



### The Tāmpitavihāras of Sri Lanka

Elevated Image-Houses in Buddhist Architecture

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The Tāmpitavihāras of Sri Lanka focuses on one distinctive Buddhist architectural practice from pre-modern Sri Lanka – the construction of Buddha image-houses on elevated wooden platforms supported by stone pillars.

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