



Anuradhapura Buddhist Monastery Mahamevnawa Dhammachetiya

This monastery is in a quiet area about ten minutes from the ancient sites of Anuradhapura. The monks there are very knowledgeable about all of the places you would want to visit in this UNESCO World Heritage city. It is important to remember that there is a vast amount of history in this city. The monks who live in this monastery will be able to explain both the historical and religious significance of the sites you will visit. They will also be able to explain the many devotional practices you are likely to see as you travel to the holy sites.

You can visit us without an appointment, but if you would like to guarantee that a monk is available to take you on a tour or ask questions, or if you are a professional tour guide, please contact us at info@mahamevnawa.lk or call +94 76 7602566

Things to See and Do

- Talk with monks about Buddhism
- Get personal meditation instructions from the monks
- Join in with evening chanting
- meditate

What to Bring

- Food for yourself. If a meal is taking place you will be invited to join, but otherwise there are no shops close to the monastery.
- Water bottle. Free drinking water available.
- Umbrella to protect from sun.
- Shoes that can be easily removed
- If you like, flowers to offer at shrines.

Attractions near the monastery

- Shri Maha Bodhi Tree 4.5 km
- Ruwanveliseya Stupa 5 km
- Ancient Samadhi Buddha 4 km
- Tissa Wewa and Isurumunia temple 5 km
- Abhayagiri Stupa 3.3 km
- Jetavana Stupa 6 km

Distance from…

Anuradhapura Train Station: 7 km
Mihintale: 20 km
Dambulla: 70 km
Wilpattu Wildlife Park, Hunuwilagama: 40 km

Directions

Along the way, you can mention to people that you are trying to get to Mahamevnawa (Maha MAY oo naa wa) Buddhist Monastery.

From Anuradhapura train station: Take a three wheeler to the Mahamevnawa Bhavana Asapuwa costing approximately Rs 400 or a metered taxi.

From Anuradhapura bus station: From the old bus stand get a bus heading to Vilachchiya or Tantirimale and get off at Lolu Gaswewa Handiya (junction). After you get off, the bus will turn left. You want to continue walking straight about 300m. On the left side you will see a sign for the monastery, Mahamevnawa Bhavana Asapuwa.

Monastery Open Hours

Everyday 8 am to 9 pm
Evening Puja: 6pm

Monastery Information: MahaMevNawaBM.org/anuradhapura