### NZSL North Harbour-Auckland Selection 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 7<sup>th</sup> July - Flight details - Auckland > Singapore > Colombo. Meet at Auckland International Airport check-in area on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022@ 11am

<u>AUCKLAND / SINGAPORE – SQ286</u> <u>Depart AKL1410/Arrive SIN 2100</u> SINGAPORE / COLOMBO SQ468 – Depart SIN2220/Arrive in CMB 2350 (7th July)





Transit time in Singapore is 1hr.20mins

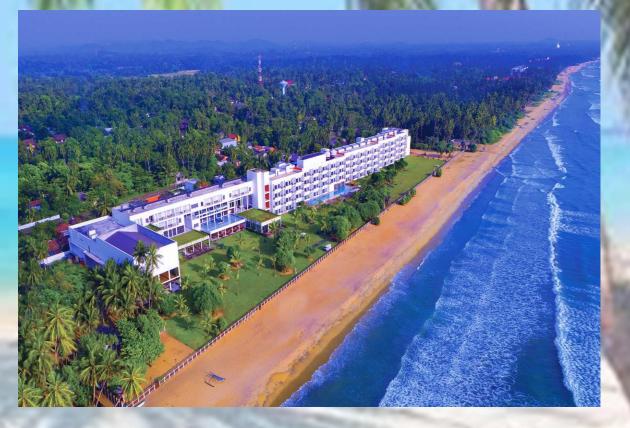
# Day 2 (8<sup>th</sup> July) AM - - check-in/sleep, sleep-in, breakfast (open until 10am) rest & relax

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 (8<sup>th</sup> 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)

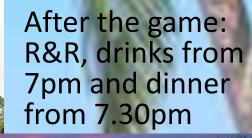
Game 1 – vs St Thomas' College (Founded in 1851) 1<sup>st</sup> XI selection team at their STC College ground in Mount Lavenia (45mins drive)

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



### Day 4 (10<sup>th</sup> July) – Game 2 (50 overs)

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



Day 5 (11<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>Sri Lanka</u>. 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 cusines



# Day 5 (11<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> XI team at Uyanwatte Cricket Stadium (ICC 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (13<sup>th</sup> 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 (15<sup>th</sup> 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 (16<sup>th</sup> 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 (17<sup>th</sup> July) – final day of the tour. Sleep-in, leisure options and late check-out at 6pm.

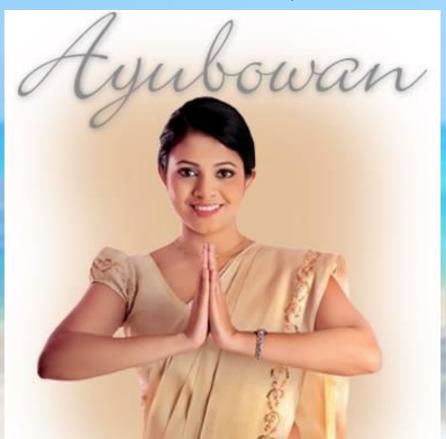
Reserve day for any rain cancellations – if needed, T20 game will be organised. Otherwise...

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



# Day 12 - (18<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>Portuguese</u>, then extensively fortified by the <u>Dutch</u> 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 Ayuweda 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 tourist 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 Hambantote
- Learning to surf at Galle and at Hambantote
- 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 (CURENT AS AT 11 NOV 22)
- FREQUENT FLYER POINTS BEING ACCRUABLE

**PAYMENT DEADLINES:** 30<sup>th</sup> 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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