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

From the 7th – 18th July 2022

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.

Leg 1 - AUCKLAND / SINGAPORE – SQ286 Departed AKL @1410/Arrived SIN @2100



Leg 2 - SINGAPORE / COLOMBO SQ468 – Departed @ SIN2220/Arrived in CMB @ 2350 (7th July)



Day 1 – arrived close to midnight @ Colombo. Day 2 – R&R in the morning. PM - training session with local net bowlers and donated some used cricket gear to under privileged children in that area

Arrived at Colombo (Sri Lanka) airport around midnight (7th July)



Arrived at the hotel around 2.30am. Citrus Hotel - Waskaduwa





Day 3 – Game 1 (50 overs)

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

S. Thamas' College Mt. Lavinia

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

Game 1 vs St Thomas' College Mount Lavinia XI, R&R and team bonding



Day 4 – Game 2 (50 overs)

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

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



Day 5 – AM travelled to Galle and visited the Dutch Fort at Galle (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

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 cuisines.



Day 5 – While at the Dutch Galle Fort – walk the streets at leisure and watched the Australia vs Sri Lanka playing Test cricket

Watched the second 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 and from inside the Galle International stadium





Day 5 – After visiting the Galle Fort...visited 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



A great stay at Weligama Mariotts Resort



Day 6 – Game day 3 (50 overs)

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



Day 7 – Safari Day – travelled to Udawalawe and checked-in to the Grand Udawalawe Safari Resort. Afternoon – visited the feeding of the baby elephants and enjoyed the safari at the Udawalawe National park.

Noon - checked-in to Grand Udawalawe Safari Resort– R&R by the pool.

PM – Visited the Elephant Transit Home in Udawalawe which is an ethical elephant orphanage in Sri Lanka and a safe haven for orphaned baby elephant. Loved the Safari at the Udawalawe National Park afterwards.





Day 8 -Vs Hambantote District XI at Sooriyawewa International Cricket Stadium.



Day 9 – travel to Colombo check-into Taj Samudra Hotel, and shopping



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





Day 11 – farewells and final day of the tour, late check out and early morning flight (day 12) from Colombo to Singapore enroute to Auckland



Tour features:

- Five limited over games on tour
- Accommodation at 4.5 and 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 was organised by Amita Weerakoon (has been organising cricket and leisure tours to Sri Lanka, India and Australia since 2014).

