



# WEST HILL SCHOOL

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## SRI LANKA CRICKET TOUR 2022

Dear Parent,

I am looking to organise a cricket tour to Sri Lanka in the summer of 2022. The tour will be for current year 7 and 8 pupils.

We have visited Sri Lanka on a previous cricket tour and the cricket venues and hotels that we would potentially be staying in are absolutely fantastic. The duration of the tour would be for 12 days/10 nights and would visit the areas of Kandy, Galle and Colombo.

Sri Lanka is a cricketing 'hot bed' and an excellent place for the boys to experience cricket in a different environment whilst also experiencing the culture of a third world country. The boys would have an opportunity to play in an international standard ground which is an experience that very few other countries can offer. In addition, the boys would visit an elephant orphanage, have the opportunity to go on Safari, visit & climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress which is the eighth wonder of the world and have some time to relax on the beach. For more information, please see the SAMPLE itinerary attached.

The tour company we are going to use specialises in tours and holidays to Sri Lanka and is a company that has organised other trips that the school has recently undertaken.

The cost of the tour is expected to be around £2000 pounds per pupil; this will include all flights and accommodation on a half board basis and the various excursions and activities mentioned in the attached itinerary. I understand this figure may look daunting; however, the payments will be **spread over 28 months** to make the financial burden somewhat less. It will also be necessary to organise a fundraising committee to raise money for extra activities, some meals and kit.

If your son is interested in going on the cricket tour, please return the tear off slip on the last page to Mr Rothwell as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. If I have a positive response to the tour I will send out another letter requesting a deposit and further information, for the tour to be go ahead we require a minimum of 16 boys. The tour is subject to the approval of the school governors.

Yours faithfully,

*J. Rothwell.*

Mr. J. Rothwell  
(Tour Leader)



**Sample Itinerary**  
**West Hill School Cricket Tour**  
**Sri Lanka 2022**



**Day 1 OUTBOUND**

Meet at UK (Manchester preference) airport and fly to Colombo. Likely connection in Abu Dhabi or Dubai.

**Day 2**

Arrive at the airport and meet your local tour representative.

On arrival meet and greet at the Airport by our local guide. The group will be garlanded and taken to the coach. On completion of the formalities drive to Colombo and check-in at the Galadari Hotel or similar

Transfer to Colombo and arrive at your hotel

Early check in will provide on availability basis

Late afternoon training session at a local venue and an opportunity to stretch the legs

Dinner and Overnight Stay at the hotel.

**Day 3**

Breakfast at the hotel and check out

After breakfast transfer to Sigiriya for your morning visit

Rising dramatically from the central plains, the enigmatic rocky outcrop of Sigiriya is perhaps Sri Lanka's single most dramatic sight. Near-vertical walls soar to a flat-topped summit that contains the ruins of an ancient civilisation, thought to be once the epicentre of the short-lived kingdom of Kassapa, and there are spellbinding vistas across mist-wrapped forests in the early morning.

Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress before heading to the hotel to check in

Evening BBQ with drinks at a river bunt

**Day 4**

After Breakfast check out and begin journey to Kandy

En route you will have your first match fixtures on tour

MATCH DAY 1: against local hosts

continue on to Kandy

Arrive and check in at your hotel

Kandy evening guided night walk and cultural show

Evening meal at the hotel

**Day 5**

Breakfast at the Hotel

Morning visit to the Temple of Tooth

The golden-roofed Temple of the Sacred Tooth houses Sri Lanka's most important Buddhist relic – a tooth of the Buddha. During puja (offerings or prayers), the heavily guarded room housing the tooth is open to devotees and tourists. The tooth is kept in a gold casket shaped like a dagoba (stupa), which contains a series of six dagoba caskets of diminishing size.



As well as the revered main temple, the complex includes a series of smaller temples, shrines and museums.

Depart for your second fixtures on tour

**MATCH DAY 2:** against local hosts

On completion return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight Stay.

### **Day 6**

Early morning breakfast and check-out

Transfer to Badulla en-route visit a Tea plantation for an amazing tea experience and an opportunity to get some lunch

Continue on to Yala with a stop at the Nine Arch Bridge & waterfalls

Arrive at the Yala Beach camp and check in

Dinner and Overnight Stay.

### **Day 7**

Breakfast

Depart for your third match fixtures on tour

**MATCH DAY 3:** against local hosts-Suriyawawa International Stadium

Return to the accommodation

Evening meal

### **Day 8**

After and Early Breakfast you will have Yala Jeep Safari Experience

During a visit Yala National Park, it is not unusual to see whole herds of adults and young elephants – feeding or bathing and playing in the water! In addition to this main attraction, the park is home to many Water Buffalos, Water Monitors, Lizards, Sambar Deers, Monkeys and the occasional Leopard.

Return to the accommodation and enjoy some beach cricket and free time on the beach

Dinner & Overnight Stay.

### **Day 9**

Breakfast and check-out

After breakfast proceed to Hikkaduwa

En route Udawalawe elephant transit- Elephant Transit Home (ETH) takes care of orphaned elephant calves – until they are independent and able enough to be released back to the wild

Continue onto Galle

Arrive in Galle and enjoy a Galle Fort & city Tour

Late afternoon transfer to your fourth match Fixtures on tour

**MATCH DAY 4:** Late afternoon T20

Continue onto Hikkaduwa and check in at your hotel

Evening meal on arrival.

### **Day 10**

Breakfast at the Hotel

After Breakfast charity program/teaching at local school.

Upon completion return to the hotel and spend the rest the afternoon at leisure at the hotel.

Dinner & Overnight Stay

### **Day 11**



After Breakfast tour the city of Colombo.

Colombo is the trade capital of Sri Lanka, and is a city that has undergone rapid changes. While most old buildings have been replaced by new apartments and office buildings, some parts of the city yet retains its old charm. The 100-year-old clock tower built by the British and some colonial buildings remain examples. The Independence Square, Nelum Pokuna, Pettah Bazaar and BMICH are some of the main highlights of the city. Colombo also provides ample entertainment in terms of an active night life as well as a shopping experience you'd never forget.

**MATCH DAY 5:** against local hosts

Upon completion have Dinner with the opposing team and awards ceremony.

Afterwards return to the hotel for Overnight Stay.

**Day 12**

After Breakfast check out of the hotel and proceed to the airport in time for the departure.

Check-in for your return flight to the UK

Arrive back in the UK

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Son's name \_\_\_\_\_

Form \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please delete as appropriate.**

**My son *\*is / is not* interested in going on the proposed cricket tour to Sri Lanka in July 2022.**