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*Sample Tour: Sri Lanka  
Typical 13 Day Itinerary*

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*An overseas Cricket Tour is an excellent way to build team camaraderie and to experience the excitement of exploring new places. Ben Lawries Travel arranges tailor made Cricket Tours with match fixtures against suitable opposition. Detailed below is just one example.*

## **Sri Lanka: Cricket Tour – 13 days**

**The island of Sri Lanka, affectionately known as the “Pearl of the Orient”, is one of the most beautiful islands in the world, teeming with bird life, wild elephants and unwaveringly friendly people. With such a warm tropical climate, the Sri Lankans play cricket all year round, making it a popular sport throughout the country.**

### **Day 1 – Arrival Colombo**

Arrive at Bandaranaike International Airport and transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day at leisure. *Dinner and overnight in Colombo.*

### **Day 2 – 1st Match**

After breakfast transfer to your host venue for your 1st match followed by lunch at the stadium.

Afternoon at leisure. *Dinner and overnight in Colombo.*

### **Day 3 – Colombo Sightseeing**

After breakfast enjoy a city tour of Colombo, Sri Lanka’s capital city. Spread along the shore of the Indian Ocean, a drive through the city will include the Cinnamon Gardens and the Pettah, Colombo’s busiest and most traditional bazaar area. Visit the Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, the Dutch Church at Wolfendhal, the historic Devatgahaha Mosque and the Gangarama Temple.

Afternoon at leisure for shopping. *Dinner and overnight in Colombo.*

### **Day 4 – 2nd Match**

After breakfast transfer to your host venue for your 2nd match followed by lunch at the stadium.

Afternoon at leisure. *Dinner and overnight in Colombo.*

### **Day 5 – Habarana / Elephant Orphanage**

After breakfast proceed to Habarana. En route visit the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage. The Elephant Orphanage, located on the banks of the Maha Oya, is home to many young elephants. This 24 acre site also has a breeding project to help protect the species and has the largest herd of elephants in captivity. *Dinner and overnight in Habarana.*

### **Day 6 – Sigiriya Sightseeing**

After breakfast proceed to Sigiriya. One of the most unique cities in Sri Lanka, Sigiriya, dates back to the 5th Century. Sigiriya Rock Fortress is a massive monolith of red stone that rises 600 feet. The climb to the summit is reached between the paws of a lion. There are stunning views from the top, extensive gardens at the base and the whole area is enclosed by an outer moat. Sigiriya was declared a World Heritage site in 1982. *Dinner and overnight in Habarana.*

### **Day 7 – Kandy / Caves**

After breakfast proceed to Kandy. En route visit the ancient Dabulla Cave Temple which is by far the most impressive of all the many cave temples in Sri Lanka. Among the cave’s numerous statues, are images of Vishnu and Saman dating from the 12th Century. The cave’s history dates back to the 1st Century BC. *Dinner and overnight in Kandy.*

### **Day 8 – 3rd Match**

After breakfast transfer to your host venue for your 3rd Match followed by lunch at the stadium.

Afternoon at leisure. *Dinner and overnight in Kandy*

### **Day 9 – Kandy Sightseeing**

After breakfast proceed on a city tour of Kandy, the hill capital. This royal city, sheltered by hills and Sri Lanka’s longest river, still holds religious and cultural significance.

In the late afternoon visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic. This is an important shrine for Buddhists as it holds the tooth relic of Lord Buddha. It is famous for its carvings and beautiful art that is unique to Sri Lanka. *Dinner and overnight in Kandy.*

### **Day 10 – Nuwara Eliya / Hill Retreat**

After breakfast depart for Nuwara Eliya. On arrival take a city tour. Nuwara Eliya is nestled in a wooded basin at the foot of Mount Pidurutalagala over 6,000 feet above sea level. With its cool crisp climate it is a serene retreat from the hustle and bustle of Colombo. Unusual plants, birds and animals thrive here besides natural features like waterfalls and caves. *Dinner and overnight in Nuwara Eliya.*

### **Day 11 – Hikkaduwa Beach**

After breakfast proceed to the very popular beach resort of Hikkaduwa on the south-western coast. En route stop off at Kitulgala for Whit Water Rafting. Relax on the beach or glass bottom boats offer fantastic views of the coral reefs just offshore. Fresh fish is the specialty here. *Dinner and overnight in Hikkaduwa.*

### **Day 12 – 4th Match**

After breakfast proceed to Matara for the final match fixture followed by lunch at the stadium.

After lunch return to Hikkaduwa where the remainder of the day is at leisure. A Gala dinner can be arranged to celebrate the end of your tour. *Dinner and overnight in Hikkaduwa.*

### **Day 13 – Depart Colombo**

After breakfast transfer to the Bandaranaike International Airport for your homeward flight to the UK.

Guide price £1,079 per person based on 12 nights in 3 star accommodation on a half board basis including flights ex Glasgow. Destination coach transfers, coach hire and excursions included as detailed above.

The above itinerary is for illustration purposes only. All tours are tailor made to the requirements of the individual client.

### **Other suggested Cricket Tours**

Barbados – 10 nights on half board basis from £1,249 per person.