

Cultural Background

Jaffna is one of the Tamil majority region with a very vast and rich cultural diversity in Srilanka. The culture is itself very unique and rigid. Jaffna culture includes a lot of customs and rituals which were handed down from generation to generation. The most prominent feature of the Jaffna is its religious festivals such as Thaipongal, Tamil Newyear, Depawali and Nallur Temple festival etc.. Jaffna has lots of tourist attractions in several places such as Nainathivu Temple, Nallur kovil, Naga vigara, Jaffna fort, beaches. Religion plays an important role in molding the Jaffna culture and traditions.

Jaffna culture is often reflected by the use of handicraft, Timber works, sculptures and even food. Some people would say that Jaffna has a more conventional culture which is obviously influenced by the prominent religions prevailing the regions. Jaffna people way of life is very simple and filled with humility and happiness, this is one of the reasons why the Jaffna people have a very great sense in appreciating the simple things in life.

One of the main features of the culture is its South Indian influence. because its situated near Tamil Nadu, India. In the ancient period, Jaffna peoples travel often to SouthIndia by boats for business and religious purpose. they incorporated Indian culture into ours but still preserving the unique Jaffna identity.