TOUR NUMBER : GTT – 03

THE MARITIME PROVINCE SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS OF GALLE
SEA PORT CITY HISTORICAL, ARCHEOLOGICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL

08:00 Hrs : Depart from Seaport of Colombo and proceed to Koggala through the Southern expressway.
10:30 Hrs : Arrive at Koggala and see the stilt fishing.
11:00 Hrs : Depart to the 17th Century Dutch fort.
11:15 Hrs : Arrive and see the 17th Century Dutch Fort and the ancient historical buildings, Old Dutch Churches, Gracious old Dutch Houses, the Light House, Ramparts, The Marine Museum, Monuments with Armorial Bearings, the imposing crested and Monogrammed Gateway Dated 1669 and many other interesting sights.
12:15 Hrs : Lunch at Hotel Ramparts within the Dutch Fort overlooking the sea.
13:15 Hrs : After lunch, shopping for Souvenir's, Gems & Jewellery, Batiks and Handicrafts.
14:00 Hrs : Depart to Ambalangoda Mask Factory
15:00 Hrs : Arrive at the Mask Factory and visit.
15:45 Hrs : Depart to Kosgoda
16:00 Hrs : Arrive at Kosgoda and visit the Turtle Hatchery.
16:30 Hrs : Depart to Seaport through the expressway.
18:30 Hrs : Arrive at Pier / Ship side

"Excursion Ends"

THE PRICE

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- 3 to 10 years Children will be charged 50% from Adult Rate.
- 15 Pax and above group, TOUR LEADER will be on FOC

SERVICE INCLUDES

Approximate Duration : 10 Hours and 30 Minutes
Activity Level (Easy, Moderate, Strenuous) : Moderate
List of Sites Visited : Koggala Stilt Fishing, Dutch Fort, Rampart Hotel, Gems, Mask Factory and Turtle Hatchery
Meals : Included Rice and Curry Buffet lunch (Please inform us if GLUTEN FREE Meals are Required)
Refreshment : Included (Either a bottle of 500ml Mineral Water or a Bottled Soft Drink)
Meal / Refreshment Venue : Rampart Hotel Dutch Fort - Galle
Entrance Fee : Included in Tour Cost
Accompanying Tour Guide Supplement Where applicable : Included in Tour Cost
Porterage & Tips : Not included (Optional)

PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS

Dress Code : Casual
Min Age to Participate - Max Age to Participate : Nil
Min Height to Participate - Max Height to Participate : Nil
Min Weight to Participate - Max Weight to Participate : Nil
Medical Restrictions (if applicable) : No
Wheelchair Access : Not recommended
KOGGALA is a very famous location for Stilt Fishing. Stilt fishing is a tradition that only about 500 fishing families in the south western coast in the Sri Lankan district of Galle practice, especially around the towns of Kathaluwa and Ahangama. Though no one knows exactly how and when the tradition started, some of the older fishermen recall that stilt fishing was started after the Second World War by some inventive fishermen. Fishing at the time was done from rocks protruding above the ocean surface. As not enough of these rocks were available for all fishermen, some used iron poles left over from the war and planted them into the reef, but even these iron poles were scarce, so the fishermen soon discovered that even wooden poles were strong enough to be planted into the reef and thus, stilt fishing in today’s form was born.

GALLE FORT, in the Bay of Galle on the south west coast of Sri Lanka, was built first in 1588 by the Portuguese, and then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century from 1649 onwards. It is a historical, archaeological and architectural heritage monument, which even after more than 423 years maintains a polished appearance, due to extensive reconstruction work done by the Archaeological Department of Sri Lanka. The fort has a colourful history, and today has a multi-ethnic and multi-religious population. The Sri Lankan government and many Dutch people who still own some of the properties inside the fort are looking at making this one of the modern wonders of the world. The heritage value of the fort has been recognized by the UNESCO and the site has been inscribed as a cultural heritage UNESCO World Heritage Site under criteria iv, for its unique exposition of “an urban ensemble which illustrates the interaction of European architecture and South Asian traditions from the 16th to the 19th centuries.” The Galle Fort, also known as the Dutch Fort or the “Ramparts of Galle”, withstood the Boxing Day tsunami which damaged part of coastal area Galle town. It has been since restored.

AMABALANGODA is very famous for Mask Making and Puppet shows. Wooden masks are worn during ritualistic folk dances and operas very famous in this Region. Now mostly produced for home decorations and for export, the Masks are associated with exorcism which are performed as dances. All masks are associated with legends and depict humans, demons and animals such as birds or snakes. Some masks patterns are a combination of various types such as snake and a demon or a bird and a demon.

KOSGODA is famous for its turtle hatchery operated by the Wild Life Protection Society of Sri Lanka. It was established in 1981 to protect Sri Lanka’s turtles from extinction. October to April is the main laying season and some eggs can be found at Kosgoda throughout the year. There are 18 hatcheries found along the southern coastal line.

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