



Why should you book this trip?

- You will be able to experience all the things to do in Negombo in one tour
- The convenient distance from the international airport (15 km) makes it easy to add this tour to the beginning or end of your holiday in Sri Lanka
- You will be led by an experienced and knowledgeable local guide
- Opportunity to explore the busy streets in a tuk-tuk
- You can sail in a catamaran with local fisherman and experience the traditional ways of fishing
- Visit the traditional “Lellama” fish market and buy fish of your choice
- You can enjoy a lunch of fish you caught and bought from Lellama at a specialized restaurant
- You will be able to explore the famous Negombo Lagoon where the crabs/lobsters and fish are a plenty
- You will be able to witness the lifestyle of the local people who make their living in fisheries
- You will be able to observe various birds, fauna, and flora in the lagoon wetland

- Most importantly, this is an excellent community-based tour led by an experienced local guide, so in turn you contribute to the wellbeing of the local community

Quick Facts

- Explore Negombo Tour is a 5 to 6-hour program (Could be cut short to suite your travel requirements)
- Suggested meeting time is 8.30 a.m.
- This excursion is possible throughout the year
- Arrival and departure transport for any location could be arranged on request for an additional cost
- Meeting point: You will be picked up from any city hotel around Negombo
- Safety briefing and orientation will be done before starting the excursion

You will meet



Vishal

Vishal, is a guide from Negombo who has been doing boat tours in his free time from a very young age. After completing his studies, he started to handle tours professionally. Sailing and fishing are his favorite hobbies, which keep him occupied with the ocean.

Included in the price

- Lifejackets and all necessary equipment for boat rides and fishing
- Boats/catamarans charges
- Tuk-Tuk charges
- Well-experienced local guide to assist
- Special sea food lunch
- Water and snacks
- All applicable Government taxes
- All Government and other stakeholder approvals

Exclusions

- Transportation to and from starting point
- Extra food and beverages consumed
- Any tips to the staff

Tour in brief

Start the tour by setting off on a thrilling catamaran ride into the deep blue ocean and learn fishing in both traditional and modern ways, and catch fish on your own.

After that, visit the busy Negombo fish market called the 'Lellama' and watch the boats returning with their catch of fresh fish, crab, lobster, prawns, and squid. You can also buy your own selection of fish to add to the seafood platter at lunch.

For lunch, you will be taken to a restaurant where you can either watch the chef prepare the seafood platter for you or you can join him in cooking the fish you bought! Your city visit will be done during this time as well.

After that, you can enjoy the delicious seafood platter. After lunch, you will set off on a boat ride in the Negombo Lagoon, which is fed by a number of rivers and a canal. The lagoon has an expansive mangrove swamp. The boat ride would let you spot some of the flora and fauna species in the area as well as water birds such as herons, terns, cormorants and shorebirds.

Transfers in between sites are done in a tuk-tuk giving you the chance to see and interact with the local communities.

Important

- Personal effects for warm, windy, rainy conditions should be carried by clients
- Sunscreen is recommended

Negombo

Negombo is one of the major cities in Sri Lanka with an interesting history. Situated on the western coast and at the mouth of the Negombo Lagoon, in the Western Province, it is the fourth largest city in Sri Lanka and it is also the administrative capital centre of the Negombo Division.

Negombo is one of the major commercial hubs in Sri Lanka and it is a very important economic centre in the country with about a 144,551 population within city limits.

It is approximately 35 km (22 mi) north of Colombo. This city is known for its centuries old fishing industry, with busy fish markets and long, sandy beaches. Negombo is a

westernized, vibrant city and it is one of the major tourist destinations in the country. The main international airport (Bandaranaike International Airport) of Sri Lanka is also situated in the Negombo metropolis.

Negombo “Lellama” Fish Market

3.30 a.m., while most of the country is shrouded in sleep, the Negombo Lellama is filled up with people who are selling and bargaining over fish. It is a vibrant, noisy, and busy place throughout the day. The fish market is close to the Dutch Fort and can be spotted across the lagoon bridge, known as Munnakare Bridge. About 4000 boats go to sea from here every single day. The legendary “lellama” is only closed on Sundays because most of the fishermen in the area being catholics, attend church.