

Sea Turtle Conservation

High School Special Schedule Sri Lanka | 2 weeks

Welcome to our High School Special Sea Turtle Conservation Project in Sri Lanka! Are you prepared to embark on a unique adventure where you'll contribute to sea turtle protection and discover the enchanting wonders of this stunning island?

Programme Goals:

- ▶ **Conservation and Protection of Sea Turtles:**
Actively contribute to the conservation and protection of sea turtles in Sri Lanka. Volunteers will work at the turtle center, engaging in tasks such as monitoring nesting activities, protecting turtle nests, and assisting in the safe release of hatchlings into the ocean. By participating in these activities, volunteers directly support the long-term survival of endangered sea turtle species.
- ▶ **Cultural Immersion and Sustainable Volunteering:**
Our program offers volunteers the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich cultural heritage of Sri Lanka. Through visits to attractions like Galle Fort, Hindu temples, and the town of Kandy, volunteers will gain a deeper understanding of the country's history and traditions. Additionally, we prioritize sustainability, ensuring that our activities have minimal impact on the environment and promote cultural exchange with local communities.
- ▶ **Community Engagement and Social Impact:**
In addition to sea turtle conservation, our program emphasizes the importance of community engagement and social impact. Volunteers will have the chance to make a positive difference in the lives of local school children by guiding them on an educational tour of the centre. Moreover, through beach clean-ups and other initiatives, volunteers actively contribute to the betterment of local communities, promoting environmental stewardship and social well-being.





- Highlights**
- ▶ 40 Service Hours
 - ▶ Get hands on work with Sea Turtles
 - ▶ Explore Kandy and its cultural treasures
 - ▶ Learn to cook traditional Sri Lankan dishes
 - ▶ Join beach cleans and conservation work
 - ▶ Lead community engagement events
 - ▶ Offset your carbon footprint

Accommodation

Host family

Transport

Private van and by foot

Meals

At the host family. During weekends and other programs meals will be taken from outside

Timings

This schedule is subject to change, however you will be advised in advance should this happen. Detailed plan will be discussed by the coordinator for each day.

Responsible Travel

We offset 100% of carbon emissions associated with your in-destination transport. We're committed to being fully climate-positive by 2024!

By volunteering with us you're helping reforestation efforts, protecting existing forests and providing employment to local communities around the world.

Day 1

Sunday
Arrival to Sri Lanka

Friendly representatives of Projects Abroad eagerly await your arrival at Colombo airport. Their warm reception will include assistance in currency exchange and purchasing a new SIM card, ensuring a smooth transition.

A dedicated Projects Abroad driver will then whisk you away to your accommodation, where excited host families eagerly await your presence. In the event of an early arrival, your supervisor has thoughtfully organized engaging activities to make the most of your time.



Day 2

Monday

Morning:
Dive into cultural immersion with induction presentations, followed by thorough project briefing and schedule overview. Gain insight into the protection work done for the endemic species of turtles the centre looks after.

Afternoon:
Get acquainted with the town and your placement with orientation sessions, then enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant.

Evening:
Experience warmth and hospitality with a delightful dinner shared with your host family.

Day 3

Tuesday

Morning:
Dive into meaningful work at the Turtle Conservation Center, starting your journey of conservation and environmental stewardship.

Afternoon:
Participate in traditional games at Hikkaduwa Beach, fostering teamwork, interaction, and culminating in a poolside sunset experience.

Evening:
Reflect individually in feedback sessions, followed by a warm dinner shared with your host family.

Day 4

Wednesday

Morning:
Feed the turtles and clean their tanks at the center, fostering a hands-on connection with these magnificent creatures.

Afternoon:
Engage in an informative mural painting session at the center, conveying meaningful messages through art to educate and inspire young members of the local community.

Evening:
Review plans for next day and have dinner with your host family.

Day 5

Thursday

Morning:
Join a Community Day where you will support a girls' educational centre through a hygiene awareness program and help with cleaning and wall painting efforts.

Afternoon:
Engage in an immersive and calm river safari through the serene mangroves of Madu River. Learn about the wetlands ecosystem. Then, visit Cinnamon Island and explore a temple alongside fellow volunteers.

Day 6

Friday

Morning:
Contribute to the vital work of the conservation center's hatchery, supporting the growth and protection of endangered turtle species.

Afternoon:
Finish the informative mural painting session at the center. Prepare for an educational visit by school children next week.

Evening:
Enjoy an evening of board games and dinner at your host family.

Day 7

Saturday

Full Day:

Embark on an exciting journey from Balapitiya to Kandy. Explore a Spice Garden and Tea Factory, learning about herbs, spices, and tea production.

Visit the revered Kandy Temple and enjoy a traditional dance show. Conclude the day with a delicious dinner, experiencing the cultural wonders of Sri Lanka.

Day 8

Sunday

Full Day:

Enjoy a hearty breakfast before visiting a stunning view point for panoramic views. Explore a Wood Carving Factory to witness intricate craftsmanship. Shop for souvenirs at the Kandy Curio Market. Conclude the day with a delicious lunch before heading back to your host family.

Day 9

Monday

Morning:

Immerse in local culture with a market visit for ingredients, followed by a cooking class and shared lunch with your host family.

Afternoon:

Join in restoring nature's beauty and conservation efforts with a beach cleanup at Galbokka Beach, culminating in a heartwarming baby sea turtle release at sunset.

Evening:

Relax and have dinner with your host family.

Day 10

Tuesday

Morning:

Engage in nurturing care for turtles by preparing their food, assisting with cleaning, feeding hatchlings, and providing hand-feeding support to injured turtles.

Afternoon:

Reflect as a group about your experiences so far. Afterwards, prepare for an awareness program for the following day.

Evening:

Play board games and have dinner at your host family.

Day 11

Wednesday

Morning:

A local school will visit the Turtle Conservation Center today. The group will educate local students about sea turtle conservation and ocean protection through. Join hatchling releases and participate in awareness programs, inspiring the next generation to safeguard our marine ecosystems.

Afternoon:

Journey through time at Galle Dutch Fort, where Dutch architecture meets Sri Lankan culture. Explore Unawatuna Japanese Peace Temple, adorned with ancient rituals. Conclude the day at Jungle Beach, relishing in the serene sunset and enjoying nature.

Evening:

Review plans for the next day have dinner with your host family.

Day 12

Thursday

Morning:

Contribute to the vital work of the conservation center's hatchery, supporting the growth and protection of endangered turtle species.

Afternoon:

Conclude your journey at the Turtle Conservation Center with a final task of tank cleaning for injured turtles, symbolizing dedication to marine life preservation.

Evening:

Enjoy dinner at your host family.



Day 13

Friday

Morning & Afternoon:

Embark on a journey to Colombo, the vibrant capital of Sri Lanka. Meet with Projects Abroad staff for heartfelt goodbyes, reflecting on shared experiences and impactful contributions to local projects. Collect project certificates, symbols of dedication and achievement. Join a city tour of Colombo, immersing yourself in its rich history, diverse culture, and bustling streets. This experience not only marks the end of a meaningful chapter but also celebrates the bonds forged and the lasting impact created, leaving behind a legacy of positive change in the community.

Evening:

Gather for a heartfelt farewell dinner, celebrating bonds formed and memories shared.

Day 14

Saturday

The group members will likely be departing at different times, therefore the last 2 days may not be the same for everyone.

Your exact departure plan will be communicated with you directly by our local team. If you have longer to wait around, we will ensure you are comfortable and well looked-after.

You will have the continued support of Projects Abroad staff right until you are safely at the airport to board your plane back home.

Personal Achievements



- Completed a total of 40 service hours
- Developed Conservation Skills
- Cultural Immersion & Artistic Expression
- Leadership and Teamwork
- Personal Growth & Empathy



Student Learning Outcomes

Intercultural Competence

Students will be immersed in different cultures, gaining an understanding of their role within our global community and developing a deeper cultural awareness.

Leadership Development

Students will be pushed out of their comfort zones, experiencing new challenges each day. They will build their confidence and resilience through team activities and new life experiences.

Healthy Active Living

Students will be encouraged to prioritise their self-care, enhancing their physical and mental well-being.

Empowerment

Students will be empowered to think for themselves, challenging the “status-quo” and cultivating transformative decision-making mindsets.

Global Citizenship

Students will be exposed to new perspectives, engage with real-world challenges and contribute to sustainable development initiatives.



Sri Lanka, a gem in the Indian Ocean, welcomes visitors with its warm hospitality and tranquil ambiance. With its diverse landscapes of pristine beaches, lush rainforests, and ancient cities, Sri Lanka offers a wealth of exploration opportunities. As a stable and thriving nation, it captivates with its rich history, vibrant culture, and economic growth. Nestled in the Indian Ocean, it beckons travelers to embark on an unforgettable journey of natural beauty and cultural splendor.

FUN FACTS

- Sri Lanka is famous for producing world-renowned Ceylon tea
- Home to the largest gathering of Asian elephants
- Boasts the highest biodiversity density in Asia
- Well known for its vibrant festival culture

Want to learn more?

We'd be happy to talk to you and and and answer any questions you may have. You can call or email our team, or use the 'live chat' feature on the Projects Abroad website.

General inquiries: info@projects-abroad.org

Destination Information	
National Language:	Sinhalese
Population:	22.2 million
Currency:	Sri Lankan Rupees
Time Zone:	GMT
Capital:	Colombo
Calling Code:	+94
Dominant Religion:	Buddhism
National Dish:	Rice & Curry
National Animal:	Giant Squirrel

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