Proposed itinerary for Harbour-Auckland Under 17 Cricket tour of Sri Lanka

From the 6th April – 18th April 2023 (during the NZ School holidays)

A Cricket and a Cultural tour with varaity of leisure activities. Staying at luxury accommodation for players, parents and supporters

Endorsed by Auckland Cricket Association

Flight details - Auckland > Singapore > Colombo Departing Auckland – 6th April 2023

SQ 286 06APR AKL- SIN 1410 - 2100 Transit in SIN – 1hr 20mins SQ 468 06APR SIN-CMB 2220 - 2335 Arrive at Citrus Hotel in Waskaduwa around 1.30am (7th)

Day 2 (7th April) – 1st morning in Sri Lanka AM – sleep-in/breakfast/R&R/Travel to the grounds for a net session with local net bowlers

Day 2 (7th April) – after lunch/R&R – a training session for the players and rest & recovery for the supporters

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

2.30-4.30pm - Conditioning for the players – a training session with a local coach and the opportunity to train with some local spin bowlers as net bowlers

Day 3 (8th April) – Game 1 (50 overs)

Game 1 – at a First class ground in Colombo (photo from ACS 2018 tour) Evening – recovery session and a swim/R&R and dinner



Day 4 (9th April) AM – travel to Udawalawe (3hrs drive) PM - Day at a Safari park

AM – Travel (3 hrs) to Grand Udawalawe Safari Hotel

PM — Visit the Elephant Transit Home in Udawalawe is an ethical elephant orphanage in Sri Lanka and a safe haven for orphaned baby elephants. Afterwards, enjoy the Safari at the Udawalawe National park

Day 5 (10th April) – Game Day 2 (50 overs)

Game at either Hambantota International stadium or Matara International Stadium

Photos – Amita's North Harbour-Auckland July 2022 vs the Hambantota District XI



Day 6 (11th April) – After breakfast/check-out/travel to Hikkaduwa and enroute, visit a Turtle hatchery /check-in to a beach front hotel – Hikka Tranz/R&R and ...

Visit a Turtle Hatchery -Here you will find lots of information about Sri Lanka's pioneering sea turtle conservation project - why Sri Lanka (and the village of Kosgoda in particular) is a prime turtle nesting site, why the conservation project is needed





Evening – (optional activity - helping to release the baby turtles in to the ocean)





Day 7 (12th April) – Game day 3 (50 overs)

After the game – R&R at the Hotel

Either at Galle International stadium or Matara International stadium





Day 8 (13th April) – Rest day and visit the Dutch Fort (UNESCO World Heritage site) at Galle

Visit **the Galle Dutch Fort (UNESCO World Heritage site** - 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). Great place to watch the sunset



After the game and optional – rest & recover by the sea and surf by the hotel



Day 9 (14th April) – check-out/T20 game/travel to Colombo (2hrs drive) and Check in to a Colombo Hotel

Game 4 – T20 vs a local U17 team at 10.30am

Colombo is the executive and judicial capital and largest city of Sri Lanka by population. Colombo metropolitan area has a population of 5.6 million. It is the financial center of the island and a tourist destination.





Day 10 (15th April) – rest day/Shopping and Colombo City tour

Shopping for the boys - the Cricket Shop in Colombo (Photo from the July 2022 tour)

Shopping for the girls - Sri Lanka remains one of the single most important sources for fine gemstones and still is the traditional supplier of gemstone jewellery to the British Royal family



Day 11 (16th April) – Game Day 5 (50 overs)

To be played at a first class ground in Colombo (photo from the ACS 2018 tour) Acknowledgements and farewells and final group dinner



Day 12 (17th April) – Rest day/options for more Shopping /R&R/late check-out at 6pm

Final day in Sri Lanka – either R&R at the hotel, visit SPA CEYLON wellness centre or more shopping options



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17^{th and} 18th April – Late checkout from the hotel around 6pm (17th)

Check-in at the airport on the 17th April around 9pm.

Flight leaves CMB at 0.50am (18th April) and arrive in Singapore at 7.20am (18th)

Depart Singapore at 8.50am (18th) and arrive in Auckland at 11.45pm on the 18th April



 Extended stays in Sri Lanka can be organised and if needed, please contact Amita.

 Thanks for visiting and supporting Sri Lanka, the Wonder of Asia

Tour features:

- 4 x limited over, 1 x one T20, games on tour
- Accommodation at 4.5 star and 5-star hotels
- Half board meals buffet breakfast and dinner provided throughout the tour
- Lunch provided on match days
- Light lunches 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 <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 sanctuary for wild animals displaced by the construction of the Udawalawe Reservoir on the Walawe River)
- 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

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 sea
- Surfing down at Hikkaduwa Sri Lanka is world-famous for surfing and has breaks suitable for all levels.
- Shopping for cricket gear, clothing, jewellery, home ware, souvenirs etc

Tour payment details: Total package NZ \$ 4,495pp (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: tbc - Non-refundable deposit of \$ 150. 15 February 2023 - Balance of \$ 2,175

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

LAND PACKAGE: NZD 2,170.00 PER PERSON

PAYMENT DEADLINES: full payment by 15th March 2023 -

LAND PACKAGE TO BE PAID TO: Amita Weerakoon, Director – NZSL Cricket Management Director of Cricket – Takapuna District Cricket Club/Business Mentor – NZCPA/NZC Level 2 Coach/Director – Harbour Tuaraki Email – Weerakoon@xtra.co.nz. Mobile. 027 336 3363