



Travelteer

SCHOOL
TRIPS

TRAVEL & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES



TRIP TYPE
All Inclusive



DURATION
14 days



MINIMUM AGE
16 Years Old



GROUP SIZE
20 Students



SRI LANKA

TRAVELTEER

A BIT ABOUT US

OUR CONCEPT

Travelteer is at the forefront of responsible travel and ethical volunteering. We are proud of the positive impact that our volunteer work has had on disadvantaged communities in South Asia and we have created a variety of charitable programmes that utilise volunteer skill sets to make a real difference.

OUR MISSION

Establishing a bridge between volunteering and adventure. We provide school students the chance to explore new places, broaden their horizons and offer support in communities less fortunate than their own.

Our school trip experiences can count towards the 'residential' element of the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Scheme – providing fantastic experience for all those involved. Speak to your DofE representative for more information!

EXPERIENCE

Over
2,500+ Volunteers
To Date



PARTNERS



The Joseph Whitaker School
An Academy and Specialist Sports College



Newcastle
Under
Lyme
School

sgs
South Gloucestershire
and Stroud College



NOTTINGHAM
TRENT UNIVERSITY

Quality Badge awarded by



LOTC APPROVED

Awarded the national certification for
'Learning Outside The Classroom'.

TRAVELTEER

OUR CHARITY

TRAVELTEER IMPACT

'Travelteer Impact' is our non-profit charity that works with local communities by creating, sustaining and further developing charitable projects that help preserve the environment and create brighter futures for local children.

CHARITY OBJECTIVES

1. Unlock the potential of under-privileged children in rural communities.
2. Rehabilitate and regenerate the local environment.
3. Protect and repopulate indigenous wildlife.
4. Utilise volunteers to maintain and develop projects.



Over
£250,000
Donations
To Date

Charity Number: 1168026

EXPLORE SRI LANKA!



INDIA

SRI LANKA

SRI LANKA HIGHLIGHTS



Encounter wild Asian Elephants with our jeep safari in Udawalawe National Park.



Snorkel rich coral reefs and surf in the clear waters of the Indian Ocean.



Hike through the beauty of Sri Lanka's Hill Country and swim in spectacular waterfalls.



Explore ancient ruins built into mountains and experience an exotic country rich with culture.

“WHERE IS SRI LANKA?”

The island of Sri Lanka is found off the South-East tip of India, just above the equator. With a warm, tropical climate and surrounded by the rich waters of the Indian Ocean, it's no wonder that European explorers thought they had found the Garden of Eden!



FLIGHT TIME FROM UK
11-13 HOURS



SEE WHAT'S
IN STORE &
WATCH OUR
VIDEO!



SCAN HERE

SCHOOL TRIPS

Our volunteer and travel experience in Sri Lanka is exclusively designed for school groups - blending education, adventure and volunteering into a fourteen day experience. Our trip will combine a first week of guided group travel around the country followed by a second week of high impact volunteering. The entire experience is guided in-country by our UK management team and all students receive 24hr support!

Students will have the choice of 3 volunteering programmes: Marine & Wildlife Conservation, English Development and Sports Development. During the week of volunteering, students will stay as a group at the Travelteer House in dorm style rooms with all meals provided.

WHAT'S INCLUDED



VOLUNTEER
PACK



ACCOMMODATION



FOOD



PRIVATE
TRANSPORT



IN-COUNTRY
SUPPORT



AIRPORT TRANSFER



VISA



FLIGHT



TRAVEL INSURANCE



DEPART
FLY FROM THE UK
TO SRI LANKA



WEEK 1
COAST 2 COAST
EDUCATIONAL TOUR



WEEK 2
VOLUNTEERING
PROGRAMME



RETURN
FLY FROM
SRI LANKA TO UK

WEEK 1: COAST 2 COAST

THE TOUR EXPLAINED

Our Coast 2 Coast educational tour provides students with the opportunity to experience the rich culture, exotic beauty and historic sites of Sri Lanka in a safe and exciting environment.

Our expert in-country team will be guiding the school group every step of the way. Travelteer organises Sri Lankan experiences for 500+ students annually and all accommodation and activities have been hand-picked by Travelteer management.

Our wide range of activities allows students to experience all of the country's highlights, whether that be exploring ancient citadels built into mountains, snorkelling with sea turtles over rich coral reefs or trekking through tea plantations in Sri Lanka's Hill Country.



EXPERT
GUIDES



STAFF TO
STUDENT RATIO

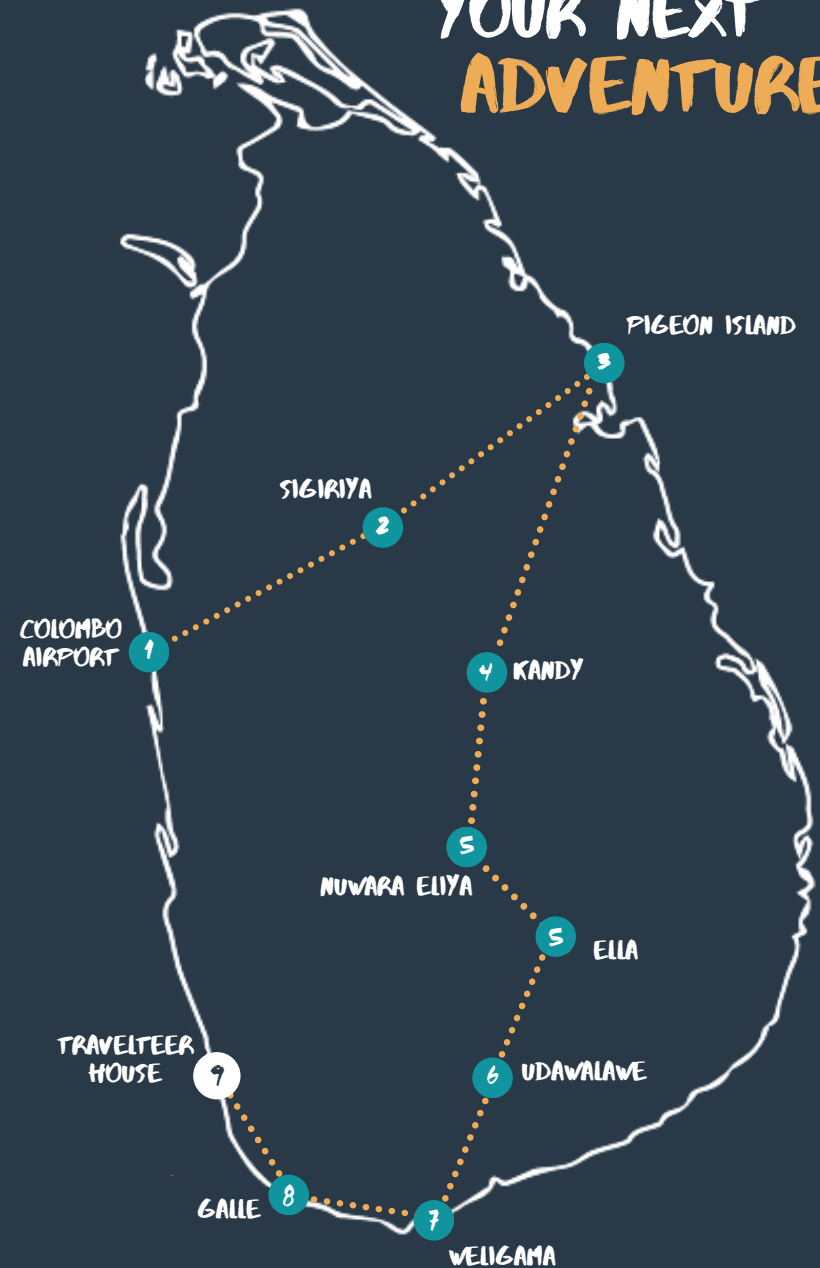


OUR OWN
A/C VEHICLES



HAND-PICKED
ACCOMMODATION

TIME TO KICK-OFF
YOUR NEXT
ADVENTURE!



TOUR ITINERARY

TOUCHDOWN IN SRI LANKA & EXPLORING ANCIENT CITADELS

1. AIRPORT ARRIVAL

Upon arrival in Sri Lanka, the group will be taken to a beach resort close to the capital of Colombo - the perfect place for students to rest up after a long flight, go swimming and relax. The Travelteer team will conduct an in-country induction and briefing session in the evening so that all students are perfectly prepped to begin the tour the following day.



THE ANCIENT FORTRESS OF
SIGIRIYA



TIME TO GET
EXPLORING!

2. SIGIRIYA

The first stop on our Coast 2 Coast Tour is the ancient rock fortress of Sigiriya, also known as Lion Rock. Considered by many as the '8th Wonder of The World', the fortress towers 200 metres over the surrounding landscape and offers breathtaking views over lush terrain. It's time for students to lace up their walking boots as we'll be trekking to the top, learning about the landmark's rich history along the way!

TOUR ITINERARY

RICH CORAL REEFS & TEMPLE TOURS

3. PIGEON ISLAND

Next on tour are the palm fringed beaches of Sri Lanka's East Coast. Pigeon Island is a protected marine park and home to the best coral reef in all of Sri Lanka. Students will be taken across to the reef via speedboat and have the opportunity to snorkel with sea turtles and countless varieties of tropical marine life including the occasional juvenile black tip reef shark (don't worry they're harmless!)



SNORKELLING AT PIGEON ISLAND

4. KANDY

Our Coast 2 Coast Tour then heads to one of the most sacred places of worship in the Buddhist world - The 'Temple Of The Tooth' in the ancient cultural capital of Kandy. Under the supervision of Travelteer coordinator, students will explore Kandy's Royal Botanical Gardens and dazzling markets before touring the famous temple at sunset. Students will also enjoy a cultural show, showcasing spectacular dance, acrobatics, costumes and music!



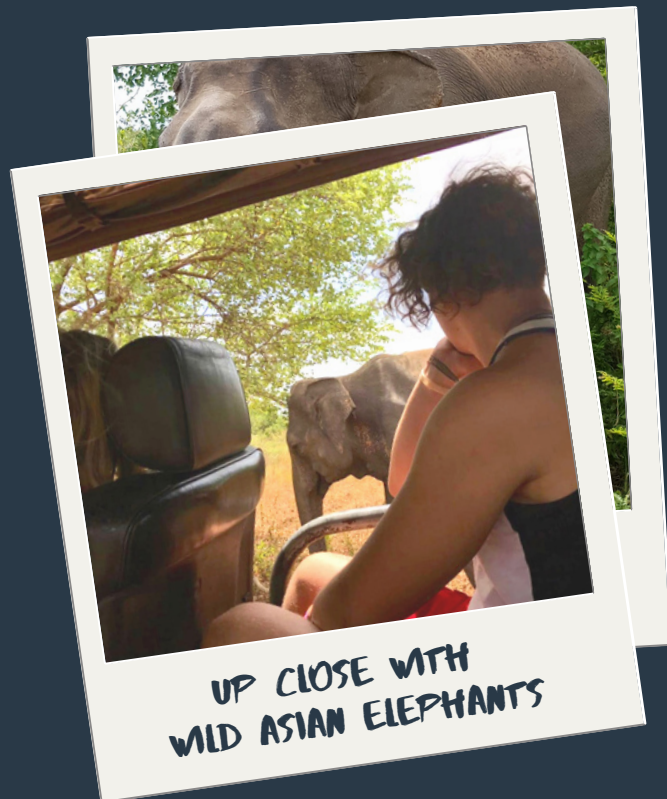
EXPERIENCE THE 'TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH' IN KANDY

TOUR ITINERARY

BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES & ELEPHANT SAFARIS

5. NUWARA ELIYA & ELLA

As the sun rises on day 5, the tour sets off to Nuwara Eliya, once called 'Little England'. Here students will have a guided tour of a tea plantation before setting off on the world renowned Nuwara Eliya to Ella train journey. The train winds its way through the heart of Sri Lanka's Hill Country and drops the group off in the midst of Ella's dramatic landscapes. The tour will have a quick swim in Ravana Waterfalls before trekking up to the top of Ella Rock - Sri Lanka's best view awaits!



6. UDAWALAWE JEEP SAFARI

A tour favourite! As part of the Coast 2 Coast Tour, students will experience a private Jeep safari through Sri Lanka's Udawalawe National Park - a stronghold for wild Asian Elephants, buffalo, crocodiles and more. The biodiversity within this park is renowned and offers the chance to see many endangered species up close. Our safari includes local guides and trackers to deliver the perfect savannah experience!

TOUR ITINERARY

CATCHING SOME WAVES & EXPLORING GALLE

7. SURFING THE SOUTH COAST

Moving on from the lowland savannahs we hit Sri Lanka's South Coast to go surfing! Weligama beach has the perfect waves for beginners and no previous surfing experience is required. Our tour includes qualified surf coaches that will get students surfing their first waves and feeling comfortable in the warm, tropical water of the Indian Ocean.



8. GALLE FORT

The last stop on our Coast 2 Coast Tour is the historic Galle Fort. Originally built by the Portuguese and then fortified by the Dutch in the 17th century, the fort is quite a contrast with the rest of Sri Lanka and offers students the chance to explore boutique arts & crafts shops as well as a number of beautiful western style cafes. Next stop - the Travelteer House at Hikkaduwa and time to kick off the volunteering!

WEEK 2: VOLUNTEERING

PROGRAMME OPTIONS

Each student selects their programme of choice from the three options below.

Throughout the volunteering week, all students will stay at Travelteer accommodation and get hands-on with our various high impact projects in the local area.



1. MARINE & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Become a conservationist and volunteer in our Sea Turtle Sanctuary! Other projects include rainforest replantation & beach cleans.



2. ENGLISH DEVELOPMENT

Assist our team in delivering fun and interactive lessons at partnered schools! Lessons focus on English Development but can also include Art, Drama and more.



3. SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Assist in coaching sport sessions that cover a variety of disciplines including football, rugby, cricket, volleyball and more.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

MARINE & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

The Marine & Wildlife Conservation programme works closely with the Sri Lankan Environmental Department and local NGOs to create sustainable projects.

We have created a long-term strategy to regenerate key areas of rainforest and maintain the marine life in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka and our various hands-on projects will have students fully immersed in environmental conservation - whether it be helping with the restoration of sea turtle numbers, replanting indigenous trees or tackling plastic pollution.



20,000
TURTLES
RELEASED



12,000
TREES
PLANTED



4.3 TONNES
OF PLASTIC
REMOVED



1,200
VOLUNTEERS
TO DATE

CONSERVATION PROJECT

TURTLE SANCTUARY

OVERVIEW & AIM

Exploitation of sea turtles exists in Sri Lanka, where many eggs and turtles themselves are traded illegally by illicit businesses. Our sanctuary has been built to combat this trade as well as providing conservation education for the local community.

The project aims to boost sea turtle numbers by incubating artificial nests in a secure environment and releasing all hatchlings into the ocean safely. We also have a scheme where fishermen bring us injured turtles that have been trapped in fishing nets to be rehabilitated and released back into the ocean!

VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Helping in the construction of artificial nests
- Caring for injured turtles and hatchlings
- Feeding tank maintenance
- Recording growth data



CONSERVATION PROJECT

RAINFOREST REPLANTATION & BEACH CLEANS

Both the Rainforest Replantation and Beach Cleaning projects are a key part of our conservation programme - both working to preserve the local environment.

RAINFOREST REPLANTATION

Our Replantation project aims to help regenerate the rainforest in Sri Lanka's Southern district to its original state, providing an increase of indigenous plants and habitats for local wildlife - many of which are currently endangered.

BEACH CLEANS

Working in groups, students will clear the beaches and waterways of marine debris.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Planting indigenous tree saplings within the rainforest
- Recording sapling growth data
- Removing marine debris from the Hikkaduwa Area



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

ENGLISH DEVELOPMENT

The English Development programme works with partnered schools to create sustainable projects providing brighter futures for children in the local community through teaching and classroom renovations.

Many rural school children can understand and speak basic words in English, however, their comprehension and conversational skills are underdeveloped. This programme gives volunteers hands-on experience in an international education system, providing global perspective and insight into childhood development in different educational settings.



12
SCHOOLS
IMPACTED



2,500
STUDENTS
TAUGHT



270 SCHOOL
MEALS
PROVIDED
DAILY



550
VOLUNTEERS
TO DATE



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PRE-SCHOOL & SCHOOL

PRE-SCHOOL

This project gives UK School students the chance to teach 3 to 5 year olds at various pre-schools. Volunteers will be assisting our English team pre-school teachers to deliver basic and interactive English lessons - this gives the children a fantastic head-start for the next step of their education.

SCHOOL

Working in groups, volunteers will assist our English Development team in planning and delivering English lessons at partnered schools, as well as enjoying a cultural exchange with the Sri Lankan students. Our project aims to make lessons more interactive through conversation and the provision of new classroom equipment via volunteer fundraising!

VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Helping out at our partnered pre-schools
- Assisting our English Development team with interactive lessons
- Engaging in cultural exchanges with Sri Lankan students



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CLASSROOM REVAMP

OVERVIEW & AIM

Travelteer has been given our own classrooms to teach in!

The Travelteer classrooms aim to bring an improved learning environment for the both teachers and children through the provision of new facilities and equipment.

Our classrooms make a big impact on the children's learning and wellbeing and allow students to express their creativity in a more interactive setting.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Clearing, cleaning and painting classrooms
- Enriching the learning environment
- Designing educational imagery



OUR PARTNER SCHOOL
IN HIKKADUWA



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Travelteer implements the Sport Development programme at the grassroots level - our aim being to unlock the potential of disadvantaged children through providing skilled volunteer coaches and funding for equipment and facilities.

The programme provides hands-on experience for volunteers to plan and coach sport sessions in a developing country. Our various projects focus on inclusivity and skill learning to promote health and wellbeing!



12
SCHOOLS
IMPACTED



15
RENOVATED
PLAYING
FIELDS



17,000
POUNDS
DONATED



400+
VOLUNTEERS
TO DATE



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SCHOOLS & SPORTS CLUBS

PRE-SCHOOL & SCHOOL

Working in teams and with the guidance of Travelteer coordinators, UK Students will have the chance to coach a variety of different sports in local schools with an emphasis on skill development and match practice.

AFTER-SCHOOL & SPORTS CLUBS

Our After-school project and partnership with local sports clubs is all about providing the local community with easily accessible activities after the school day has finished. UK Students will get involved with drills and matches across a variety of sports.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Lesson planning with the support of Travelteer coordinators
- Delivering fun and interactive sports sessions
- Maintaining our sports facilities



LIVING ARRANGEMENTS ACCOMMODATION

COAST 2 COAST TOUR

Throughout the tour, students will stay in a variety of accommodation options hand selected by the Travelteer team - all shared rooms are single sex and offer western amenities!

VOLUNTEER WEEK

Travelteer House is located just 50m from the white sands of Hikkaduwa Beach and a short walk into Hikkaduwa Town. The house will accommodate all the students together in comfortable, air conditioned single sex dormitories lodging up to six per room.

Each room has an en-suite bathroom and the accommodation is completely secure with Travelteer staff on-site 24/7 as well as CCTV. Surrounded by palm trees and the crashing of the Indian Ocean, our house provides easy access to our volunteering projects and attractions in the local area!



SINGLE SEX DORM
STYLE ROOMS



FULL WESTERN
AMENITIES



GROUP DINING
AREAS



STAFF & SECURITY
ON-SITE



LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

FOOD

At Travelteer we think that local cuisine is a huge part of the volunteering experience and luckily Sri Lankan food is absolutely delicious! School groups are provided with three meals a day throughout the 2 week experience.

BREAKFAST

During both the Coast 2 Coast Tour and volunteering week, there are various options including toast, eggs, yogurt and fruit. Students will also have the option to try delicious Sri Lankan breakfast recipes including coconut pancakes and Dhal!

LUNCH & DINNER

Students will taste a variety of different Sri Lankan delicacies including rich curries made from vegetables such as jackfruit and plantain. The menu changes each day, mixing in Asian dishes such as noodles and fried rice as well as western favourites such as Bolognese.



DELICIOUS
LOCAL
CUISINE



OUR OWN
IN-HOUSE
CHEF



DIETARY
REQUIREMENTS
CATERED FOR



3 MEALS PER
DAY (EXCL
WEEKENDS)



WESTERN
OPTIONS
AVAILABLE



LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

TRANSPORT

At Travelteer safety & comfort is the utmost importance. That's why we have invested in our own vehicles to ensure European standards and regular vehicle maintenance. Our Travelteer drivers are highly experienced and have excellent knowledge of local roads.

COAST 2 COAST TOUR

During the Coast 2 Coast Tour, the group will be driven in our 28 seat A/C bus. Our buses are fully air conditioned and comfortable with panoramic windows for you to enjoy the incredible views of Sri Lanka!

PROJECT TRANSPORT

During the volunteering week, each programme group will be transported to and from projects in our Travelteer jeeps. These jeeps are perfect for all terrains so getting the team into the rainforest is no problem!



OUR OWN
VEHICLES



EXPERIENCED
DRIVERS



EUROPEAN
STANDARDS



COMFORTABLE
TRAVEL



SUPPORT

PRE-DEPARTURE SUPPORT

We take away the burden of paperwork so students can focus on preparing themselves for the trip.

The Travelteer team holds pre-departure meetings for both students and parents at the school, where we provide training and support sessions.

Our Travelteer online dashboard makes preparing for the adventure incredibly easy, allowing participants to manage all documents and payments online. Each group member receives a volunteer pack to guide them through their experience!

IN-COUNTRY SUPPORT

Our UK expedition leaders meet the group at the school car park, providing flight chaperoning to/from Sri Lanka.

Travelteer expedition leaders will lead the group through the entirety of the trip. Our experienced in-country team delivers UK standards with local knowledge to give the ultimate service. The UK operations centre provides international support for teams in the field, with an emergency support line for parents and schools.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

We believe preparation is the key to success. That's why we have developed a seamless planning process for the students, parents & school. From trip launch to trip debrief we are here to support the group every step of the way!



STUDENT PRE-DEPARTURE PREPARATION



24/7 IN-COUNTRY SUPPORT



UK EXPEDITION LEADERS



UK OPERATIONS CENTRE & EMERGENCY SUPPORT LINE



TRAVELTEER ONLINE DASHBOARD

SAFETY

ACCREDITATIONS



YOU ARE IN EXPERT HANDS



Travelteer's local knowledge is unrivalled. Our team has a wealth of experience in providing safe and secure environments for students whilst abroad. Don't just take our word for it, we've been externally assessed and earned accreditations from leading bodies such as the Learning outside the classroom Council (LOTC) and British Standard 8848.

TRAVELTEER INFRASTRUCTURE



We take a long-term approach when it comes to overseas expeditions. We invest in selected countries so we can provide a guaranteed standard to schools. Our established in-country team operates Travelteer's own accommodation, vehicles and volunteering programmes so participants can be ensured their experience will be second to none.

SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Speed of response during an incident is vital. We have developed a unique safety management system that provides our teams in the field with maximum support. Every element of our trip is audited by UK management with our in-country team giving a live feed of updates.



BACKUP IF NEEDED

With the UK operations centre at our core we have a dedicated, full-time team to manage any eventuality. Whether that be local or international assistance, our team is trained in incident management and crisis response. Communication is key, that's why all our staff are equipped with the latest communication technology, so our network is never down.



INSURANCE & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

We have a comprehensive insurance policy providing the group cover for everything from medical expenses and repatriations to lost passports. Our trips are fully bonded by ATOL protecting the groups against unforeseen events.



GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

We always work in line with the latest advice from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. We use both government and private security advice as a foundation to all our trip planning.



SCHOOL TRIP COSTS

PER PERSON

Participants have a one-off registration fee of £168 and from then on all other costs can be paid off via instalments throughout the year!

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REGISTRATION FEE

£168

WHY REGISTER?

- Reserves your place on our School Trip experience
- Covers the UK operational costs of running our projects
- Unlimited access to all future Travelteer Programmes!
- Provides pre-departure and 24/7 in-country support from the Travelteer team

2

TRIP COSTS

£1,359

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Flight Chaperoning
- Accommodation
- Visa Services
- Travelteer Support Staff
- All Meals
- In-Country Transport
- Group Travel Insurance
- Airport Transfer



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS £950 - £1200

GROUP BOOKINGS

Student flights to Sri Lanka will be booked as a 'group booking', meaning that we will use our flight supplier to find the best flight option. We aim to book the flights after our first 'Pre-departure Meeting' - more information on the upcoming 'Next Steps' section of this booklet.

PRICING

Airfares are typically around £950 - £1,200 but this can fluctuate. The airline will require each volunteer to pay a flight deposit before a booking is made. The flight deposit is £250 with the remaining airfare due 3 months before travel.



UK

11 - 13 HOURS

8,763 KMS



SRI LANKA





MOROCCO



NEPAL

ALTERNATE DESTINATIONS IF REQUIRED

In the event we are not able to travel to the intended destination we have other options available!

FUNDRAISING

Volunteer fundraising is an essential part of our programme and has already made a huge impact on the lives of disadvantaged communities in Sri Lanka. From setting up your JustGiving page to advice on great fundraising activities, the Travelteer team is always here to help!



HOW MUCH SHOULD I RAISE?

We require each student to fundraise £100 as a minimum. 100% of all funds raised by the students go directly into the projects and have a huge impact on the local communities - the money raised enables us to buy equipment and develop the programmes further!

FLIGHT REIMBURSEMENT

Students are entitled to put any money over the required fundraising threshold of £100 towards the travel cost of their return flight. This will be reimbursed once the fundraising period has ended. Any surplus money exceeding the cost of your flight will be donated to Travelteer Impact to further our charitable causes!

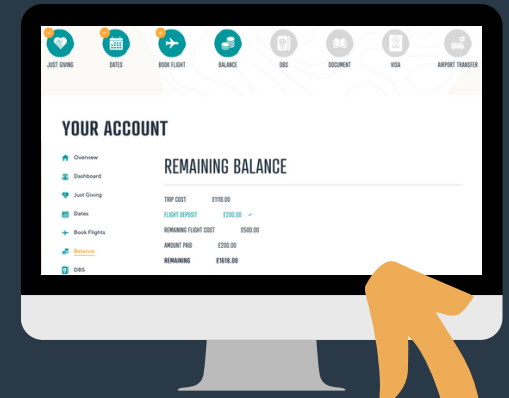


NEED IDEAS?

Not sure on how to get fundraising? Don't hesitate to get in contact with our team if you need some fundraising activity inspiration!

THE TRAVELTEER DASHBOARD

Our online dashboard was created to make group travel that much easier. By logging onto the dashboard via our website, students and parents will have a complete overview of the upcoming trip and can easily upload all required details.



OUR
DASHBOARD



OUR ONLINE TRIP PLATFORM

The Travelteer team uses the online dashboard to take care of managing all trip details, documentation and payments.

SEAMLESS TRIP PREPARATION

The dashboard guides parents and students through the whole planning process with an easy, step by step guide and progress bar.







NEXT STEPS

**TIME TO KICK OFF YOUR
NEXT ADVENTURE!**



**REGISTER WITH
TRAVELTEER**

Scan the QR Code or visit
www.travelteer.co.uk/register
to pay our registration fee and
confirm your spot!



PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING 1

Travelteer will return to the school for the first pre-departure meeting. The team will present to both the students and parents about trip preparation and to confirm the proposed flight details.



FLIGHT BOOKING & DOCUMENT COMPLETION

Following the confirmation of flight details in the previous meeting, Travelteer will be booking all flights, organising all visas and all other necessary paperwork.



PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING 2

One final meeting before we set off! The Travelteer team will return to the school to go over final trip preparations and a briefing on pre-departure, outbound and return details.

WHY CHOOSE TRAVELTEER?

ETHICAL VOLUNTEERING & RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

Travelteer is at the forefront of ethical volunteering and responsible travel. We thoroughly train local staff to assist in our projects and keep them sustainably running all year round.

24/7 SUPPORT & MENTORING

Travelteer offers 24/7 support & mentoring both in the UK or Sri Lanka. Our team will be with you from start to finish. Yes, that's right - all our team fly out to Sri Lanka! That way you know you are in good hands.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Our educational tours are a once in a lifetime opportunity! Whether you are looking for waterfalls, mountain trekking, safaris or surfing - Travelteer will show you the best Sri Lanka has to offer!

AGAINST THE EXPLOITATION OF ANIMALS

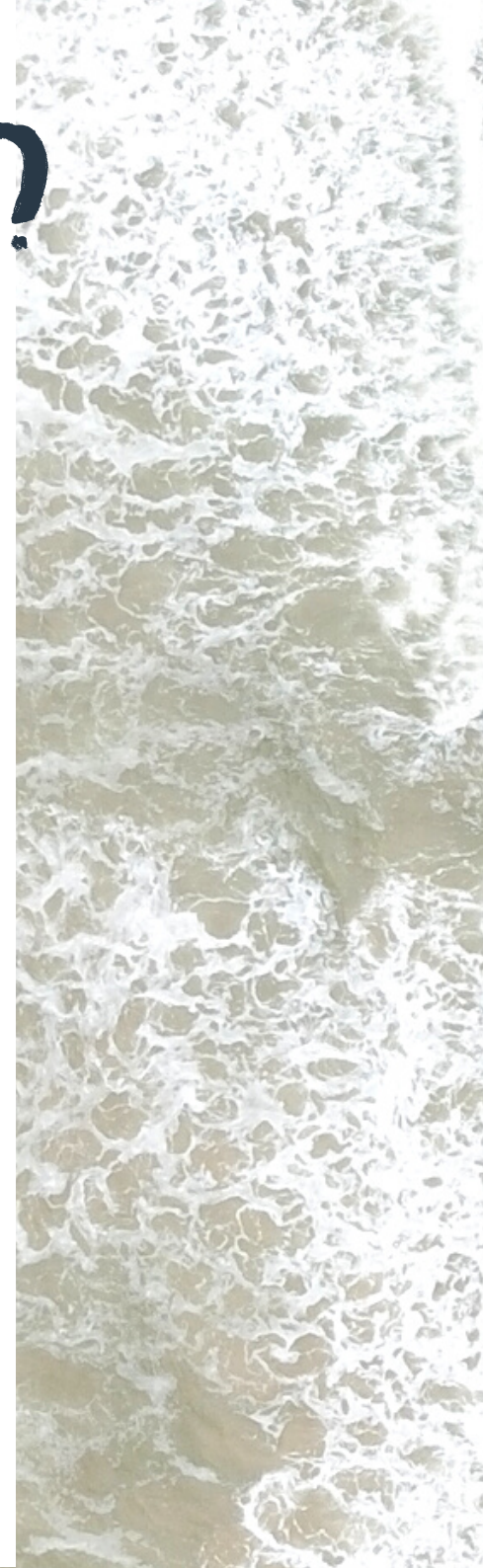
We do not support or work with any animal projects that are solely created to meet the demand of volunteers such as baby elephant orphanages.

A LIFE CHANGING ADVENTURE

Travel and volunteering is the perfect way to broaden a student's horizons and we provides a safe and controlled environment for school groups to experience another culture very different to their own.

SAFETY

Student safety is of the upmost importance. That's why every aspect of the trip is managed entirely by us - we conduct regular risk assessments and ensure all our team are trained to handle emergencies.



**THE TRAVELTEER
TURTLE SANCTUARY!**



START YOUR ADVENTURE

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GIVE US A FOLLOW!



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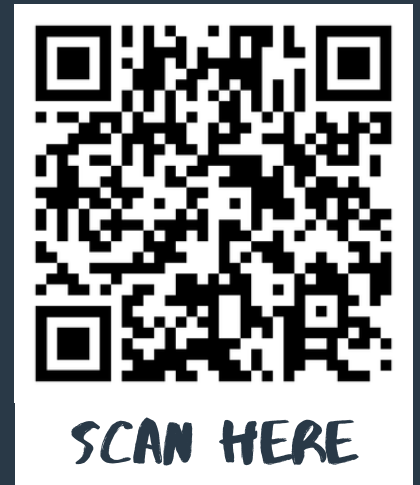
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