

Living Heritage Koslanda

FACT SHEET

How to get to Living Heritage Koslanda

Living Heritage Koslanda is situated just south of Haputale in the village of Koslanda in the Eastern hill region of Sri Lanka. Most guests travel to Living Heritage Koslanda via private vehicle or via train to Haputale with a 30 minute transfer from Haputale railway station to our property.

The railway station at Haputale has services to Colombo, Nuwara Eliya, Ela and Kandy.

Some of our guests arrive by helicopter which only takes 40 minutes from Colombo and 30 minutes from the southern coastal regions of Sri Lanka. It's a great way to see the beauty of Sri Lanka.

Directions

Coming from the Wellawaya Junction: Follow the road to Beragala. Before the village of Koslanda, 1.5 kilometres after you have passed the Diyaluma falls on your right, you come to the 203.3 km stone mark and you turn left at the blue house. Follow the dirt track for about ½ a kilometre, all the way to a giant elephant gate on your right. You have arrived!

Coming from Haputale Railway Station: Head straight through the village of Koslanda. After 2.5 kilometres on the road to Wellawaya at the 203.3 km stone mark turn right at the blue house. Follow the dirt track for about ½ kilometre, all the way to a giant elephant gate on your right. You have arrived!

For more information on our location please refer to the location page on our website.

Travel Times to Living Heritage Koslanda from.....

Colombo International Airport	5 ½ hours
Colombo City	5 hours
Haputale Railway Station	20 minutes
Ela	45 minutes
Horton Plains	1 hour
Nuwara Eliya	2 hours
Uda walawe National Park	1 hour
Katagarama	2 ½ hours
Yala National Park	2 hours
Arugam Bay	2 hours
Tangalle	3 hours
Galle	5 hours
Kandy	4 hours

Climate

Living Heritage Koslanda is located at an average elevation of 1,800ft and experiences perfect temperatures all year round. The climate is much cooler & less humid than the coastal areas of Sri Lanka and not as chilly as the higher hill country of Nuwara Eliya & Bandarawela. In fact during the period of colonial rule, British planters found that the climate of the Hill Country could be too chilly at times, and the low country was too hot most of the time. But between the high hill country of Bandarawela and the low country of Wellawaya and Hambantota, they found that the climate at Koslanda was never too hot and never too cold, but *just right*.

When packing prepare for fresh mornings, warm days and cooler evenings. During the months from October to February we suggest you pack a light sweater or pashmina for the cooler evenings.

Average temperatures range from 22 °C to 32°C and in the cooler months from October to February evenings can drop to 15°C

The weather is generally dry for 5 months of the year (Feb, Mar, June, July & Aug). The monsoon arrives in the months of April, October and November. It is very rare to get continual days of rain during the monsoon. We usually experience clear bright mornings and heavy down pours in the afternoons only.

As with most parts of the world our weather has been affected by Climate Change. So although traditionally the weather patterns were predictable these days they seem to be a bit more varied between dry and rainy periods.

Best time to visit

Anytime! Koslanda's climate is ideal all year round. Even in the monsoon it's still a magical place to be – during the heavy down pours curl up and read a book, have a kip or watch the rain roll in over the hills!

Rooms

3 suites – each suit sleeps up to 2 adults. Can have two additional mattresses. Additional mattresses are charged extra. Refer to rates. Each suite is 1,800 ft² and is complete with en-suite, Jacuzzi, verandah and private garden.

1 single – sleeps 1-2 adults. No additional mattresses can be added. Single room is complete with modern en-suite & outdoor shower.

Internet is currently available in the office. Wireless internet will be coming to all rooms by end of 2011.

Rates (refer to rates on website)

Our rates include breakfast and a traditional Sri Lankan Rice & Curry lunch (cooked to suit your taste buds). They do not include snacks, dinner, all beverages, activities, laundry, telephone calls and transport.

Payments

We only have a small number of rooms so we require an advance payment of 30% to secure your booking, the balance of which is to be paid 28 days prior to arrival. We accept both VISA & MASTERCARD.

Child Policy

Children aged 6 and above are welcome at *Living Heritage* Koslanda. The reason is that there are a number of steep drops which can be hazardous to very young children who are mobile. We do ask parents of children to bear in mind that most guests prefer peace and quiet. *Living Heritage* Koslanda expands over a large area with plenty of space for children to run around and the various excursions on offer provide plenty of opportunities for children to make plenty of noise.

Activities

You can do as little or as much as you like at *Living Heritage* Koslanda. The following are just some of activities offered:

At *Living Heritage* Koslanda:

- Join the residents & staff in their daily ritual in worshipping the Goddess of the Forest at an ancient statue and shrine on the property.
- River bathing & swimming
- Traditional Auyurvedic Massage
- Yoga (pre-booked)
- Plant a tree and help our reforestation programme
- Picnic by the cascading waterfalls on the estate
- Sri Lankan Cooking Classes
- Jungle Trekking
- Bird watching: view some of Sri Lanka's incredible bird life
- Be lucky enough to see elephants roam these sacred lands and drink from the hotel's river (Dry season only)

Around Koslanda:

- Visit the breathtaking waterfall of Diyaluma: the 6th highest waterfall in the world!
- Visit the local Hill country tea estates and see how the world's best tea is produced
- Explore the ancient Daftir Jailani Sufi Shrine
- Catch a train through the picturesque hill country: the best way to see it!
- Elephant Safari in Udawalawe National Park
- Trekking in Horton plains & World's End
- See a leopard in the wild at Yala National Park
- Visit the holy sites of Kataragama and much more...
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- Yoga and much more.....

Transport

Most people arrive in their own transport as part of an all island trip. We can however arrange for an air-conditioned van & driver for anyone needing to be collected from the airport or elsewhere on the island.

We also can arrange transport for transfers to and from Haputale railway station as well as local exploring either in an air-conditioned vehicle with driver or in a local three-wheeler (tuk tuk).

For a more scenic and speedier journey ask us about helicopter flights.

Accommodation for Drivers

We do not have accommodation for drivers at Living Heritage Koslanda, however we have an arrangement with a local guest house just 20 minutes drive away for all drivers. The cost per night is approximately LKR1,500/- .

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