



## UNIQUE EXPERIENCES IN NEGOMBO

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## NEGOMBO

Located 10km from the Bandaranaike International Airport and 45 minutes away from the capital - Colombo, Negombo is a city in the north-western coast of Sri Lanka. Well known for its centuries old Portuguese and Dutch architecture, the city is rich in history with a picture postcard collection of colonial administrative buildings, markets and churches – St. Mary's Cathedral garners special mention for its breathtaking ceiling frescoes. Negombo is also home to 'Lellama', the island's second largest fish market where daily fishing auctions allow travelers to experience a fisherman's life.

Negombo is the birthplace of our legendary hospitality and with it, we wish to immerse you in unique experiences you can choose from to enjoy your destination to the fullest.

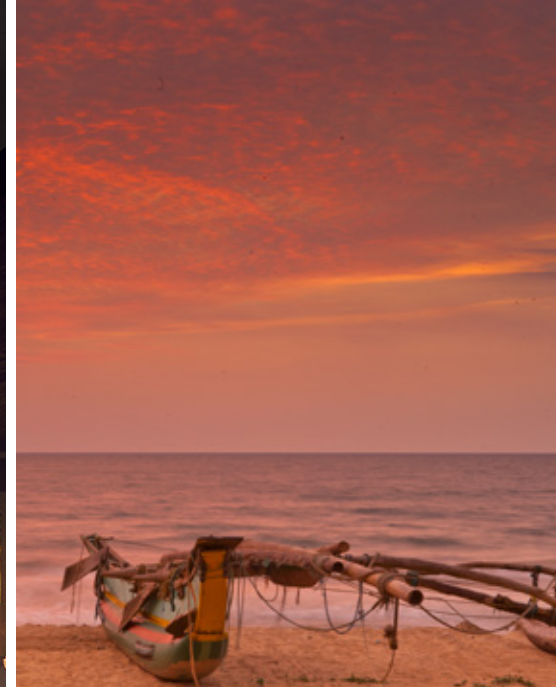


## A FLEET OF CATAMARANS AND SEINE FISHING EXPERIENCE

Catamarans, with their brilliantly colored sails rising high into the tropical sky and stretched taut against the ocean breeze, have become an icon of Negombo. While the sleek boats and their sails make for incredible vacation photographs, they are the Arks upon which the lives of the local fishermen depend. As dawn breaks over Negombo, fleets of catamarans return to terra firma after a long night of fishing - an experience not to be missed!

‘Ma-dal’, or seine nets have, for generations, been the choice fishing technique for the fishing folk of Negombo. Feet dig into the white sand and the heave-ho of the fishermen mingle with the squawking gulls as it has for centuries and standing amongst the fishermen, you will hear the echoes of the past around you. Please note that the seine net fishing is subject to the vagaries of the monsoon and inclement weather.





## SUNSET AT DUSK

A spectacular sunset is an awe-inspiring sight. As the sun sinks towards the horizon, the sky takes on radiant hues of purple, scarlet, and orange, decorated with the clouds of wonderful shapes, and nowhere are sunsets more stunning than over the boundless horizon of the open ocean. Wander down to the beach to soak in the sunset with the sand between your toes or enjoy the sienna tones with a chilled sundowner at our bar.





## TRAIN JOURNEY FROM KATTUWA TO BOLAWATTA

The preferred method of transport for long distance travel, the railway of Sri Lanka dates back to the island's colonial past. A network that connects the capital of Colombo to major cities and wayside villages across the country, the train is a wonderful method of getting around the island.

Take a train ride from Kattuwa to Bolawatta, taking in the sceneries of Sri Lanka's countryside before stopping to see some of Negombo's popular cottage industries.





## AGRO TOUR TO DANKOTUWA ORGANIC ESTATE

Eschewing the use of artificial fertilizer and pesticide, Jetwing opts for sustainably grown and harvested fruit and vegetables wherever possible. An organic garden is maintained at Dankotuwa to supply fresh, nutritious fruit and vegetables for the kitchens at Jetwing Blue and Jetwing Beach, ensuring not only a delicious plate before you but a healthier, happier planet. Why not join us for a quick trip around the farm where you can see for yourself the origin of your culinary feast?





## TREACLE AND TODDY PRODUCTION

The coconut tree, a common sight throughout the coastal and lowland areas of the country, provides the island with much more than simply coconut milk. Two of Sri Lanka's oldest traditional industries – toddy tapping and treacle making are centered around the nectar of the unassuming palm tree. The coconut trees that flourish in our gardens at Jetwing Blue and Jetwing Beach are tapped by local experts and the sweet treacle and toddy are available for you to indulge in.





## BACK OF THE HOUSE SUSTAINABILITY TOUR

Sustainability has been a core facet of Jetwing since its inception and over the years, it has blazed a trail in a field that was, for many years, obscure and barely spoken of. From biomass boilers to mitigate the use of fossil fuel to solar panels, Jetwing has placed emphasis on investing in the future. Of course, we are happy to share our experiences and expertise with you and do feel free to inquire at the reception for a back of the house sustainability tour.





## NEGOMBO FAIR

Every weekend, the vendors of Negombo gather together for a lively market full of color, music, and revelry. The stalls abound with Sri Lankan produce, ranging from trinkets of coconut to locally made fabric and sweetmeats. Saturday features a night bazaar while Sunday is dedicated to the market fair where you are sure to pick up something to treasure.





## CHURCHES OF NEGOMBO

Known as “Little Rome”, the coastal town of Negombo is home to a large population of Christians, and a number of magnificent churches and cathedrals which are all mostly remnants of colonization in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. With stained glass and paintings spanning the entire church ceiling, St. Mary's church is one of the biggest cathedrals in Sri Lanka. The church which was built in the 1900s, has been inspired by European practices with Sri Lankan art and architecture which was predominant during the early years of the 20th century. Considering that the church also goes back almost a century and a half; it is a must visit when in Negombo.. To name a few of the other churches in the area; St. Sebastian's church, St. Anne's church and St. Anthony's church are the biggest parishes in Negombo.

The church feasts celebrated in Negombo bring the city to life with music and light and can be experienced during certain days of the Roman Calendar. This is one experience that would make you truly understand why Negombo is referred to as “Little Rome”.





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