FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

GALLE EXCURSION PROPOSAL

Duration – 01 Day – November 2026



8.00am - Meet and greet at the hotel in Colombo after breakfast and transfer to Galle via Kosgoda and Balapitiya

On arrival in Kosgoda,

Visit the turtle hatchery in Kosgoda.

This is an experience that is fun, meaningful, and awe-inspiring. These sea turtles swim thousands of miles during their lifetime, and when they're ready to reproduce, they come back to the same beach where they were born to lay their eggs. Their journey is truly remarkable, but sadly due to an increase in human activity, their population is dwindling. These hatcheries help balance the scales, thus giving the turtles a fighting chance.

On completion Transfer to Balapitiya

In Balapitiya, do a boat ride on Madu Ganga/River.

Madu ganga is situated along the country's southern coast. The bio-diversity of the Madu River is of monumental signification when considering the wide ranges of aquatic and avian life as well as wetland dwelling amphibians, reptiles, mammals that inhabit the environs of this natural treasure.

Lunch at a local restaurant (Optional)

On completion proceed to witness the stilt fishing in Koggala.

Stilt fishing is a method of fishing unique to the island country of Sri Lanka. The fishermen sit on a cross bar called a 'petta' tied to a vertical pole and driven into the sand a few meters offshore. From this high position, the fishermen casts his line, and waits until a fish comes along to be caught.

On completion continue to Galle

Visit a mask factory in Ambalangoda

Ambalangoda, a coastal town well known for its rich heritage in traditional mask carving and cultural artistry. Guests will have the opportunity to observe skilled artisans as they carefully hand-carve, shape, and paint vibrant wooden masks using time-honored techniques passed down through generations. Explore the workshop environment, learn about the different types of masks such as demon masks, folk story masks, and decorative pieces, and understand the significance of natural materials and traditional methods used in their creation.

Evening, do a city tour of Galle.

Galle is a city on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka. It's known for Galle Fort, the fortified old city founded by Portuguese colonists in the 16th century. Stone sea walls, expanded by the Dutch, encircle car-free streets with architecture reflecting Portuguese, Dutch and British rule. Notable buildings include the 18th-century Dutch Reformed Church. Galle Lighthouse stands on the fort's southeast tip. Galle was once the chief port of Ceylon. It is still well

known for hand-made lace. Visit the Galle Fort (spanning 90 acres) which was originally built by the Portuguese and later extended by the Dutch in 1663. This is a World Heritage Site.

On completion return to hotel in Colombo by 7.00pm.

Cost per person travelling in a **Mini Coach**, in a group minimum of 12 pax.

The Price Does Not Include:

- Cost of Meals
- Cost of tips
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Entrance Ticket Fees
- Guide Expenses (Optional)
- Any other services not specified above

Important Note:

Prices are subjected to change with the fluctuation in fuel prices, government taxes/levies, etc.

Kindly refrain from consuming food, alcohol & other beverages inside the vehicles.

