



SRI LANKA 2019



IFEAT STUDY TOUR 22-31 JULY 2019

IFEAT is pleased to announce that its 12th Study Tour will take place in Sri Lanka, the “**Pearl of the Indian Ocean**” also known as “The Spice Island”, from 22nd to 31st July 2019. The island has diverse climatic zones facilitating the production of many aromatic and medicinal plants. The proposed itinerary includes visits to see the production and processing of a range of flavour and fragrance products including cinnamon and citronella in the southern coastal belt; and black pepper, cloves, nutmeg and sandalwood in the central hills.

The Study Tour will visit various Sri Lankan essential oil, oleoresin and spice producing, processing and exporting companies dealing in a range of different products. In addition, a workshop will be held to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing Sri Lanka’s F&F industry. Sri Lanka has a history stretching back thousands of years and while travelling around this beautiful island, delegates will be able to see diverse environments, alongside magnificent scenery and a rich heritage of traditional music, dance, crafts, costumes and cuisines.

Participation will be limited to a maximum of 46 participants, so IFEAT members are advised to book early, as previous recent Study Tours to Spain, Bulgaria and the USA were extremely popular and sold out very quickly. Registration will open on Monday 28th January 2019 at noon (12.00) GMT and information will be available on the IFEAT website www.ifeat.org. Registration will be limited to one person per IFEAT member company.



STUDY TOUR OBJECTIVES

The Sri Lanka Study Tour has a number of objectives:

- To view the field cropping of various spice and essential oil crops
- To view traditional field distilleries
- To view modern distillation and oleoresin extraction plants
- To meet producers and exporters
- To view a modern R&D complex
- To meet up with other F&F industry people from a variety of countries. On recent study tours there have been participants from over 20 countries
- Participants will learn about Sri Lanka's rich history and heritage
- Finally: the aim is to achieve these objectives in just over a week out of the office

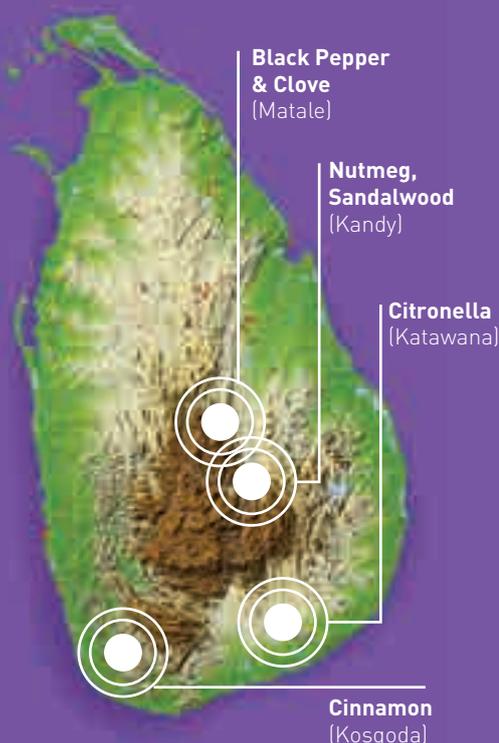
THE ROUTE

The map provides a summary of the places we will be visiting and the products we will be seeing. The tour starts in Colombo – the capital city – with a welcome reception and tour briefing. The following day we journey south to the cinnamon growing areas, where we will spend two days looking at all aspects of cinnamon growing and processing alongside some other products. Then we visit the citronella production areas before driving up to the Central Highlands, where a range of essential oils and spices are grown and processed – nutmeg, cloves, black pepper and sandalwood. Some other spices and oils are produced here and there may be an opportunity to visit these and one of the spice farms. Besides seeing the range of aromatic materials available – the journey will enable delegates to see the physical beauty of Sri Lanka and its rich culture.

Throughout the tour we will be travelling by coach. The schedule will be busy with most of the time spent visiting factories and fields/plantations. While the distances may not be too great, on some days the travel times will be long and over difficult terrain. Delegates will stay at some excellent hotels whilst enjoying both traditional and international cuisines.

WHY SRI LANKA IN JULY?

This period has been chosen because crops will be being harvested and processed during this time. Also July is between the two monsoon periods so the dry period should facilitate travelling.





THE ITINERARY

Day	Programme	Location(s)	Overnight stay
Monday 22nd July 2019	Arrival in Sri Lanka Evening - Welcome Reception	Katunayake Colombo	Cinnamon Grand, Colombo
Tuesday 23rd July 2019	Factory visit (EOAS) Factory visit (HDDDES) Visit to cinnamon plantation, Kosgoda	Horana	Heritage Ahungalla
Wednesday 24th July 2019	Visit Cinnamon Training Academy & plantation. Visit cinnamon leaf oil distillation factory (LB Spices Trading) Short sightseeing at Galle UNESCO World Heritage Site*	Kosgoda Ambalangoda Galle	Grand Udawalawe Safari Resort
Thursday 25th July 2019	Visit citronella plantation & field distillation	Katuwana	The Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya
Friday 26th July 2019	Visit sandalwood plantation	Kandy	Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy
Saturday 27th July 2019	Visit nutmeg plantation Visit black pepper & clove plantation	Katugastota Matale	Heritage Kandalama Hotel
Sunday 28th July 2019	Presentations by EDB/Spice Council/SAPPTA Visit Sigiriya rock fortress – UNESCO World Heritage site*	Dambulla	
Monday 29th July 2019	Visit factory (Plant Lipids)	Mirigama	Cinnamon Grand, Colombo
Tuesday 30th July 2019	Visit factory and R&D facility (Link Natural) Colombo City tour Farewell Dinner	Dompe Colombo	
Wednesday 31st July 2019	End of Study Tour Delegates depart		

STUDY TOUR COSTS, BOOKING AND CANCELLATION POLICY

TOUR COST

Each participant will pay USD \$5,200. This charge per person covers nine nights' single room accommodation in good quality hotels; all programme meals and receptions, transportation and tour guides. IFEAT is not responsible for booking flights to and from Colombo, Sri Lanka; this is the responsibility of the individual delegate.

QUALIFICATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON PARTICIPATION

Initially participation is restricted to personnel from IFEAT member companies and only one person per member company will be permitted to attend. In order to qualify, it is necessary that the member company has paid its annual membership subscription to date including those current at the time of application for a place on the tour and at the date of the tour. Delegates must be at least 21 years old at the time of registering. No accompanying persons are permitted. Bookings will be accepted by IFEAT on a first come, first served basis. Delegates will only be registered for the Study Tour once full payment has been received by IFEAT.

Potential participants will be required to agree to certain conditions prior to their acceptance on the Study Tour (see Terms and Conditions).

CANCELLATION POLICY

A 50% refund will be paid if a cancellation is received in writing by the IFEAT Secretariat by noon (12.00) BST on 20th May 2019. No refunds will be given for cancellation received after this deadline, irrespective of the reason, including inability to obtain a visa (where appropriate). It is the responsibility of the individual participant to obtain a valid entry visa. It is recommended that the individual participant takes out insurance to cover the risk of not being able to participate because of sickness or for any other reason whatsoever.

If an individual with a confirmed place finds later that he/she is unable to participate, it will be possible to change the booking name to that of another member in the same company or to someone approved by IFEAT without incurring a financial penalty (unless expenditures have already been incurred e.g. local flight reservations). If a substitute cannot be found, however, this implies cancellation, which will be subject to the policy given above.

The organisers may, at any time, with or without giving notification, in their absolute discretion and without giving reason, cancel or postpone the Study Tour, change its venue location or any of the other published particulars, or

withdraw any invitation to attend. In any case, neither the organisers (IFEAT) nor IFEAT committee members or representatives, including IFEAT staff and consultants, shall be liable for any loss, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by any person attending the IFEAT Study Tour.

Should circumstances arise that result in the postponement of the Study Tour, IFEAT will offer participants the option of either a full refund or transfer of their registration to the same event at future date. If IFEAT cancels the Study Tour altogether, registrants will receive a full refund.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Participant agreement prior to participation on a Study Tour

Prior to being accepted on a Study Tour, each potential participant must agree to certain conditions. Please refer to these conditions here.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that personal travel insurance (including medical cover) be taken out at the time of making your tour reservation. Travel insurance may facilitate some refund of travel expenses and the tour fee in the event of inability to travel due to ill health or other circumstances. It is very important that you read the small print of any insurance policy that you are considering to ensure that the cover that is required is the cover that is being offered. IFEAT can take no responsibility in the event of an inadequate policy having been purchased or of the refusal or inability of an insurer to pay the claim. For further information on personal travel insurance please contact your local insurance broker.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

Passports must be valid for at least six months from the date of entry. Visas can usually be obtained on-line prior to arrival. For other general information regarding visas, visit the website of the Sri Lanka Immigration Visa Service www.srilankaimmigration.org or email visa@srilankaimmigration.org

HEALTH CARE

Your doctor or travel clinic is the best source of information about preventive measures, immunisations (including booster doses of childhood vaccinations) and disease outbreaks overseas. The World Health Organization (WHO) provides information for travellers and also provides useful tips for staying healthy and travelling with medicines while overseas.

CURRENCY

The Sri Lankan Rupee (Rs) is the currency of Sri Lanka. In December 2018, 180 Rupees = 1 US Dollar, 202 Rupees = 1 Euro. Currency can be changed at the airport or hotels and ATMs are available in most places.

ELECTRICITY

The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power sockets are of type D, M and G. Plug type D is the plug which has three round pins in a triangular pattern and plug type G is the plug which has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern.

CLIMATE

The July – September period is known as the "inter-monsoon" season, meaning that except for the occasional shower, the weather is usually good at this time of year. The dry weather means it is usually good to travel. Temperatures remain high across the country at around 29°C average.



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