



Australia Tour of Sri Lanka 2016 Senior Cricket Tour 2nd - 17th August 2016

This tour is Australia's first to the island since 2011, when they won the three-Test series 1-0. Australia have played 13 Tests in Sri Lanka against the hosts, won six Tests, and lost only one - in 1999.

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.

The Sri Lankan lifestyle is reflected in the country's cuisine, festivals, and sports. Sri Lankan culture is best known abroad for its cricket, food and culture. Concrete blocks for stumps, a crudely-cut plank for a bat, and a chewed-up tennis ball, all carried off the pitch for honking motorists waiting to pass, then wheeled out again for a few minutes, until the next four-wheeled intrusion appears. Street cricket has been a centerpiece of the South Asian childhood for generations.



Tour Highlights

- Opportunity to watch 2nd and 3rd Test between AUS vs SL
- Experience the very best of Sri Lankan cricket, playing 4 games in first class grounds
- Including a game at Galle International Cricket Stadium
- Witnessing Traditional Sri Lankan Cultural Show
- Visit to Galle Fort
- Five star hotel accommodation
- And many more.....

\$5399.00

Per Person Twin share

Inclusions:

- Return economy class air tickets
- Tickets to AUS vs SL matches
- Accommodation in five star Hotels
- Transport in Luxury Coach
- Bottled water throughout the tour
- Travel shirt, Playing Shirt, short and Cap
- Ground fees / Match fees
- All meals

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Gold Coast

SPORT TOURS

02/08/16 - Depart Brisbane

Arrival at Colombo and drive to Hikka Tranz, Hikkaduwa

Day 1 : 03/08/16

After lunch we will be visiting Galle Fort. It was built by the Dutch beginning in 1663, the 36-hectre fort occupies most of the promontory that forms the older part of Galle. UNESCO has recognized Fort as a World Heritage Site.

Day 2 - Day 4 : 04/08/16 - 06/08/16

2nd Test AUS vs SL at Galle International Cricket Stadium. Visit to first three days of 2nd Test. Enjoying the game with local crowd in Sri Lankan style.

Day 5: 07/08/16

Match 1: Surrey Village Cricket Ground, Magona
Surrey Village Cricket Ground in Maggona was built after the 2004 tsunami catastrophe. After the tidal wave disaster Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) set up 'Cricket Aid' to help the affected town. And they entered into an agreement with England's Surrey County where they agreed to build a village with cricket background at a place affected by tsunami. The fund raiser for Maggona ground in 2005 was an international cricket match between an Asian XI led by the iconic Sachin Tendulkar which included Indian skipper M S Dhoni, Sri Lankan spin legend Muttiah Muralitharan while the International XI was led by Australian legend Shane Warne.

Day 6: 08/08/16

Rest day or visit to 5th Day of the test match.

Day 7: 09/08/16

Match 2: Surrey Village Cricket Ground, Maggona



Day 8: 10/08/16

Drive to Colombo, Lunch at Cricket Club Café and visit to Cricket Shop

Colombo is the business and commercial center in Sri Lanka. Colombo was only a small seaport, which came into prominence in the 16th 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.



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.

(Courtesy; www.thecricketclubcafeceylon.com)

Day 9 : 11/08/16

Match 3 at Nondescripts cricket Club (NCC)

The club was founded in 1888. The name "Nondescripts" is derived from the fact it was intended to be open to anyone, unlike other Colombo-based clubs at the time. Some of the players represent this club; Kumar Sangakkara, Aravinda De Silva, Russel Arnold, Lasith Malinga, Upul Tharanga and Dinesh Chandimal to name few.

Day 10 : 12/08/16

Match 4 : Galle International Cricket Stadium. 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. There was no permanent pavilion until 1892, when a 'grand stand' was built according to a suggestion of Mr. P A Templer, the then Secretary of the Galle Municipality Council. Eventually the racing ceased and the ground was used for cricket matches more than races. In 1927, the ground was officially declared as a cricket stadium. The first test match was played on the ground on 3 June 1998. It was played between Sri Lanka and New Zealand, resulting in a win for Sri Lanka by an innings and 16 runs. On 26 December, the ground was devastated by the tsunami resulting from the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake. Most of the buildings in the stadium were damaged, and the ground was damaged substantially. In the weeks that followed, the stadium became a temporary shelter for hundreds of people displaced from the tsunami. A temporary camp and a helipad were constructed there in order to assist the survivors.



Day 11- 13: 13/08/16 - 15/08/16

3rd Test AUS vs SL at Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC).

Visit to first three days of 3rd Test. Enjoying the game with local crowd in Sri Lankan style

Day 14: 16/08/16

Rest day. Shopping around Colombo.

After Dinner leave to the Airport for Departure.



Five star hotels

- Hikka Tranz by Cinnamon, Hikkaduwa
- Cinnamon Grand, Colombo

Terms and Conditions

- \$1500.00 Deposit is required before 20/05/16 to confirm a spot.
- Balance to be settle before 15/07/16
- Deposit is non refundable in any circumstance.

Not included :

- Travel Insurance, Highly recommended.
- Visa Fee. Visit www.eta.gov.lk
- Any additional meals not included in the package.
- Items of a personal nature (Telephone calls, Mini bar, Alcohol, internet etc.....)



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