

**Gold Coast Junior Cricketers**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Tour of Sri Lanka**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March - 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Colombo - Kandy - Galle**

**5 x 40 Over Matches and 2 x T20**  
**30 Over Game for participating Parents**



Sri Lanka...a pearl of Indian Ocean, an island with mysterious beauty in every corner, rich in History and filled with exotic charm... is an unforgettable escape. Let us take you there, where you can leave your footprints in white velvet sands, rock gently in sparkling turquoise waves, and walk through the grand ruins of ancient kingdoms, an elephant ride and wild safari drive and relaxing with a sip of world's finest tea.

A diverse and multicultural country, Sri Lanka is home to many religions, ethnic groups, languages, Fantastic food, Fabulous Wild life and breathtaking views... Experience of a life time.

**Head Coach**  
**Richard Griffiths**

**Coach**  
**Nick Perera**



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### Message from Head Coach

What a fantastic experience the junior tour to Sri Lanka is! Not only do the players and their families get to take in the sights of the wonderful country of Sri Lanka, but they also experience cricket in far different conditions than we are used to playing in Australia and more we experience and learn to play in different conditions the better cricketers we become. Over the past couple of years I have seen an incredible growth in the players, both as cricketers and as people and it is something every aspiring junior cricketer should do at least once!



**Richard Griffiths**

### Message from Coach

In 2015 we start our cricket tour to Sri Lanka. The Island is a wonderful destination, surrounded with spectacular scenery, culture , mouth-watering food and wonderful people.

The opponents are tough, usually in a place you probably never been before. But you will learn everyday how to tackle them and gain more experience in your cricketing career.

Everyday each players have something to share with their mates. I'm sure the boys will gain life learning experience through this wonderful tour.

Good Luck !



**Nick Perera**



## Tour Itinerary

**31/03/2017 - Depart Brisbane**  
**1/04/2017 - Arrive Colombo**

## Day 1 - 1/04/2017

Arrive in Bandaranayake International Airport and drive to Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo. After lunch relax at the hotel. Welcome dinner.

Lunch, Dinner and accommodation at Cinnamon Grand Colombo.

## Day 2 - 2/04/2017

Sightseeing and shopping in **Colombo** . Lunch at famous **Cricket Club Café**.

Breakfast, Dinner and accommodation at Cinnamon Grand Colombo.

## Day 3 - 3/04/2017

### Match 1 : Colombo

## Lunch at the Grounds

Breakfast, Dinner and accommodation at Cinnamon Grand Colombo.

## Day 4 - 4/04/2017

## Match 2 : Colombo

## Lunch at the Grounds

Dinner with Sri Lankan Cricketer (TBC)

Breakfast, and accommodation at Cinnamon Grand Colombo.



**The Cricket Club Cafe** a unique themed restaurant & bar was established in 1996 by James & Gabrielle Whight, both from Melbourne Australia. This cafe, the first of its kind in Sri Lanka is popular amongst both local and expatriate population. It is filled with cricket memorabilia including bats, balls, hats, gloves and shoes used by famous cricketing personalities dating as far back as the 1940's which include personal items used by Sir Don Bradman, Ray Lindwall, Shane Warne, Arjuna Ranatunga, Sunil Gavaskar, Joel Garner to name a few. The walls of the cafe are covered with framed original newspapers from the 1930's, plus photos, posters and pages detailing cricketing mile-stones throughout the ages. In addition the cafe also screens non-stop cricket classics and current sports activity via satellite for patrons.

([www.thecricketclubcafeceylon.com](http://www.thecricketclubcafeceylon.com))



**Colombo** is the business and commercial center in Sri Lanka. Colombo was only a small seaport, which came into prominence in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century with the arrival of the Portuguese in 1505 and the development of it as a major Harbor during the British period and became the capital in 1815 after Kandy was ceded to the British. The remains of the buildings during the period of the Portuguese, Dutch and British rule are found in every area of the city. None of the Portuguese & Dutch fortifications are found today but some of their buildings and churches could be seen in the Fort & Pettah areas.







**Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage** is an orphanage, nursery and captive breeding ground for wild Asian elephants located at Pinnawala village. The orphanage was originally founded in order to afford care and protection to many of the orphaned un-weaned wild elephants found wandering in and near the forests of Sri Lanka. It was established in 1975 by the Sri Lanka Department of Wildlife Conservation.

**Kandyan Dancing:** This form of dance has developed from the period of Kandyan kings and today is regarded as the national dance of Sri Lanka.



#### **Day 5 - 5/04/2017**

After Breakfast drive to Kandy. Visit to Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Dalada Maligawa (The Sacred Temple of the Tooth) and sightseeing at Kandy.

Witness cultural dance performance

Lunch at Pinnawala

Dinner and accommodation at Amaya Hills, Kandy.

#### **Day 6 - 6/04/2017**

Rest Day.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and accommodation at Amaya Hills, Kandy.

#### **Day 7 - 7/04/2017**

Match 3 : Kurunegala

Lunch at the Grounds

Breakfast, Dinner and accommodation at Amaya Hills, Kandy.

#### **Day 8 - 8/04/2017**

Match 4 : Kandy

Lunch at the Grounds

Breakfast, Dinner and accommodation at Amaya Hills, Kandy.

**Kandy** the hill capital of Sri Lanka sheltered amidst soaring mountains and surrounded by the magnificent 'Mahaweli River' which is the longest and the pride of the Nation. This flamboyant city, rich in culture, flourishing in art & tradition and smothered in tasteful architecture is a favourite of the discerning traveller. The climate is pleasantly temperate and rather cooling by evening, expressing a haunting sensation amidst the scenic views that highlights the city. Kandy is speckled with many temples and shrines belonging to the 'Kandyan' era, of which 'The Sacred Temple of the Tooth' (Sri Dalada Maligawa) situated at the heart of the city, is the most sacred and significant place of worship.



### **Day 9 - 9/04/2017**

After Lunch, Train Ride from Kandy to Colombo (TBC) and drive to Beruwala.

Breakfast and Lunch at Amaya Hills, Kandy.  
Accommodation at Cinnamon Bey, Beruwala.

### **Day 10 - 10/04/2017**

Match 5 - Galle and Maggona.

Lunch at the Grounds

Breakfast, Dinner and accommodation at  
Cinnamon Bey, Beruwala.

### **Day 11 - 11/04/2017**

Match 6 : Galle and Maggona

Lunch at the Grounds

Breakfast, Dinner and accommodation at  
Cinnamon Bey, Beruwala.

### **Day 12 - 12/04/2017**

Match 7 : Galle and Maggona

Parents match at Galle International Stadium

Lunch at the Grounds

Breakfast, Dinner and accommodation at  
Cinnamon Bey, Beruwala.

### **Day 13 - 13/04/2017**

Rest Day. Participate in New year celebrations at the Hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and accommodation at  
Cinnamon Bey, Beruwala.

### **Day 14 - 14/04/2017**

Visit to Galle Fort and Don Bosco Boys home.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and accommodation at  
Cinnamon Bey, Beruwala.

**After Dinner drive to Airport for  
Departure**



**Dutch Fort at Galle**, has the distinction of being the best-preserved sea fort in South Asia. A living heritage site, this 90 hectare (222 acre) attraction is a superb blend of architecture, with fortifications that resemble those in the coastal areas of Portugal. The fall of Galle to the Dutch in 1640 saw its fortifications consolidated further along the lines of the fortified cities of Europe.

**Galle International Cricket Stadium** situated near the Galle fort and fringed on two sides by the Indian Ocean. It is considered to be one of the most picturesque cricket grounds in the world. The ground was built in 1876 as a race course. Eventually the racing ceased and the ground was used for cricket matches and in 1927, the ground was officially declared as a cricket stadium.

Being a significant festival to the people of the Island, the **Sinhala and Tamil New Year** is celebrated with much pomp and fanfare. The transition of the Sun from the House of Pisces to the House of Aries marks the beginning of the New Year and usually celebrated in April every year. The whole island takes on a festive mood as people gear up for the upcoming celebrations by cleaning homes, shopping and making New Year sweetmeats, to begin the New Year on a joyous and positive note. After the rituals finish the celebrations move out into the streets where various games and many other fun filled activities begin. Bridging families and friends together, these traditional games and joyous activities are the limelight of the day.







**Cinnamon Grand , Colombo**



**Cinnamon Bey, Beruwala**



**Amaya Hills Hotel, Kandy**

## Tour Cost

Players : \$ 4650.00  
 Adult/ Parents : \$ 4550.00  
 Children U- 12 : \$ 3550.00

**\* Per Person Twin Share**

**Deposit \$1500.00 per person is required by 31/10/2016 to confirm a spot**

**Balance payments as schedule below**

Date	Players	Adult	Under 12
14/11/2016	\$ 800.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00
14/12/2016	\$ 800.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00
14/01/2017	\$ 800.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00
31/01/2017	\$ 750.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 550.00

**Credit card surcharge 2.9 % Amex 5 %**

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## Tour Inclusions

- > Economy class return Air ticket
- > Visa
- > Travel Insurance \*
- > All meals as per itinerary
- > For Players - Travel shirt, Playing shirt, Shorts and Cap
- > Unlimited bottled water
- > All entry fees for sightseeing as per itinerary
- > Ground fees and all match fees
- > Luxury coach with Tour Guide

\* Over 65 extra



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