

Sri Lanka

**GP14 World Championship
2022**

Still very much at the planning stage but to give you a taste of what to expect in Sri Lanka.









Flights

Manchester - £664

Newcastle - £682

London Heathrow - £664

Glasgow - £623

Belfast - £690

Dublin - £696 (784 euros)

**All return flights with 1
stop/connection 2019 costs**





Accommodation in Negombo



Hotels

Prices are all for 2 people and for 14 nights from Friday 8th February 2019

Emel Boutique Hotel 4* £518

Muirra Dutch Edge Hotel 4* £887

Jetwing Thalahena Villas 5* £1,151

Arie Lagoon 5* £1,036

Jetwing Beach 5* £2,425

Hotel J 3* £1,400

Lankahuts £714

Anna Tourist Inn £266

Araliya White House £201

Something for everyone's budget...



When to go?

Sri Lanka has two separate monsoon seasons, making the climate quite complicated, although there is usually good weather somewhere on the island. The best time to visit the south and west coasts are from December to March, and between May and September for the east coast.

Negombo is on the west coast a short taxi from Colombo, Bandaranayike International Airport.

The Championship dates are likely to be 10th – 15th February 2022



Sri Lanka is packed with beautiful beaches, friendly locals, World Heritage sites and, of course, plenty of wildlife. An ideal place to visit for the whole family. The Championship dates will be planned to be around the school half-term holidays. Teachers should be allowed time off to compete in a World Championship Sailing Event. Children should be allowed time off as this would be deemed an educational visit.

Huge improvements have been made to the roads in Sri Lanka over recent years, making it far easier to see more of the country on one holiday. The Championship will follow the normal pattern starting on a Sunday with a practice race prior to race 1, ending on the Friday with race 9, a mid week lay day. This should allow sailors to enjoy being with their families and enjoying the Sri Lankan sights.

Why go in February?

- Boats go out on container ships end of December
- Travel and accommodation is much cheaper compared to costs at Christmas
- Wind conditions are good for sailing
- Boats come back to UK in April/May
- The last World Championship was successfully hosted by the Sri Lankans in February 2011

Transportation Costs

Container ship from UK (Ellesmere Port) to Sri Lanka and road haulage to
and from Colombo to Negombo
£600



Still Need Information from Sri Lanka

1/Entry cost per boat – they would like 100 boats, I have said we will exceed the 2011 entry, but not committed to a number.

2/Race Management organisation – 9 races and a practice race, mid week lay day requested.

3/International Jury

4/Safety cover

5/Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Estimate of Costs

- Flight - £650 each
- Accommodation - £400 each (variable to suit budgets)
- Entry Fee - £125 each
- Transportation to port - £50 each
- Transportation UK to Negombo - £300 each

Note in 2011 it was possible to race and yet still have time to enjoy Sri Lanka – visit Kandy, Elephant sanctuary, ride an elephant, visit exotic gardens, sail on a traditional boat, visit a Sri Lankan School, go to the Fish Market... All done within 10 days.

Note meals and drink very cheap.

Travel around island very easy to organise and cheap.

Approximate costs £1,525 pp this of course is variable and dependent on length of visit and choice of accommodation.