

Batticaloa Dutch Fort

To get a better understanding of Batti's rich history, be sure to explore the Dutch Fort built in 1628 by the Portuguese. The fort was taken over by the Dutch ten years after its construction, hence its name. Presently this historic fort



houses the District Secretariat. It is open to tourists all year round. Make sure you walk on the ramparts to enjoy the breath-taking views of the lagoon, its surroundings and some strategically placed cannons.

Parks in Batticaloa



Batti has many parks ideal for all age groups. Ghandi Park is home to "Batticaloa Gate" which marks where Rev. William Ault landed in 1814. You can also see the crane used by the British to unload goods from small boats when

it was used as a port. The newly landscaped Fort Park is a great place for children to play and see & meet the locals enjoying their evenings. You will see small parks and public seating areas all along the lagoon. You can stop at any of these spots to relax and enjoy the view or sunset as you explore Batti on your biking trails.

Batticaloa City Map

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Tourist attractions in Batticaloa

Surrounded by lagoons and sandy beaches, the historic town of Batticaloa is one of Sri Lanka's hidden jewels. Fondly referred as Batti for short, this town is located in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province. A place of mystique and spectacular beauty characterized by history, nature and culture, Batti has a lot to offer. With so much to see and do it is practically impossible to explore Batti in a day. Thus, you will need a couple of days or more to fully enjoy what Batticaloa has to offer.



Batticaloa Lighthouse



Standing 28 metres in height, Batticaloa lighthouse was built in 1913. The location marks the entry point into the lagoon from the sea. This lighthouse still serves the local fishermen to guide their boats into the lagoon for unloading their catch and safe docking from rough seas. You can also visit "Batticaloa Lagoon Environmental Learning Centre" which explains the lagoon's ecosystem by simple artwork and a few exhibits. By

crossing the narrow strip of water you will enter into Eco Park where you can climb the viewing tower to observe the estuary, birds and breath-taking view where the lagoon meets the sea.

Beaches in Batticaloa

Batticaloa shoreline is famous for its long sandy beaches. Kallady Beach is the locals' favourite where a lot of the town dwellers come to enjoy their evenings. The bike route along the coastal line will take you from Kallady to Navalady



beach where the lagoon meets the sea. Being on the east coast, an early morning visit to see the sunrise can be priceless. Strolling along the beach you can witness the many fishing related activities that take place. Within no time your hands will be full of seashells you collected along the way.

Old Kallady Bridge Batticaloa



The bridge was built in 1924 during the British colonial rule. It is the oldest and longest iron bridge in Sri Lanka. The bridge was officially named Lady Manning Bridge but locally known as Kallady Bridge. This

is the only bridge that connects the two land masses separated by the Batticaloa lagoon. After the new bridge was opened in 2013 this majestic structure has become a recreational spot for locals. Still you will see pedestrians and cyclists using this bridge to cross the lagoon in a very leisurely manner. After the reduced traffic it has become an ideal spot for angling, scenic viewing of the lagoon and its traditional fishing activities. At the west side of the bridge you can visit the church which is built in a shape of a whale.

Batticaloa Public Market

Every day the market is bustling with activities from morning to early afternoon. Especially on Sunday's you will see lot of locals doing their weekly shopping for fresh vegetables, fish and meat. You will be able to see local and regional



produce sold to the public. The market has evolved from a simple temporary line of sheds in the early 80s to the present two story complex with designated areas for each type of produce.