

# The BEST OF SRI LANKA Tour



## THE ARCHITECTURE OF GEOFFREY BAWA

Widely known as the 'Frank Lloyd Wright of Asia' and the architect who gave us 'Tropical Modern'. A 10-day small group tour of Sri Lanka, visiting some of the world's most inspiring architecture.

### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Dates: July 4 – 14th, 2020

**Day 1 and 2: Galle Face Hotel, Colombo**

We arrive at one of Asia's classic colonial-era hotels, on a par with Singapore's Raffles or Bangkok's Orient. In Colombo we visit Number 11 Bawa House.

**Day 3: The Blue Water, Wadduwa**

Bawa's signature beach resort hotel, just two hours south of Colombo. Next day, on the short drive to Galle, we visit Lunaganga – Bawa's weekend retreat. The gardens are a visual feast of sculptured lakes and works of art.

**Day 4 and 5: The Lighthouse, Galle**

Bawa's award winning Lighthouse Hotel overlooks the Indian Ocean and the world heritage listed town of Galle. Some of traditional spice warehouses date back to the early 1600's and are now being reimagined into hotels, restaurants and shops. Second day we visit Claughton House – if Bawa is Asia's Frank Lloyd Wright, then this is his Falling Water.

**Day 6: Jetwing Ozo, Kandy**

After our longest drive (5 hours) we have a brief lay over in Sri Lanka's ancient capital and experience the Tooth Temple - Sri Lanka's pre-eminent Buddhist ceremony.

**Day 7 and 8: Dambula Lake Hotel, Dambula**

Two days is not enough time to experience all that is on offer in the Cultural Triangle. Must do's are: climbing Sigiriya Lion Rock and the fort of an ancient king, visiting the early Buddhist cave temples nearly 2000 years old. Optional activities are seeing the herds of wild elephants at Minneriya or pampering yourself at a world-renowned Ayurvedic spa and clinic.

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## Day 9: Negombo Blue

Before leaving the Cultural Triangle, we take a tour of Bawa's most famous and impressive hotel – the Heritance Kandalama. Here we see his ability to combine landscape with the built form as this large structure is cut into the side of a cliff and covered in jungle.

That night we check into a Bawa inspired hotel on the beach at Negombo, which is close to the international airport.

## Day 10: airport shuttles - approx. 20 minutes.



Cost: \$2950 USD twin share, \$600 USD for single supplement (guarantees single room).

## Your trip includes:

- Accommodation
- Private air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking driver
- Local government taxes, charges and minimum tips
- Meals as stated, breakfast and dinner
- City tours
- Entry fees to all excursions mentioned
- Your host and guide, Michael Murray
- Shuttles to and from airport
- (Does not include air travel to and from Colombo, visas, insurance, etc.)

## Your Host:

Michael Murray has been leading tours to Sri Lanka for some years and has always wanted to do one specifically focusing on the architecture of Geoffrey Bawa.

“Whenever I am lucky enough to be in a Bawa building, I always feel peace and inspiration. I am excited to show architects and anyone interested in good design this amazing visionary and his work”.

While not leading tours to Sri Lanka (twice a year) he is a property buyer's agent in Byron Bay, where he lives with his wife and daughter.

Contact Michael Murray on 0428 555501 for more information and questions.