



NZSL North Harbour-Auckland Selection 1st XI Tour of Sri Lanka

**From the 7th – 18th July 2022
(during the NZ School holidays)**

***A Cricket and a Cultural tour with lots of leisure activities and staying at
luxury accommodation for players, parents and supporters***

**Organised by Amita Weerakoon
NZSL Cricket & Tour Management - Auckland**

Day 1 – 7th July - Flight details - Auckland > Singapore > Colombo. Meet at Auckland International Airport check-in area on the 7th July 2022@ 11am

AUCKLAND / SINGAPORE – SQ286

Depart AKL1410/Arrive SIN 2100

SINGAPORE / COLOMBO SQ468 –

Depart SIN2220/Arrive in CMB 2350 (7th July)



Transit time in Singapore is 1hr.20mins

Day 2 (8th July) AM – – check-in/sleep, sleep-in, breakfast (open until 10am) rest & relax

Around 1.30am – travel in the team bus to the hotel (travel time – one hour approx.)



Arrive at the hotel around 2.30am.

Citrus Hotel - Waskaduwa



Day 2 (8th July) PM – a training session for the players/R&R for the supporters/Capping night

4.00-5.30pm - Conditioning for the players – a training session with a local coach and the opportunity to train with some local spin bowlers as net bowlers



Conditioning for the supporters (user pays) – a Spa and Wellness Centre is available at this hotel for the parents and supporters to rest and recover from jet lag



Day 3 (9th July) – Game 1 (50 overs)

Game 1 – vs St Thomas' College (Founded in 1851) 1st XI selection team at their STC College ground in Mount Lavenia (45mins drive)

Evening – Return to the hotel for a swim/R&R and drinks under the sunset. Dinner from 7.30pm

St Thomas' College Mt Lavinia
Photography by Monica Dias



Day 4 (10th July) – Game 2 (50 overs)

Game 2 – vs Royal College
Panadura 1st XI team at
SLAOC International cricket
ground in Dombagoda (30
mins drive)



After the game:
R&R, drinks from
7pm and dinner
from 7.30pm



Day 5 (11th July)-breakfast/check-out/depart by 9am.
Travel to Galle (1.5hrs). Visit the Galle Dutch Fort
(UNESCO World Heritage site – built in 1588) and things
to do from 10.30am-1pm at the Galle Fort are...

Galle Fort is the most beautiful coastal town in [Sri Lanka](#). Here, life slows down as locals play cricket alongside the beach, travelers walk on the ancient fort walls, and street vendors sell fresh tropical fruit under the palm trees. Great place for shopping and to taste local cuisines



Day 5 (11th July) – While at the Dutch Galle Fort – options to walk the streets at leisure or watch the Australia vs Sri Lanka playing Test cricket

Watch the morning session of the 4th day of the 2nd Test between Australia vs Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium from the banks of the Galle Fort (photos from ACS July 2018 tour)



Day 5 (11th July) – After visiting the Galle Fort...visit a Turtle hatchery enroute to the hotel...

Visit a Turtle hatchery near Galle - Sri Lankan turtle Care programs aim to protect sea turtle eggs and increase hatching rates.

Check-in to Weligama Marriott Hotel and R&R in the afternoon. Dinner from 7.30pm



Day 6 (12th July) – Game day 3 (50 overs)

Vs a local District 1st XI team at Uyanwatte Cricket Stadium (ICC 1st class venue) in Matara

Evening options - helping a local hatchery to release the baby turtles in to the ocean (join in by donation) or surf the Weligama beaches with the locals



Day 7 (13th July) – Safari Day. Early breakfast and check-out, travel to either Yala or Udawalawe National park (travel time 2hrs approx.). After the Safari, check-in to the Grarand Udawalawe Safari Resort

AM – do a Safari at a National Park (user pays)

Check-in to Grand Udawalawe Safari Resort– R&R by thr pool. Drinks from 7pm and Dinner from 7.30pm



Day 8 (14th July) – Game 4 (50 Overs)

At Sooriyawewa International Cricket Stadium. Middle photo – Amita's 2018 team before their game at this ICC Test venue.

After the game – R&R at the hotel and drinks and a shortened Sri Lankan cultural show from 7pm and dinner from 8pm



Day 9 (15th July) – travel to Colombo (3 hrs), check-into Taj Samudra Hotel, after R&R, venture on a Colombo City tour and a shopping experience for the group (including the cricket shop).

Afternoon – arrive at Taj Samudra Hotel. Colombo City tour and shopping (including the Cricket Shop (phot below from our 2018 tour)) and R&R.

Evening options – visit **Galle Face Green** (Galle Face Beach) is a half kilometer promenade in the heart of **Colombo** and was initially laid out in 1859 by Sir Henry Ward, Governor of British Ceylon. Dinner from 7.30pm.



Day 10 (16th July) – Game Day 5 – 50 overs

Cultural show at night

Vs Lyceum College Panadura 1st XI team at
Colombo Cricket Club grounds (ICC test venue)

Evening – before dinner, group gathering for the
acknowledgements prior to the farewell dinner for
the Group.



Day 11 (17th July) – final day of the tour. Sleep-in, leisure options and late check-out at 6pm.

Reserve day for any rain cancellations – if needed, T20 game will be organised. Otherwise...

...R&R by the pool, round of Golf or an extra day for shopping.



Day 12 - (18th July) – Depart Sri Lanka early in the morning
Auckland via Singapore. Thanks for visiting and supporting Sri
Lanka during these tough times

COLOMBO / SINGAPORE – SQ469 – 0050/0720



SINGAPORE / AUCKLAND – SQ281 – 0850/2245(18th)



Tour features:

- Five limited over games on tour
- Accommodation at 5-star hotels
- Half board meals – buffet breakfast and dinner provided throughout the tour
- Lunch provided on match days
- Light snacks provided on travelling days
- Transport provided throughout the tour as per the itinerary
- Tour excursions – refer to next page
- Leisure options – refer to the following page
- Costing - return airfare and land package details – refer to the last page
- Tour is organised by Amita Weerakoon (has been organising cricket and leisure tours to Sri Lanka, India and Australia since 2014).



Tour Excursions:

- **Visit a UNESCO world heritage site – Galle Fort** (was built first in 1588 by the Portuguese, then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century from 1649 onwards)
- **Visit a safari park** – either Yala National Park (most visited and the second largest national park in Sri Lanka bordering the Indian Ocean) or the Udawalawe National Park (this national park was created to provide a
- **Visit a Turtle Hatchery** - Sri Lankan turtle Care programs aim to protect sea turtle eggs and increase hatching rates. They not only do hatching, but also treat disabled Turtles and treat the weak ones
- **A Sri Lankan Cultural show (shortened and arranged especially for our group to the hotel – standard Sri Lankan Cultural show is around 2.5 hours)** – Culture of Sri Lanka is based around the fusion of traditional forms of art, dance and music

Leisure options available on tour (user pays):

- **Well-being sessions** – Aromatherapy, Deep Tissue, Back and Ayurveda massaging, yoga, meditation
- **An opportunity to help the volunteers at Turtle Hatcheries to release the baby turtles into the ocean** - a highlight for many volunteers and tourists that can be found on the beach at dusk, when you may get the opportunity to release a group of turtles into the ocean!
- **Surfing down the southern/western beaches of Sri Lanka** - Sri Lanka is world-famous for surfing and has breaks suitable for all levels, so you'll be in seventh heaven whether you're a hardcore surfer or you've not yet mastered standing on a board.
- **Round of golf** – at Royal Colombo Golf Course and at Shangri La Hotel & Golf Resort in Hambantota
- **Learning to surf** – at Galle and at Hambantota
- **Shopping** – for cricket gear, clothing, jewellery, home ware, souvenirs etc
- Last day user pays meal options at Taj Samudra Hotel – lunch, High tea or dinner.

Tour payment details: Total package NZ \$ 4,250pp (twin or double share)

GROUP AIRFARE: NZD 2,325.00 PER PERSON

INCLUSIONS:

- ECONOMY CLASS AIR TRAVEL AUCKLAND / COLOMBO / AUCKLAND
- AIRLINE FUEL SURCHARGE LEVY AND OTHER AIRLINE FEES AND ALL AIRPORT TAXES (CURRENT AS AT 11 NOV 22)
- FREQUENT FLYER POINTS BEING ACCRUABLE

PAYMENT DEADLINES: 30th May 2022 – Many thanks to all the families for the payments and thank you Michael for all your efforts.

AIRFARE PAID TO: Michael Service, MD - Cricket Experiences NZ. michael@cricketexperiences.co.nz. Mobile: 027 494 7346

LAND PACKAGE: NZD 1,925.00 PER PERSON

PAYMENT DEADLINES: 30th June 2022 – or before.

LAND PACKAGE TO BE PAID TO: Amita Weerakoon, Director – NZSL Cricket Management

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