage Site for nature enthusiasts, ideal for short trails.