

# FISHING GETAWAY

09 Nights/10 Days



With its extensive coast-line, numerous reservoirs, lakes, rivers, and lagoons, Sri Lanka is now beginning to become a hotspot for inland and deep-sea fishing holidays. Sri Lanka's oceanic waters are known to contain the right nutrients and temperatures allowing best tasting fish to breed. Inland, one can catch smaller freshwater and brackish water fish, while in deep sea, you will be able to catch larger fish such as Grouper, Tuna, Barracuda, and many others. The trip would involve heading towards Negombo Lagoon and visiting the bustling fish market, a trip to Bolgoda with stopover in Colombo, get the chance to experience fishing on the Madu River - Balapitiya and engage in traditional fishing customs, travel to Mirissa with detour to Galle. You will also get to enjoy deep sea fishing, whale watching excursion, spot Sperm Whales and Blue Whales.

**RECOMMENDED PERIOD:** FROM NOVEMBER TO APRIL

## DAY 01 | AIRPORT – NEGOMBO

On Arrival at Colombo International airport, you will be welcomed by our chauffer guide and thereafter proceed to the hotel in **Negombo** for the overnight stay.

### Overnight stay in Negombo

## DAY 02 | NEGOMBO

We head towards **Negombo Lagoon** and visit the bustling fish market where you can purchase fresh fish to supplement a provided seafood lunch. Explore the mangroves by boat, do some fishing, and watch traditional fishermen haul in their catch, and then take a catamaran ride through the canals of the lagoon.

### Overnight stay in Negombo

## DAY 03 | NEGOMBO – COLOMBO - BOLGODA

After breakfast, we head towards Bolgoda with a stopover in Colombo where you will enjoy a short city tour. Evening, go fishing on the Bolgoda Lake and engage in traditional fishing customs, accompanied by a local guide. The large Tidal fed estuary system of **Bolgoda Lake** is the ideal destination for any form of inshore angling.

Bolgoda Lake - Situated not more than 20km from the commercial capital Colombo, It is full of mangroves giving rise to a rich diversity in aquatic fauna and flora. Being a traditional fishing ground for centuries there are so many popular varieties of fish like Barramundi, Mangrove Jack, Bull eyed Mackerel, smaller Travilly and Barracudas. Also fishermen around Bolgoda Lake still use a very primitive fishing technique called "JaKotuwa" for fishing prawns. 'Ja kotuwa ' made with bamboo dividers erected in the middle of the lake, is a kind of trap, which will be illuminated with kerosene oil bottle lamps in the night.

### Overnight stay in Bolgoda

## DAY 04 | BOLGODA - BENTOTA

After a relaxed breakfast proceed journey to **Bentota**. Evening at leisure.

Bentota is a famous coastal town situated approximately 65 km south of Colombo and a tourist hotpot with a local airport and a handful of World Class hotels right on the beach including the lower and budget categories. It is a destination for water sports such as jet skiing, deep sea and river fishing, banana boat rides, river cruises...etc., to name a few. It is an ideal place for a sea swim or if you just want to sit out in the sun reading a book.

If you venture out of town towards the southern coast, there are plenty of things you can do during the day. It is also 56km north of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Galle which you could drive up for the day and return back in the evening. You can also enjoy some local

'Toddy' (Alcohol prepared from Coconut) brewed early in the morning which might get you buzzing, fresh water sea food in a nearby restaurant, visit a turtle hatchery, witness the production of wooden masks all within a short distance from Bentota. You can also drive up and witness the beautifully landscaped property known as 'Lunuganga' designed by the world famous architect Geoffrey Bawa which is just 5 km inland from the Bentota town.

### **Overnight stay in Bentota**

## **DAY 05 | BENTOTA – MADU RIVER - BENTOTA**

Go fishing on the **Madu River of Balapitiya** and engage in traditional fishing customs, accompanied by a local guide. Watch fishermen making their way in row boats to collect the catch of the day using fish kraal construction. Slip past the mangroves and cast your rod as you search for blue kingfishers, pond herons and other wetland birds. Next, you will have a chance to go fishing in the lagoon. Here you can engage with the traditional ways of fishing with rods. Refreshment will be provided during the boat trip, and afterwards, you will return to your hotel.

Madu River - Surrounded by a thick jungle of mangroves, radiant waters and the bliss of Sri Lankan natural habitat lies one of the island's most prolific inland rivers - Madu Ganga. Located in the southern coast of Balapitiya, past Ahungalle, Madu Ganga is located 80 kilometres from Colombo and 55 kilometres from Galle. Madu Ganga is regarded as Sri Lanka's second largest wetland consisting 915 hectares. It was originally said that the wetland was flanked by 64 islands but only 25 remain today. Ma Duwa is the largest among them and shelters around 500 families while the smallest is the Sata Paha Doopatha (The Five - cent Island) which resembles a five - cent coin. You will get in to the boat from Balapitiya and do a trawl to a small river retreat explore an un - spoilt surrounding which boasts a healthy stock of Barramundi and other fresh water species. Madu Ganga is the venue for Ceylon Sea Anglers Club annual Fishing competition which generally takes place in September / October.

### **Overnight stay in Bentota**

## **DAY 06 | BENTOTA – GALLE - MIRISSA**

Travel proceed to **Mirissa**. En route stopover at Galle where you will experience a city tour including Galle Fort - UNESCO heritage site which is known to be best preserved Dutch fort in the world. Along the way, witness the stilt fishermen of **Weligama** who carefully balance themselves before casting their fishing lines.

### **Overnight stay in Mirissa**

## **DAY 07 | MIRISSA**

Enjoy 3 hours of bottom fishing in **Galle**, a fun experience for anglers of all levels. The best time to go fishing in Sri Lanka is from November to April but the tour runs all year round. Travel with local guide by an out - board fiber - glass motor boat, specially customized for professional bottom fishing.

**Overnight stay in Mirissa**

## **DAY 08 | MIRISSA**

Today we enjoy a **deep sea fishing and whale watching excursion** and spot sperm whales and blue whales during their winter migration (December to April). Enjoy approximately 4 hours of fishing for sailfish, blue or black marlin, tuna and a few more rare species. Upon completion, return to the hotel in **Mirissa**.

**Overnight stay in Mirissa.**

## **DAY 09 | MIRISSA – COLOMBO**

After a leisurely breakfast, drive back towards **Colombo** which is the commercial capital of Sri Lanka. Upon arrival, enjoy a city tour with some last minute shopping.

**Overnight stay in Colombo**

## **DAY 10 | COLOMBO - DEPARTURE**

After breakfast transfer to Airport for the departure flight!

**\*\*\*\*\* End of Services \*\*\*\*\***

## TOUR COST

**PERIOD - 01.05.2018 - 31.10.2019**

<b>NO OF PAX</b>	<b>PER PERSON (DBL SHARING) AUS \$</b>
<b>02 PAX</b>	<b>1510.00</b>

### **PRICE INCLUSIVE OF:**

- ❖ Accommodation 04 star hotels on Bed & Breakfast Basis starting with breakfast on Day 02 and ending with Breakfast on Day 10. Cost may change.
- ❖ Arrival, departure transfers and the tour as per the itinerary in an air conditioned Car accompanied with an English speaking licensed Chauffeur guide.
- ❖ Service of a professional Fishing Guide
- ❖ Wages of Boatman
- ❖ Cost of Boat/Catamaran hire charges
- ❖ Including use of fishing gear and safety jackets on the boat.
- ❖ Passenger Insurance (Vehicle)
- ❖ Fuel, Parking & highway fees
- ❖ Free Gifts
- ❖ Complimentary SIM Card on arrival
- ❖ Garlands on arrival
- ❖ All currently applicable government taxes and service charges

### **PRICE EXCLUSIONS:**

- ❖ Cost of Entrance Tickets & Jeep/boat hire charges to the sites visited in the itinerary as follows:
  - ✓ Galle Museum
  - ✓ Colombo Museum
  - ✓ Sea Turtle Hatchery
  - ✓ Gangarama Temple
- ❖ Peak period supplements
- ❖ Lunch & Dinner cost
- ❖ International air-fare, airport tax or any kind of insurance cover other than what is stated.
- ❖ Items of personal nature like drinks, laundry, telephone calls, tips, etc.
- ❖ Any other Sites not mentioned in the itinerary.
- ❖ Any other item not specifically mentioned above in 'PRICE INCLUSIONS'.
- ❖ Visa fees to Sri Lanka.

**GENERAL:**

- ❖ Hotel check-in time: 1400 h, Hotel check-out time: 1100 h.
- ❖ 'No Show' will not be entitled to any refunds.
- ❖ Acceptance of these 'Terms and Conditions' is a requirement of your booking. Submission of a booking is your acknowledgement that you have read, understood and agreed to be bound by these 'Terms and Conditions'.

**PAYMENT:**

- ❖ In order to confirm your tour package, full payment is required upon confirmation.
- ❖ Credit Card payments require a 3.5% surcharge.
- ❖ Bank TT or Pay Pal (3.5% surcharge required) are accepted which is a common mode of payment

**TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY:**

- ❖ 90 days or more before departure – LOSS OF DEPOSIT!
- ❖ 89 to 64 days before departure - 25% of Tour Cost
- ❖ 63 to 43 days before departure - 50% of Tour Cost
- ❖ 42 to 31 days before departure - 75% of Tour Cost
- ❖ Within 30 days of departure - 100% of Tour Cost