



Galaboda
Group

Tea Estate Tour

PURE CEYLON ORGANIC TEA EXPERIENCE

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Welcome

Dear Friends...

Our vision is to bring our customers quality, product safety, value added teas with a focus on sourcing the best Organic ingredients according to the international standards. We encourage every small scale farmer to preserve the environment introducing sustainable organic farming methods. Farming is not just cultivating things on the earth, It is a beautiful relationship between man and the earth. It tells how a man respects back to the nature in his life-time. Farmer is the only person who can feel the soul of the environment.

We welcome you all behalf of Galaboda Group.

Regards

The Galaboda Crew



The History

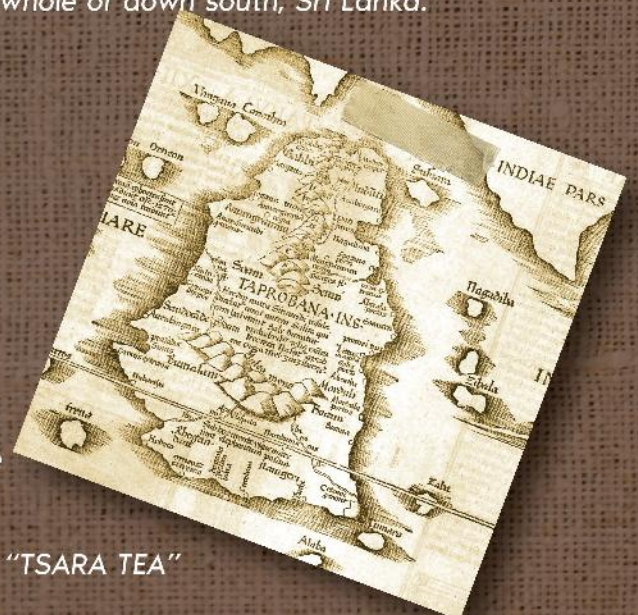
Founded in 1935, under the British colonial period of Ceylon, Galaboda tea factory began to produce black teas with a humble beginning. Galaboda estate is one of the most certified organic tea and spice producers in the downsouth of Sri- Lanka.

The production of teas at Galaboda goes back to the time of the second world war in the British Ceylon. The founder, my grandfather, started to produce only black teas for the British military in the middle 1930s. The plantation was a conventional black tea producer from 1935 onwards. The business was then passed down from my grandfather to my father, Mr. Piyasena De Silva who started to produce a number of black teas including BOP, OP, BOPF, PEKOE and BOP1 to supply bulk teas to the Tea Auction in Colombo. The Colombo auction is the place where the tea buyers purchase teas and eventually deliver to the London tea Market via many foreign companies. As Ceylon tea became popular all over the world, especially in the Arab countries, EU and the UK, Galaboda teas started to build up a reputation for its wholesome/good quality and healthy teas.

The business is then passed down from Mr. Piyasena De Silva to me. Me, being a medical doctor had a different vision than my father. I wanted to make tea a very healthy beverage without any harmful effects of fertilizer/pesticides or any chemicals. To achieve this, vision of mine, I decided to make my entire tea fields fully (100%) ORGANIC. Organic concept was first introduced at the beginning of the year 2000. With the help of my dedicated staff and workers, we managed to obtain our first organic certification in 2008 via IMO in Switzerland. Since, 2008 we are fully 100% Organic certified. I am proud to say, we are the ONE and ONLY organic tea plantation for whole of down south, Sri Lanka.

The gardens at Galaboda are covered with organic teas, spices and fruits showing the fertility of the soil in downsouth region of Ceylon. Since the crops are treated exclusively with organic fertilizer according to the international standards, you can be assured of a healthy cup of tea from Galaboda tea factory. Our organic certification body is ECOCERT(SA), which is a French organic certifying body. You can see our certification at the following link- www.ecocert.com

Galaboda has been producing teas for over 80 years now. We take great pride in our heritage and knowledge in the tea industry. We like to be the best in what we do, and we love producing a naturally healthy, wholesome beverage to be enjoyed by everyone.



WELCOME TO GALABODA and WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF "TSARA TEA"



Altitude: 90 m
Region: Ruhuna, Southern
Province, Sri Lanka
Annual Rainfall: 2800 mm

The Estate

Galaboda, the evergreen organic tea plantation is situated in the southern province of Sri Lanka closer to the border of Galle and Matara districts. The estate is surrounded by a number of misty mountains in the town of Akuressa Srilanka.

Spreading over the vicinity of 39 acres, the Galaboda tea factory is located just 2-hour drive from the heart of Colombo along the Colombo-Matara expressway. The entire cultivation is treated with organic fertilizer to protect the soil and the bio diversity. We are USDA/EU and JAS certified.

The two factories including black tea and green tea play an important role in the livelihood of farmers and families in the nearby villages. Paying above the standard market rate for each fresh kilo of tea, Tsara adds a value to the farmers and the local producers as a responsible entrepreneur.

At least 200 number of workers along with 3000 number of families depend on Galaboda for their daily livelihood. We educate and encourage all the small tea hold farmers to preserve their natural environment and adhere to natural ways to cultivate tea without depending on commercial aids or chemicals.

Lulled by the chirping of birds in the surrounding, the factory sits on a hill surrounded by flora and fauna. An idyllic estate, offering wide – open spaces, springs, a thriving spice garden and an adventure ready to excite your soul.





The Factory

Galaboda Tea factory was one of the military barracks in the early 1920s of the British colonial eras. The Factory still represents the grand colonial architectural features such as old staircases, Siren, wood fired stove and giant rolling devices. The factory is a medium scale black tea production plant in the Low Grown Tea region of Ruhuna Srilanka.

As the doors of the Galaboda tea factory open, the earthen warm aroma of tea punches the senses. Hand plucked fresh greenly tea leaves arrive in the gunny bags through the misty breeze. Technology comes to their aid in the form of plucking machines though precise hand plucking is still cherished to maintain the quality of fresh tea leaves. All the varieties of teas manufactured here are fully hygienically processed by the skillful workers with their great commitment and more than 75 years of experience in the tea industry.

The machinery churn with efficiency, withering, rolling, sifting and sorting the oxidizing leaves. The conventional machineries at the factory play the main role of producing fine teas without any chemical process. The wood fired stoves and ovens start to heat up letting fermented tea leaves to spread the aroma everywhere. An innovation by the factory, it's an infusion of the estate's finest tea grades. Even the packaging is eco-friendly, made from recyclable fiber or bio degradable materials.

Galaboda and Tsara are the main brands of value-added teas that this estate delivers to the international markets. These teas bring the divine tea experience and joy with each cup of tea around the clock.



Why Organic

There are many definitions world-wide to describe what is organic?

To be certified as purely organic this is not using any artificial chemicals in the production of plants and animals for food and other products. Organic simply is best described as the absence of any artificial chemicals, pesticides and only using nature's own ingredients to produce natural organic products. Here at TSARA teas, everything we use to manufacture tea is purely organic. Even the fertiliser for the tea plants is organic specially made according to international organic standards. TSARA teas has been thoroughly inspected by our certifying organic body on a yearly basis and we are very proud to be able to produce such high quality teas as nature intended. We are proud of our achievements and have obtained organic certification form Ecocert(SA) which is a French organic certifying body. We are also in the process of obtaining certification for Rain Forest Alliance.

Tsara teas first received its organic certification about 15 years ago and we are the ONLY certified organic tea producer for down south Sri Lanka.





The Habitat

Galaboda Tea estate is a unique tourist destination for more than a decade. The soil is treated with organic fertiliser in order to maintain a superb bio diversity allowing many rare species of endemic animals to survive.

Water causeways, termite mountains, a variety of rare birds, squirrels, ant eaters, insects, monkeys, Chameleons & headhogs are the unique features of this land extent.





The Estate Tour



Tsara teas offer a unique itinerary consisting of maximum one and half hour tour (including the refreshment) in the vicinity of the estate. We welcome visitors to our tea garden and the factories. Our experience guides will explain in depth about the tea making process. Guests can experience tea plucking and educate themselves on the process of tea manufacture, starting from the plucking technique and tasting the final products. Also, visitors can purchase freshly made teas at our exclusive tea boutique located in the premises.

The most unique facility that Tsara Teas offer to our visitors is to taste our entire collection of teas, which is over 30 varieties. These teas include black/green and flavored teas which can be tasted in a professional manner in our tea boutique.

We have opened our novel "Tea Boutique" where visitors are able to sit, relax, experience and bathe in a wonderful world of teas uniquely catered for the tea lovers around the world.



Tour Highlights

Tea Garden visit:

- Explaining on the history of tea production
- Explaining on Organic Tea Farming
- Plucking techniques
- Green & Black tea processes
- Sight seeing
- Bird Watching
- Introducing spices and other crops



Black Tea factory visit:

- Explaining on Tea collecting
- Withering techniques
- Rolling , fermentation and firing processes
- Sifting techniques
- Types of Black teas



Green Tea Factory Visit:

- Explaining on handmade green teas
- White and Champagne Teas Productions
- Traditional Green Tea Making techniques
- Explaining on Health Benefits of Green teas

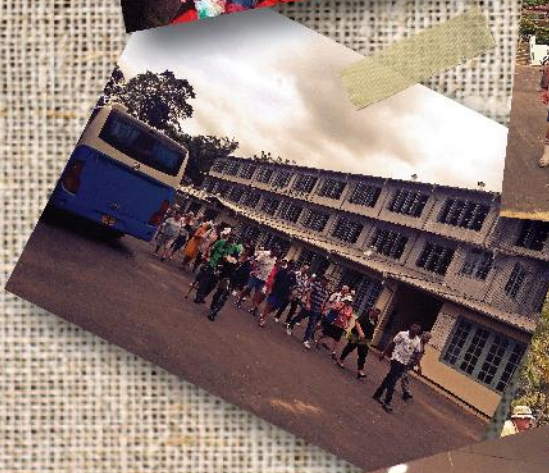


Tea Boutique Visit:

- Explaining on types of Green & Black teas
- Tea Tasting methods
- Tea Tasting
- Refreshment with Any fresh tea type wanted
- Shopping time



Special Captures



Booking A Tour

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You can not buy
happiness but you can
buy Tea and that's
kind of the same
thing.....
the Galaboda crew



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