



Wanstead & Snaresbrook CC Tour to Sri Lanka October 2018

As one of the most successful seasons in our club's history comes to an end we are pleased to announce that we are planning our next Cricket Tour, which is a 14-night trip to Sri Lanka leaving on Thursday 18th October 2018, costing £2,300 per person. It is set to be another incredible trip!

To factor in School Teachers and those with a strict budget there is 9-night option also flying out Thursday 18th October and coming back on Sunday 28th October (late flight) for £1,800. School teachers will need to take Friday 19th October off. All (or most) of the matches will be played during this period.

As you are aware we have had four very successful tours in recent years starting in Jamaica (2013), followed by UAE (2015), Jamaica again (2016) and South Africa (2017). Sticking to our key themes we have continued to ensure that the following are factored in the tour to Sri Lanka:

- **Educational**
- **Humanitarian**
- **Cultural**

We have partnered with UK's leading Sports Tour company Smile Group, who will manage the tour on our behalf. Attached is the proposed structure for the tour and will include:

- **Destinations:**
 - Colombo
 - Kandy
 - Hikkaduwa, including "The Foundation of Goodness"
- **On Tour:**
 - Return direct flights to Colombo
 - 5 nights in Berjaya 3* Mount Lavinia, Colombo, twin sharing, Half Board
 - 4 nights at Hotel Topaz 3*, Kandy, twin sharing, Half Board
 - 5 nights in Citrus Hotel 4*, Hikkaduwa, twin sharing, Half Board
 - 3 x 30 over fixtures
 - 2 x T20 over fixtures at P.Sara
 - All airport, match and training transfers in air-conditioned coach
 - All accommodation service charges and taxes
 - Tour Polo Shirt
- **Tourist Extras included:**
 - Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
 - Kandy Temple
 - Sigirya rock fortress

Turtle Hatchery
Yala National Park
Nuwara Eliya
Polonnaruwa
Cultural Dance show

- **The Foundation of Goodness:**

We are very pleased to advise that we are in dialogue with the Foundation of Goodness on delivering coaching and workshop for them. The charity based in Seenigama village near Hikkaduwa has worked relentlessly to improve the lives and livelihoods of many thousands of people. The Foundation of Goodness was set up by Kushil Gunasekera whose family came from Seenigama. The aim was to give holistic support to the poor rural community to bridge the gap between the rural and urban sectors.

When the Tsunami struck in 2004, Kushil gifted what was left of his ancestral home and garden to the village, setting up firstly an emergency centre and then, with sponsorship from the Marylebone Cricket Club, developing the MCC Centre of Excellence, which is now the hub of the Foundation of Goodness's work. The Post-Tsunami international funding has provided facilities and opportunities which have been open to all free of charge and have benefitted around 20,000 villagers in about 25 villages.

- **The Cost:**

We are delighted that the cost has been hugely discounted from ~~£3,300 per person~~ to **£2,300 per person**. The breakdown of payments is as follows:

- £250 by Monday 30th October 2017
- £400 by Sunday 10th December 2017
- £400 by Sunday 4th March 2018
- £450 by Sunday 10th June 2018
- £400 by Sunday 19th August 2018
- £400 by Friday 7th October 2018

If you are interested in the tour then please email Arfan Akram: arfanakram1@hotmail.com