

Kandy Temple of the sacred Tooth Relic



Sri Dalada Maligawa (the Temple of the Tooth Relic) is one of the most sacred Buddhist temples in Sri Lanka. This is situated at the Kandy Royal Palace compound. Temple of the Tooth Relic houses the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha, and one of the holiest places for Buddhists around the world. The sacred tooth relic was brought to Sri Lanka in Anuradhapura Era during the reign of King Sri Megavanna (301-328 CE).

Thereafter the custodianship of the sacred tooth relic was considered as the right for rule for reigning monarchs of Sri Lanka. Kings of Sri Lanka protected the tooth relic in their kingdoms and capitals. Finally, the Tooth Relic was brought to its present shrine at last Kingdom of Sri Lanka – Kandy, by King Vimaladharmasuriya I (1590 - 1604).

Annual Kandy Esala Perahera or the world renowned 'Kandy Perahera' a grand pagent, is held to pay homage to the sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha.

Note: attraction involves walking and climbing of steps to reach upper levels/heights.

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