



RATNAPURA (CITY OF GEMS) AND BACK (DAY EXCURSION)

Starting Location: Colombo or Negombo.

Time: Full day Excursion (Morning to Evening) and return to the same location.

Excursion Highlights: Experience of a live Gem Mine, Ratnapura Local Gem Market, Gem Lapidary, Gem Factory, Bobath Falls, and Rubber Plantation.

Tour Itinerary

Leave around 08.00 a.m. from the hotel premises to Ratnapura (City of Gems).

- Visit a live gem mine en-route. Experience the process of a local Gem Mine.
- Visit the Local Gem Market at Ratnapura or Eheliyagoda. Experience of selling and buying jems at the market by local gem vendors.
- Visit a Gem Lapidary to experience the procedure of Gem Cutting and Polishing.
- Visit a Gem Factory and shop, If interested you can buy genuine gems with the Gem & Jewlery Certification.
- Visit the Bopath Falls at Kuruwita on the way back. It has a shape very similar to the leaf of the sacred fig or "Bo" tree, which has earned it this name. Local myths say that it is haunted and that it hides a treasure trove.
- Visit a Rubber Plantation en-route. Ratnapura is a traditional rubber growing district.



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