

## Sea, Sun & Sand

20 nights / 21 days

Renewing Energy & Vitality with Sri Lankan Hospitality

### Day 01: Air Port to Negombo

Arrival at Colombo International Air Port and transfer to Hotel in Negombo

**Overnight stay at Jetwing Blue** or similar hotel.

#### Negombo Excursions;

The Portuguese, the Dutch and the British, have left their mark; and many buildings including houses and churches date back to that era. You however, can take away memories of some mesmerizing sights, sounds and tastes at a hub that now holds much attraction for its visitors as it did back then, and from the vantage point of our hotel in Negombo you can of course venture out in search of them all.

**NEGOMBO CITY** is located approximately 30 km north of commercial capital in Sri Lanka. It is located at the mouth of the Negombo lagoon. The major beach resorts in the West Coast in Negombo. The wide sandy beaches and the safe sea are the major attractions and many more to see in the city. Negombo is perfectly located within the 8km from the Bandaranaike International Airport in Sri Lanka.

#### Places to visit during the full day city tour.

- Negombo Fish Market & harbor
- Dutch church & port
- Angurukaramulla Ancient Temple
- ST. Mary's Church
- Hindu Temple
- Herbal Garden
- Shopping in Negombo city (if guest request)
- Boat ride or Catamaran ride around two hours
- We will provide free **of charge refreshment & drinking water** during the tour

### Day 02: Negombo / Kalpitiya

After breakfast leave for Kalpitiya for three nights.

Kalpitiya peninsula -48 km long and 6-8 km wide- is studded with fine sandy beaches. In addition to the Kalpitiya peninsula, 14 islands about Kalpitiya are encompassed in the Kalpitiya tourist development project envisaged in year 2008.

Kalpitiya-Alankuda Beach is one of those rare places in the world where these most amazing creatures of the sea such as **blue whales & sperm whales** can be observed with regularity and close at hand.

**Kite surfing** season runs from May till October and Alankuda Beach is considered one of the top locations for experienced kite surfers. Advanced riders can take lessons at Alankuda Beach and Guides can be provided for 'Down-winders' commencing at Alankuda Water Sports Centre. Alternatively for beginners we have our own resident AKI and IKO certified instructors on hand to offer you courses of varying lengths on the nearby lagoon. All equipment provided.

**Water sports** on offer include wind surfing, sailing on either a laser or a catamaran, kayaking and canoeing. Also on offer are exhilarating water wing and donut rides. All of these are available at the Boat House at Alankuda Beach.

Two hour **fishing excursions** are available at the Boat House. Alternatively, you can combine fishing with a visit to Bar Reef.

For a **snorkeling** experience closer at hand than Bar Reef, you can go half an hour by boat to the reef just off the famed St Anne's church, having visited a typical fishing village accessible only by sea en route and enjoy an hour and a half of lazy, hazy time taking in the colorful delights of corals and the fish that inhabit them.

Take one of our **bicycles** and explore the immediate area around Alankuda Beach.

**Willpattu National Park** has been closed for most of the last two decades and was re-opened recently, in April 2010. You can be among the first in years to visit the varied wild life of this, the island's largest national park.

**Bird Watching** in Alankuda is a Twitter's dream come true. While Alankuda and its environs are a delight in themselves, we can arrange specific bird watching tours further afield, accompanied by a local expert if necessary.

Take a **Lagoon Tour** in search of Pink Dolphins and the elusive Dugong.

For those who wish to **explore the land** around them, a visit can be made to the small, nearby fishing town of Kalpitiya. Called Calpentyn by the Dutch, who established it as an important fortified trading port, it's now a vibrant and unspoiled fishing town with an interesting mix of historical buildings from its eventful colonial past.

Dinner & Overnight stay at **Bar Reef, Palagama, Khomba House or Udekki** or similar hotel.

### **Day 05: Kalpitiya / Anuradhapura**

For over 1000 years, Sinhalese kings – and occasional South Indian interlopers – ruled from the palaces of Anuradhapura. It was the most extensive and important of the Sri Lankan royal capitals, but its size and the length of its history, and the length of time since its downfall make it more difficult to comprehend than younger, shorter-lived Polonnaruwa. Current-day Anuradhapura is a rather pleasant, planned city. Mature trees shade the main guesthouse areas, and the main street is orderly compared to the ugly concrete agglomerations seen in so many other regional centers.

The modern town was developed in the 20th century. In recent years a seamier side of the sacred city has emerged; the large army population (the town was a staging post for the northern battlefields) has brought an influx of prostitutes. The town has a huge number of guesthouses, many of which cater to the rent-by-the-hour market. The town was also a centre for war profiteering: political and business alliances conspired to loot the nearby forests of valuable timber.

Dinner & Overnight stay at **Palm Garden Village, Heritage Hotel** or similar hotel.

#### **Day 06: Anuradhapura / Jaffna**

Jaffna is the main city of Jaffna district which is located in the northernmost peninsula in Northern Province, Sri Lanka. The distance between Colombo to Jaffna is 363.2 km. historically; Jaffna has been a contested city and is lots of places to visit such as Jaffna port which was made during the Portuguese occupation in 1619. It is the second largest Dutch Port in Sri Lanka, is located immediately south of Jaffna town, with the southern side bounded by the shallow waters of Jaffna lagoon, the inlet of the Indian Ocean that carves out the Jaffna Peninsula. Jaffna Nallur Kovil, Jaffna library, Nagadeepa Island, Point Pedro, Dambakola patuna, Keerimalai, Casuarinas beach are some of top places to see in Jaffna. You need to stay in Jaffna for three nights to do all the excursions.

Dinner & Overnight stay at **Fort Hammenhiel Jaffna** or similar.

#### **Day 09: Jaffna / Trincomalee**

Trincomalee is a mystical port city which hosts the fifth largest natural harbor in the world. Steeped in myth and history this destination has attracted the attention of ancient sea farers such as Marco Polo and Ptolemy and was once the central base for sea traders from China and East Asia. Now, a destination renowned for its stunning beaches and abundant marine offerings for snorkelers and divers, Trincomalee is a tribute to the significant diversity of the Sri Lankan tourism product. The discovery of seas ideal for Whale Watching has tagged Trincomalee as a must-see destination.

The peninsula surrounded by the sparkling blue and bordered by the soft white sandy beaches calls out to every traveler to begin their own unforgettable travel story.

Culture, tradition, history or a simple beach holiday; Trincomalee offers a variety of attractions to choose from. Delve into fables of Hinduism with a visit to the Koneswaram Temple dedicated to the Hindu God Shiva, test the waters at the hot water springs believed to be a creation of king Ravana, meander through the ramparts of Fort Frederick the largest fort of the island built by the Dutch, snorkel the shaded shores of Pigeon Island in search of rich marine offerings or simply bask in the sun, wallow in the stunning view or immerse yourself in the many shades of the 'Blue'.

You can stay three nights on the beach.

Dinner & over night stay in **Cyaaya Blue** or similar hotel.

## Day 12: Trincomalee / Arugam Bay

After breakfast leave for Arugam Bay.

Situated in the district of Ampara, Approximately 314 km from Colombo, Arugam Bay is known as one of the best three surfing spots in the world. This typical fishing village to the south of the small town of Pottuvil can be reached via A4 from Colombo. The unspoilt town of Arugam Bay offers an abundance of opportunities for those with a passion for water sports and underwater photography.

Muhudu Madu Viharaya :

Between Arugam Bay and Pottuvil lie the ruins of a Buddhist temple on the sand dunes with fairly well preserved stone statues. It is believed that the temple was built where Princess Vihara Maha Devi had disembarked.

Muhudu Madu Viharaya :

This boasts of the best – preserved moonstone in all of Asia, with a special feature of the Mahout carved on the back of an elephant. The Magul Maha Vihara, Constructed during the reign of King Dhatusena, is also to be the Place where the royal wedding of king Kanantissa and Princess Vihara Maha devi had taken place. It is located eight kilometers west of Pottuvil along the A4 main road.

Pottuvil Point :

The highest Place in Pottuvil, popular With Surfers ,this is a long deserted beach. Wild elephants can often be seen around the area.

Crocodile Rock :

From afar the rock looks like a set of sun bathing crocodiles. The area is Wild, with elephants and eagles sweeping overhead.

Okanda:

Another popular surfing sport located around 28 Kilometers south of Arugam Bay, The Okanda kudunbigala Heritage reserve and a small ancient shrine dedicated to God of Kataragama, Skanda, Can be seen in the area.

You can stay two or three nights in Arugam Bay as your wish.

Overnight stay at **Uga Bay, Star Dust** or similar hotel

## Day 15 – Arugam Bay / Galle

Galle the main attraction is the Dutch Fort, the 90-acre fort that was built in 1663 with houses built by the Dutch during their period of occupation of Sri Lanka from 1656 to 1796 AD remains to this day. Galle is also famous for its ebony elephant carvings, gems and exquisite hand-made lace which are a flourishing cottage industry. From Galle proceed down to the beautiful Bay of Unawatuna.

Galle is a good starting point for 1/2 or one day trips to the Yala National Park, the Kottowa rainforest, Hikkaduwa, Unawatuna or the Dodanduwa Lagoon with its millions of fruit bats. Very recommendable are visits to the Doovili Ella waterfall in Hiniduma and the Kaneliya Nature Reserve, close to Imaduwa about 15 miles from Galle. At this nature reserve you can find plenty of unique flora and fauna and various insects, small waterfalls etc.

Overnight stay in **Chaaya Tranz, Galle Fort** Hotel or similar.  
You can customize the stay in Galle as you like.

## Day 16: Departure – Galle to Airport

### END OF PROGRAM

#### OUR SERVICES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Transportation in an A/C Vehicle
- Car - 2 Pax
- Micro Van - 3-6 Pax
- Mini coach - 7- 12 Pax
- 33 seated Coach - 13-20 pax
- 40 seated Large Coach - 21-40 pax
- Service of English Speaking Chauffeur Guide or National Tour Guide Lecturer

Accommodation on Single, Double, Triple or Family Room sharing on Full Board / Half Board or Bed & Breakfast Basis

One 1L Mineral Water bottle per person per day

#### OUR SERVICES DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Expenses of a personal nature laundry, telephone calls, etc.
- Visa Fees
- Alcoholic and other beverages.
- Tips and gratuities
- Photo and video permit and portorage
- Services other than those mentioned above

\* The above mentioned hotels are suggestions and will change depending on your requirements and availability during the required period.

Note: You can choose your own choice of alternative suitable accommodation subject to availability.

## IMPORTANT

- With effect from 01st January 2012 all Foreign Visitors to Sri Lanka must obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) prior to departure from your home country, more details on the same can be found at [www.eta.gov.lk](http://www.eta.gov.lk)
- The official check in time at all hotels will be 1300hrs.
- The official check out time at hotels will be 1200hrs.
- Rooms in the above quoted hotels are strictly subjected to availability.  
Terms & conditions applied.

Tour package can be customized as per your choices and hotels can be chosen with your preferences.

Please write to us personally; we will organize your own Sun, Sea, & Sands best beach holiday as you wish.

[info@toursrilanka.lk](mailto:info@toursrilanka.lk)