

Living Heritage Koslanda

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the weather like?

Living Heritage Koslanda is located 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 a 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.

When is the 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!

Are children welcome at Living Heritage Koslanda?

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.

Do you have driver's accommodation?

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/- .

Can we pay for our room on arrival?

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 all credit cards.

What should we wear?

Light cotton clothing is always best. Bring a light sweater or pashmina for cool mornings and evenings, sturdy walking shoes for exploring and in the monsoon period a waterproof jacket can sometimes be helpful.

For jungle walking / trekking we recommend several pairs of fine knit/gauge socks, sturdy walking shoes or trainers and long trousers. Top Tip for the jungle: To prevent against leech bites the best protection is compact cotton pants tucked into 2 pairs of fine gauge socks then comfortable shoes to trek in.

When visiting religious sites and temples it is important to cover your legs and arms.

What kind of terrain is available for hiking?

The eastern hills offers a great variety of treks. Our team will recommend beautiful walks and treks for you depending on your level of fitness and the length of time you wish to walk.

Can you arrange our transport for us?

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.

Can you help us book similar accommodation in other parts of Sri Lanka?

We sure can. Just send us an email of where you would like to go and we will give you some recommendations of hotels and/or agents.