

# Sri Lanka Nature Camp 2010

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## Residential Workshop on Nature and Wildlife Photography

February 19 to 21, 2010

At Yala National Park (Sri Lanka)

This event is held once every 2 years and is organized by the Institute of Sri Lankan Photographers (ISP). Yala National Park is a world class Nature Reserve covering 1,295sq. km. Participants of this workshop have the chance to see and photograph Elephants, Deer, Sloth Bear, Leopards and other varieties of wildlife including different birds.

This event presents a golden opportunity for Maldivian photographers to gain experience in the field and from experts on nature and wildlife photography and make acquaintances with other photographers in addition to generally having a great time.

The ISP, in partnership with the Maldives Photographers Association, is providing a very special rate for this invaluable 3-day workshop. Details of the costs involved and the workshop program can be found below.

### Cost break down:

Item	Cost (SL Rp)	Cost (US \$)
Workshop cost (incl. 2 nights at <a href="#">Tissa Rest house</a> (2 star) twin/triple room accommodation (a/c), all meals, safari jeep hire)	Rp 12,500	\$110
Park Entry Fee		\$15
Return air ticket to Colombo departing 18 <sup>th</sup> 1650hrs and return 23 <sup>rd</sup> 0015hrs (based on economy travel on Emirates).		\$217
2 night stay in Colombo hotel (18 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> night)		~\$50
Miscellaneous expenses (airport transfers, travel to bus terminal, food, drinks etc)		~\$50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$442</b>

### Program

Day	Time	Event
<b>Day 1 (19<sup>th</sup> Feb)</b>		
	0530	Bus departure from Maradhaana terminal
	1200	Arrival at Tissa
	1230	Lunch

1300	Opening ceremony
1430 – 1530	Lecture on Leopards and related photography in the wild by Mr. R. Jayawardhana (10 years experience studying and photographing leopards in the wild)
1530	Presentation by Canon
1600 – 1645	Guide lecture on wildlife photography at the Yala national park.
1645	Tea break
1715	Lecture by veteran wildlife photographer Mr. Aruna Kirthisinghe.
1630 – 1645	Presentation by Kodak
1645	Lecture by Mr. Ranjith de Silva, Wildlife photographer of the year 2006.
2000	Dinner
<b>Day 2 (20<sup>th</sup> Feb)</b>	
0600	Depart on wildlife safari (~30km trip to park)
1100	Lecture held at the park
1230	Lunch at the park
1400	Lecture by Mr. Gamini K. Vithana, environmentalist, on bird photography.
1800	Return to hotel
2030	“The Peduru Party” – social event of general merriment
<b>Day 3 (21<sup>st</sup> Feb)</b>	
0930	Lecture by Dr. Prithviraj Fernando, researcher, on elephants.
1030	Closing ceremony, handing of certificates to participants, awarding of prizes to best photographs of the workshop (by the sponsors)
1230	Lunch
1330	Trip back to Colombo
1830	Arrival in Colombo

## Flight details (Colombo return)

Emirates fly to Colombo on the 18<sup>th</sup> evening and the return flight is 0015hrs on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (which is 22<sup>nd</sup> night). Therefore, participants are expected to stay in Colombo on 18<sup>th</sup> night and 21<sup>st</sup> night (and 22<sup>nd</sup> day). Arrival in Male' will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday) early morning at 0110hrs in time for office the same day.

## Interested?

If you are interested:

- Book your spot by paying the Workshop fee of US\$110 (one hundred and ten dollars) in advance to the Maldives Photographers Association on or before Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010. This advance payment is necessary for hotel and workshop booking arrangements.
- Book / purchase seats on Emirates (or your airline of choice) to arrive on the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb and departing after 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2010.
- Booking hotel in Colombo and airport transfer and transfer to bus terminal becomes cheaper when the group is larger. Therefore, it is important to book your spot in advance.
- If you are already in Colombo, payment can be made in Rupees.

## Contact Details:

For more information and to book your spot at the workshop:

**Call: In Male', 778 8929**

**In Colombo, 0 770 780 989**

**Email: [info@mvphotographers.org](mailto:info@mvphotographers.org)**

### Note:

The Maldives Photographers Association (MPA) or its members are not responsible for your flight arrangements. If you are unable to attend (after payment for workshop) we cannot ensure a refund but we will try. The MPA is not making any profits, commission or raising funds from this event. It is acting only as a facilitator. The Institute of Sri Lankan Photographers (ISP) is the main organizer and workshop payments are handed over to them directly in full. An official ISP receipt will be issued. The MPA will not receive cash for air ticket, accommodation and food in Colombo and any other activities: it is the sole responsibility of the participant. While traveling in a group, participants are expected to share in Colombo hotel accommodation and airport transfer equally. STAY IN COLOMBO IS NOT PART OF THE WORKSHOP.