



## JF TOURS

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### Navigate the Kalu Ganga – Sri Lanka's mighty Black River

The start of your scenic canoeing adventure will be at "Ratnapura", a town famous for its gem mines, and from here you will paddle gently downriver through breathtaking scenery to finally arrive in a little riverside village called "Kiriella". This upper section of the Kalu River is relatively easy to navigate and does not require any special canoeing skills; beginners are welcome to join!

After passing through the populated "Ratnapura" town area, the riverbank environment becomes quieter and more picturesque. Little houses are enveloped by vegetation such as thick feathery bamboo whilst silent river crossings and hard-at-work sand miners give you an insight into this unique aquatic way of life. Along the route you can admire many vegetation types, witness the ever-changing landscapes, view wildlife and appreciate this privileged insight into the way of life of the rural communities living beside the river. During most of the journey, the only noises you will hear are the sounds of birdcall and the gentle ripple of the water from your paddle.

#### What to bring

- Personal effects for warm/windy/rainy conditions.
- Insect repellent and Sun lotion.
- Water proof bags for cameras and mobile phones.
- Light weight clothes and river sandals.

#### Tour Includes

- Professional / experienced river guides.
- All safety equipment.
- Full time backup vehicle with communication.
- Picnic lunch at the stopover point.
- All government taxes and service charges.

#### Tour Logistics

Clients are required to arrive at the starting point near Rathnapura Saman Devalaya by 8.00 a.m.

#### Optional Extras

- 1 night / 2 days or 2 nights / 3 days complete journey from Ratnapura to Kalutara with accommodation in scenic, well appointed campsites.
- Gem museum and Gem Pit visit .
- Visit to Maha Saman Dewalaya – An ancient shrine dedicated to the god Saman.

<b>Other Canoeing Locations</b> <b>Bolgoda Lake – Just 45 minutes</b> <b>drive from Colombo. Half a day</b> <b>package with lunch US\$ 55</b>	<b>US\$ 90</b> Per Person
	<b>Child US\$ 45</b>

