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## Tissamaharama - Sri Lanka Travel & Accommodation Guide

The rural town of Tissamaharama was known in ancient times as Mahagama, which was in some ways a southern version of [Anuradhapura](#). Its rich history, the many archaeological ruins and nearby [Yala National Park](#) and Kataragama with its colorful festivals and temples are making Tissamaharama certainly worth a visit.



In the center of Tissamaharama town you can see an ancient, huge stupa which is almost fully restored to its former glory.



Legend has it that Buddha visited Tissamaharama on his third visit to Sri Lanka and that a sacred tooth relic and a forehead bone relic are enshrined in a dagoba. As such it is considered one of 16 places in Sri Lanka that are sacred to [Buddhists](#).

The choice of accommodation in Tissamaharama is ranging from small guesthouses and hotels to well equipped safari lodges, specialised in tours to the [Yala National Park](#).

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**Kataragama**

The temple city of Kataragama with its colorful festivals is visited by Sri Lankans regardless of caste and creed. They honor God Kataragama as a very powerful deity and beg divine help to overcome their personal problems or for success in business enterprises etc., with the fervent hope that their requests would be granted.



**Dondra Point**

The Dondra Point is situated in the southern most point of Sri Lanka facing the Indian Ocean which is the main sea route between west and east. And the Northern most point is Point Pedro situated in Northern Province. The Dondra Point is important for its sea route

**Yala National Park**

Yala National Park is one of the best parks in the world to observe and photograph leopards in the wild. With its considerable size, the terrain of the national park is varied from flat plains to rocky outcrops.



**Devinwara (city of gods)**

Devinwara, the city of gods in Sinhala language is important for many reasons. First for its historical importance, and second for its religious importance, and third for its geographical importance. While some of the ruins in this area gives evidence to prove its historical importance, Devalaya or the Temple stands as a monument to prove its religious importance, and the Light House which stands about a quarter kilometer by the sea coast shows its geographical importance.