

Take part in renovating to bring back the glory of ancient temples, painting and relics.

This project will give you the opportunity to participate in efforts to bring temples in the village of Hanguranketha back to their previous glory. You will work at ancient temples, and schools and help the renovation and restoration work taking place. Among the serene countryside of Central Highlands of Sri Lanka, you will spend your time for a cause worthwhile.



#### **Program Description**

According to an official census, there are 119 temples in and around Hanguranketha that require renovation and repair work. Our project is working to bring 10 temples back to life. Your work will include basic renovation, painting and restoration of artwork in and around the temples.

The latest projects are situated in the quiet little village of Hanguranketha, which is approximately an hour drive from Kandy. These new projects take you deeper into the rural parts of Sri Lanka away from the noisy and overcrowded cities. Previously known as Diyatileka, Nuwara and Sangaruwan Ketha, Hanguranketha is a village of tremendous historical significance. Although most of its palaces and temples were destroyed by invaders in the early part of the 19th century, there are still a large number of historical sites to be discovered.

Temples in and around Hanguranketha include the Pothgul Maliga Maha Wiharaya which is built from the remains of an ancient palace and a library; the Vishnu Dewalaya; the Dadimunda Dewalaya and Madanwela ancient temple.

The village of Hanguranketha faces several problems such as the lack of clean drinking water, frequent power cuts, poorly staffed schools and run-down temples. And our effort is to assist the local community in restoring and saving these symbols of heritage and culture.

# **Program Duration & Availability**

Min duration (weeks): 1

## **Aims & Objectives**

To bring back the lost glory of these ancient temples such that more and more people come to visit these forgotten temples.

#### **Schedule**

#### **Monday to Friday**

After breakfast you will go to your project and start the renovation work. You will mainly engage in renovation and restoration activities during the project time. The work usually starts at 8.30 am and finishes around 2.30 pm.

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

## **Starting Dates**

#### During 2019

This program starts every week.

#### During 2020

This program starts every week.

# Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age:

Maximum age: -

Minimum English level: Basic

**CRB required:** On Signup **Passport copy required:** On Signup

**Resume copy required:** No **Required qualification:** None

### **Additional Requirements**

- Participants with body tattoos need to be cover them and those who have visible piercings must take the ring/studs/etc. out while at the placement.
- Participants below the age of 18 should have parental consent.
- Participants above the age of 65 should have medical clearance.

# **Additional Equipment**

There are no specific equipments.