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INCREDIBLE TOUR PACKAGE FOR PAKISTANI TRAVEL GROUPS TO SRI LANKA

Many leading travel agencies in Sri Lanka including Aitken Spence offer low cost travel packages for Pakistani tourists who wish to travel to Sri Lanka during the winter season.

One week package includes Five Star Hotel with Breakfast in Colombo, Kandy, Ahungalla and internal transport. Airport pick up and drop and entrance fees for the main tourist attraction places.

12 to 18 people package would cost around US \$ 290 for one week, on twin sharing basis. For more details, please contact Sri Lanka High Commission in Islamabad, Email : srilanka@dsl.net.pk



A PAGE FROM HISTORY



Late Field Marshal Mohamed Ayub Khan, former President of Pakistan, Addressed the Sri Lanka Parliament on 9 December 1963. He visited Sri Lanka on the invitation extended by Late Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka High Commissioner delivered Opening Remarks at the SAARC Conference



High Commissioner of Sri Lanka Air Chief Marshal (R) Jayalath Weerakkody with the participants of the Conference at Best Western Hotel on 5th October 2009

Pakistan-Sri Lanka FTA Revision Urged

Pakistan-Sri Lanka FTA needs revision to enhance export quota of Pakistan agro-based products.

A seminar will be held on the 2nd of December wherein trade experts, KCCI members and High Commissioner of Sri Lanka will discuss modalities to increase the bilateral trade.

This was agreed in a meeting between President KCCI Abdul Majid Haji Muhammad and Consul General of Sri Lanka, Mr V.S. Sidath Kumar at Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Sri Lanka is importing Indian agro commodities to fulfil its need whereas the same products can be exported to Sri Lanka under FTA if the quota is revised.

During last year, the Pakistan-Sri Lanka imports and exports increased tremendously



Pakistan Minister of State of Foreign Affairs attended the ACD Meeting in Colombo

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Nawabzada Malik Amad Khan Participate ACD meeting which was held in Colombo on 15 October 2009.



Sri Lanka believes in market-oriented policies

Consul General of Sri Lanka, Mr V.S.Sidath Kumar said that Sri Lanka believed in market-oriented policies for helping increase export trade. In a meeting with members of SITE



Association of Industry (SAI) here in the Association's office, Mr Kumar said we encourage foreign investment. . He said that the bilateral trade between both countries has been strengthened through increase in number of products that can be imported from Sri Lanka under final phase of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) effective from March 20, 2009 and the number is 4,000. He identified these imports as fish, meat, vegetable, foliage, plant, sugar, biscuits, pastry, cakes, mineral products, fibre boards, leather and leather-based products, footwear, gems, jewellery, value-added copper products, electrical items, printed circuits, bicycles, boats, floating structures.

19 MEMBERS OF WOMEN GROUP VISITED SRI LANKA TO STUDY SRI LANKA'S WOMEN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The 19 members of women group from the Institute of Rural Management, Pakistan visited Sri Lanka to study women's development activities in Sri Lanka from 8—15 November 2009.

During the visit to Sri Lanka, they would visit Ministry of Women's Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs to meet and discuss with the higher officials. In addition, they are scheduled to visit Kandy, Pinnewela, Attanagalla and Ahungalla.

They have visited the National Youth Services Council of Sri Lanka.

Congratulations! from Sri Lanka

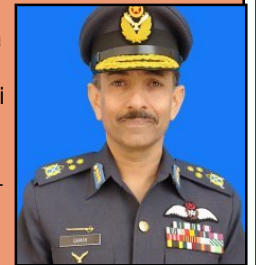
The High Commission of Sri Lanka wishes to Congratulate the dynamic Young Cricketer 'Mohammad Aamir' on his brilliant performance in ODI against New Zealand and the new world record of 10th wicket partnership.



The High Commission wishes him success on his brilliant performance and for his Future endeavours in the career of Cricket.

The Pakistani Air Force Commander Visits Sri Lanka

On the invitation extended by the Commander of the Sri Lanka Air Force, Air Chief Marshal Roshan Gunatileke, the Pakistani Air Force Commander, Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman visited Colombo on 12th November 2009, on a goodwill visit.



During his visit, he will meet President Mahinda Rajapaksa, Defence Secretary, Gotabhaya Rajapaksa and other higher officials from the Defence field.

WELCOME

Wing Commander H.S.S Thuyacontha assumed duties in the Sri Lanka High Commission as Defence Adviser with rank of First Secretary on 2 October, 2009. He succeeds Group Captain Ajantha Silva, former Defence Adviser of the Mission.



FAREWELL

Mr. Chamara Ranaweera Arachchi, Third Secretary of the Sri Lanka High Commission left Pakistan after completing his tour of duty.

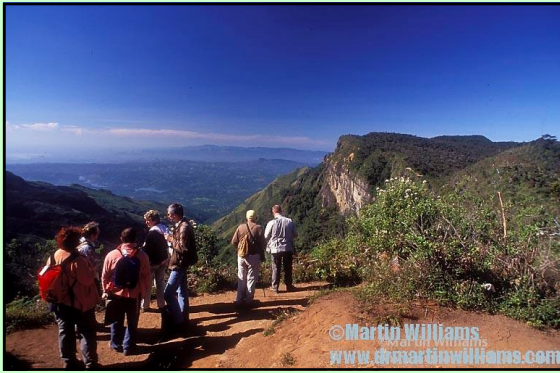




WORLD'S END THE BEAUTY OF NATURE OF SRI LANKA

Worlds End means the place which has the highest gap in Sri Lanka.

This place is situated at the border of Nu-waraeliya, Badulla and Rathnapura districts and also



Horton Plains which is the highest plain in Sri Lanka. There are two worlds ends. The first is the small world's end and the second is the bigger world's end. The big world's end is higher than other gaps. You can travel to this place via Nu-waraeliya, Pattipola, Ambewela road or via Borlanda, Ohiya road.

There are 25 kms to this place from Alawathugoda village.

There are a lot of beautiful places and beautiful sceneries to be viewed on the down side of World's End at clear



times. In the morning time the down side is very clear and we can see long distances and beautiful sceneries. After a few hours the down side gets covered with a gathering mist, " Oh What a wonderful thing is happen now". If you see this place I trust you will mutter the above words.

Thereafter this place becomes the real World's End because there is nothing to see down side. You may think there is nothing in the world along here.

To travel to World's end is very easy. First you have to come to Horton plains via vehicle or by foot. If you reside near Alawathugoda, Ohiya, Pattipola or a nearby place you can travel by foot. From Horton plains you should go on

foot to Worlds End. This way is 5km. When you come the way of



World's End you meet two ways. One way go to Bakers falls and plain, the other way is to go to World's end.

When you come to World's End road first you meet the little World's end. Little World's end is same to the main World's end. But this gap is not higher than the main one.

This is our advice. When you visit this place don't dirty this place. You must protect this place for our future generations. Lots of deer die by eating polythene. This polythene is brought by you. Don't bring it next time.

If you visit Sri Lanka don't miss this place because this place is very beautiful.



One of the famous places in Sri Lanka which is called "World's End". The cliff falls away sharply there. Sometimes the sight might not be clear because of mist.



Horton Plains National Park is in the highlands of the country belonging to central province. This is the highest plateau in the country. This was declared as a National Park in 1988. The park area is 3160 hectare.



The second & third highest mountains of the country namely Kirigalpotta & Thotupola respectively are found within the borders of the park. Park receives rainfall from both northeast & southwest monsoons as well as inter-monsoonal rains. Frequently occurring mist and clouds are one main source of precipitation. With annual precipitation of about 5000mm Horton Plains is the most important catchments area of the country. Three major rivers of the country start from this area namely Kelani, Walawe & the Mahaweli the longest river of the country.

There is a slight dry period between January to March. Due to altitude the area is comparatively cold. Mean annual temperature is around 15°C and during colder months it will go down further where it is cold enough to create ground frost. Park consists of montane cloud forests embedded in wet montage grasslands. Horton



Plains has rich biodiversity. Most of the fauna and flora found in the park are endemic and furthermore some of them are confined to highlands of the island. Forests are dominated by Calophyllum sp. & Syzygium sp. Giant tree fern Cyathea sp. and colourful Rhododendron are among the main attractions. Park is also famous for beautiful flowers of endemic Nellsu (Strobilanthes sp.), Bovitiya (Osbeckia sp.), Binara (Exacum trinervium) and many other orchid species. Endemic dwarf Bamboo

(Arundinaria densifolia) dominates the edges of the river while Chrysopogon zeylanicum and Garnotia mutica dominate the grasslands. Though this was one of the best elephant habitats in the country they are locally extinct due to poaching & sports hunting occurred during the British colonial era. Leopard and Sambhur & wild boar are the most common large mammals in Horton Plains. Endemic Bear Monkey, Rusty- Spotted and Fishing cats, Otter, Black napped hare and Giant Squirrel are among other mammals. Many species of endemic & threatened rats & shrews are also found in the park. Diversity & endemism of reptiles (Lizards) and amphibians are remarkably high. Though this is cold highland plateau the bird diversity is very high. More than 70% of Sri Lanka's endemic birds are found here.

How to get there

Horton Plains can be reached from Nuwaraeliya or Talawakale easily.

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