



*Not Just a Ride,
It's a Ritual*



AROUND
THE PEARL
2019



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Around The Pearl is an annual cycling challenge over 10 days of cycling covering 1400KMS around the beautiful coastal belt of Sri Lanka from the **10th to 21st April 2019**.

Sri Lanka is often referred to as the 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean', and not just because of its teardrop-like shape. The island is a tropical paradise in a league of its own, with lush flora, a stunning range of species, a jaw-droppingly beautiful landscape, and resorts specializing in anything from Ayurveda, predominantly Buddhist but a multi-religious culture, ancient architectural wonders, food made with exotic spices with a perfect cup of Ceylon tea to go along the way.



With Sri Lanka claiming the top spot in the **Lonely Planet's best travel destinations list of countries to visit in 2019**, a Ride Around The Pearl Is your best excuse to get up close and personal with this beautiful island and make your mark in the Indian Ocean.

At the heart of this ride is a great cause. Every pedal stroke you make helps to raise funds for wheelchairs for children affected by Cerebral Palsy. A group of non-progressive disorders of movement and posture, Cerebral Palsy is one of Sri Lanka's most common permanent childhood disabilities. So far over 2200 wheelchairs have been donated with a challenging goal of reaching 10,000



The ride is a ritual for some riders who annually take part since its inception in 2014. The joy & challenge of riding through buzzing cities, great paved roads hugging the majestic Indian ocean, through wildlife sanctuaries, over sandy beaches and lagoons, when coupled with the experience of seeing the joyous smile in a child who finds mobility on a wheel chair is what that makes this ride a life changing journey.



STAGE 8

Jaffna
163.80 Km

STAGE 7

Mullaitivu
132.30 Km

STAGE 6

Trincomalee
100.70 Km

STAGE 9

Marichchukkaddi
164 Km

Around The Pearl Top 10 List

1. Eight days of road cycling
2. Two days of mountain biking
3. One and only Chalai Challenge through sandy beaches and roads not on google maps
4. One night of camping on top of Wilpattu National Park
5. Three Lagoon crossings
6. Two exotic rides through Wildlife Sanctuaries
7. Nine Star-rated hotels, with a pool and SPA in all most all, for a deserving rest & recovery
8. Two rest days to explore, culture , food and with multiple excursion and sightseeing options
9. Two wheelchair donation camps along the route
10. Thousands of warm and friendly Sri Lankan smiles and cheering all along the way

"Undoubtedly the finest Island of it's size in the world"

Marco Polo, 13th Century explorer

STAGE 5

Passikudah
126.51 Km

STAGE 4

Pottuvil
147.80 Km

STAGE 3

Kataragama
136.10 Km

STAGE 2

Mirissa
136.40 Km

STAGE 10

Negombo
54 Km

STAGE 1

Colombo
146.20 Km

AROUND THE PEARL IN 10 STAGES

Rider Responsibilities

- Adequate training and preparation for long distance cycling.
- Suitable road bike & a mountain bike in good condition.
- Register and agree to conditions of entry.
- Medical checks and personal insurance cover.
- Wear Around The Pearl branded jersey along the ride.
- Register on the Around The Pearl fundraising platform and raise funds for wheelchairs.

Key Dates

Wednesday, 10th April 2019

Departure from Jetwing Colombo Seven, Colombo at 5.30 am.

Sunday, 21st April 2019

Reach Colombo for the ride conclusion and final event.

Registration Fees

For All 10 stages

- USD 1500*

For individual stages

- USD 150 (with lodging)

- USD 75 (without lodging)

***Cost includes**

- Contribution towards 2 wheelchairs.
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
(A light breakfast for riders and on tour meals and beverages)
- Daily luggage transport during the ride
- Mechanical support and service on-route
- Bike truck and support vehicles
- Medical support
- Twin sharing accommodation in 3 to 5 star hotels with 2 nights of camping





STAR RATING ★★★★★

SPA

POOL

START

JETWING
COLOMBO SEVEN

APRIL
10TH



OVERNIGHT STAY
MANDARA
RESORT



BIKE
ROAD

146.2KM

ALONG GALLE ROAD

WELIGAMA

APRIL
11TH



BIKE
ROAD

136.4KM

MATARA

HAMBANTOTA

TISSAMAHARAMA



OVERNIGHT STAY
MANDARA
ROSEN



KATARAGAMA



OVERNIGHT STAY
BLUE WAVE
HOTEL



BIKE
ROAD

136.1KM

POTTUWIL

LAHUGALA

SIVAMBANDUA

MONARAGALA

BUTALA

APRIL
12TH

ARUGAM BAY

APRIL
13TH



BIKE
ROAD

147.8KM

POTTUVIL

KOMARI

AKKARAIPATTU

KALMUNAI

BATTICALOA

CHENKALADI



OVERNIGHT STAY
ANILANA
PASSIKUDAH



PASSIKUDAH



OVERNIGHT STAY
ANILANA
NILAVELI



BIKE
ROAD

126.51KM

TRINCO

SERUWAVILA

VAKARAI

APRIL
14TH

TRINCOMALEE

APRIL
15TH



REST DAY

ANILANA NILAVELI

TRINCOMALEE



OVERNIGHT STAY
HOTEL
OCEAN
PARK



BIKE
ROAD

102.7KM

APRIL
16TH

MULLAITIVU

MULLAITIVU

KOKILAI FERRY CROSSING

FERRY POINT

PULLMODDAI

APRIL
17TH

CHALAI
CHALLENGE



BIKE
MTB

132.3KM



OVERNIGHT STAY
NORTH
GATE
JETWING



CHALAI

NAGAR KOVIL

POINT PEDRO

JAFFNA



REST DAY

JETWING JAFFNA

APRIL
18TH

JAFFNA

APRIL
19TH



BIKE
ROAD

163.8KM



OVERNIGHT STAY
CAMPING

SEELAWATHURAI

MANNAR

POONEYNR

MANNAR

OVERNIGHT STAY
JETWING
BLUE



BIKE
MTB

164KM



BIKE
OAD

APRIL
20TH

NEGOMBO

ACROSS WILPATTU NP

ELUWAN KULAM

PUTTALAM

APRIL
21ST



BIKE
ROAD

54KM

FINISH

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE

TOTAL DISTANCE
(ESTIMATED)

1400KM

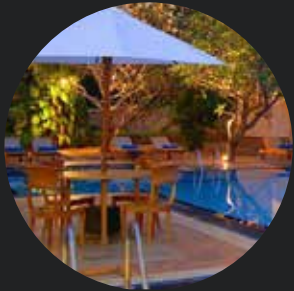


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Mandara Resort – Weligama



Located along the South West Coast of Sri Lanka, the Mandara Resort offers luxurious comforts amidst tropical settings, to discerning travelers. Replete with lavish rooms, mouthwatering cuisine and a myriad of activities to choose from, Mandara is the ideal place to relax and unwind.



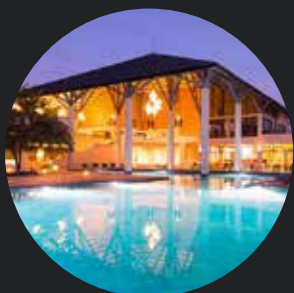
Mandara Rosen – Kataragama

Situated in the religious city of Kataragama, Mandara Rosen is an elegant hotel surrounded by the jungle. Located in close proximity to places of religious importance such as the Kiri Vehera and the Kataragama Sacred Bo Tree, Mandara offers its guests impeccable service, modern rooms with all amenities and an outdoor pool with piped, underwater music.

Blue Wave Hotel – Arugambay



Situated in the beautiful beach town of Arugambay: world renowned as a great surfing spot, the Blue Wave Hotel is the only luxury hotel in the area. The hotel is located at the beginning of the bay area and offers all modern amenities, free WiFi, 24 hour room service, a swimming pool and a well equipped gym.



Anilana – Passikudah

Located on the pristine and breathtaking beaches on Pasikuda, Anilana is a hidden gem with luxurious rooms that boast of an abundance of space, breathtaking views of the Indian ocean and a delightful infinity pool. An amazing combination of star class luxuries and warm hospitality, Anilana is the perfect place sit back, relax and unwind.

HOTELS

CONTINUED...

Anilana - Nilaveli



Located on one the best beaches in the world, Anilana Nilaveli is a stylishly designed resort that offers luxury accommodation, scrumptious cuisine and world class hospitality. Replete with two large swimming pools, landscaped gardens and an abundance of activities and amenities, Anilana is the perfect place for a luxurious escape



Hotel Ocean Park - Mullaitivu

Situated in the North-Eastern Coast of Sri Lanka, Mullaitivu is largely a fishing settlement with a rich history. A town that was once war torn, Mullaitivu has much to offer to adventurous travelers and explorers. Our hotel tonight is the best one in the area. With a private beach. This remote destination is a window into the stories and history of the North East.



North Gate By Jetwing - Jaffna



Located on the historical Mahatma Gandhi Road in the heart of Jaffna is Jetwing Jaffna. This property is a peaceful retreat with a magnificent view of Jaffna, offering genuine Sri Lankan hospitality and culturally contemporary elegance while blending perfectly into island life in the North.



Camping - Marichchukkaddi

Located in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka, Marichchukkaddi was once a war torn area. It is a place rich in history and culture with much to offer to adventurous.



Jetwing Blue - Negombo



A stylish beach hotel located in Negombo, Jetwing strives to provide its guests with the ultimate beach holiday experience. With the perfect combination of Sri Lankan hospitality, luxurious amenities and delectable cuisine that is sure to tantalize your taste buds, Jetwing is every ready to make sure you have a memorable beach getaway.





THE CHALAI CHALLENGE

An exhilarating off road mountain bike ride.

The Chalai Challenge will take place on the 17th of April 2019 and will challenge the riders, along the East Coast between Mullaitivu and Point Pedro over the famous Chalai Crossing. This 112 KM stretch will have riders trailing through an uncharted coastal route, seen and traveled by only a handful.

Chalai Lagoon is fed by a number of small rivers. It is linked to the sea by a narrow channel near Chalai. The lagoon's water is brackish.

The lagoon is surrounded by dense forest, scrubland and some rice paddies. The land is used for fishing and some salt production.

The lagoon has extensive sea grass beds and mangrove swamp. The lagoon attracts a wide variety of water birds including ducks, gulls, terns and other shorebirds.

This invigorating cycling endurance challenge is a favorite of all mountain bikers, endurance riders and fitness enthusiasts. The ride will ensure an adventurous challenge to all.





THE PROJECT SO FAR...

Join us to make a change...

OUR GOAL

Our ultimate goal is to donate 10,000 wheelchairs to the children with Cerebral Palsy in Sri Lanka. To date, funds for 2200 wheelchairs have been raised and 1798 wheelchairs have been distributed across Sri Lanka.

THE PROJECT

Cerebral Palsy permanently affects body movement and muscle coordination, thus wheelchairs remain an important mode of movement for the affected individuals, providing much needed freedom. Children affected by cerebral palsy usually have limited mobility or are completely bed ridden which often leads to various health complications including muscle contractions. Children who do not have wheelchairs find it difficult to live a fulfilling life as they cannot even leave their homes, so they struggle to make friends and find it difficult to fit into a community. This project was initiated to enable the children with Cerebral Palsy to get out of their house bound situation and to encourage their maximal participation in the society.

CEREBRAL PALSYP

A wheelchair can create
limitless opportunities
- IRONKIDS Colombo 2018

THE PROJECT SO FAR...

Special wheelchair donation camps

The special wheelchair donation camps for children with Cerebral Palsy will provide an opportunity for parents to seek assistance if they have a child with Cerebral Palsy or if they suspect that their child may be affected by the disorder.

They suspect that their child may be affected.

2015 – 2018 Wheelchair Donation Camps

Venue	Total No. of Wheelchairs given
Hambantota	49
Anuradapura	24
Moneragala	35
Jaffna	150
Kandy	112
Ratnapura	65
Kurunegala	108
Galle	95
Batticaloa	140
Moratuwa	61
Wellawaya	49
Wattala	70
Nuwareliya (Waltrim)	24

Venue	Total No of Wheelchairs given
Battaramulla	25
Puttalam	83
Trincomalee	36
Colombo (Park Road)	33
Wattala (Center)	96
Puttalam	83
Nuwareliya	44
Vavuniya	73
Badulla	53
Gampaha	82
Matara	36
Kandy (Follow Up)	20
Aluthgama	54
Rajagiriya (Centre)	46
Ellawaya	18
Bandarawela	08
Kadugannawa	77
Rajagiriya (Centre)	32
Pasikuda (Kiran)	42
Matara	82
Rajagiriya (Centre)	47



Wheelchair Donation - Go the Distance

All riders are encouraged to raise funds for wheelchairs to the best of their ability through personal or institutional donors.

This is how you earn your rider pin and put a smile on a child's face:

RUBY

In order to qualify as a Ruby Rider, the participant will have to donate or raise funds for 10 + wheelchairs.

DIAMOND

In order to qualify as a Diamond Rider, the participant will have to donate or raise funds for 25 + wheelchairs .

PEARL

In order to qualify as a Pearl Rider, the participant will have to donate or raise funds for 100 + wheelchairs.

TIPS

FOR CYCLING IN SRI LANKA

1

Train ahead on endurance and strength to help you ride 120KM- 150 KM per day.

2

Be patient as there are some countryside roads that have no direction signs. Your ride marshals' will assist you and the locals are always helpful when looking for directions.

3

Decide on the right bike model, which is a road bike which fits you well for an efficient and comfortable ride, and a mountain bike for off road sections

4

Keep sipping water. It can get really hot and humid. No need to overload since there will always be backup riding alongside the riders.

5

Plan your ride nutrition well for energy & hydration. Failing to do so could even result in having to discontinue the ride.

6

Sri Lanka is a tropical country with average temperature of 30 C° - 33 C° and relative humidity of 60 - 65%. Chances of sunburn are high, hence apply good sunscreen minimize the sun burns.

7

Things you should consider bringing along: Helmet , front & back lights, water bottles, gloves, waterproof cover/bag, lightweight rain jacket, sunglasses, sun cream, a camera.

8

It's okay to glance down at your bottle of water before grabbing or replacing it, but keep your eyes on the road as you reach. Don't tilt your head to get the water into your mouth, tilt the bottle. You never know what or who you may encounter on the roads so always keep an eye out.

9

To avoid muscle soreness and fatigue, don't hunch your shoulders. Tilt your head every few minutes to stave off tight neck muscles. Better yet: Stop to admire the scenery!

10

Practice group riding (riding in a peloton, using hand signals and to avoid half wheeling)

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Nutrition

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Biometric
Bike Fit Lab

REGISTRATION FORM

10th to 21st April 2019



YOUR DETAILS

NAME : _____

EMAIL : _____ PHONE : _____

ADDRESS : _____

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT : _____

RELATIONSHIP : _____ PHONE : _____

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS: _____

_____ BLOOD GROUP : _____

RIDE OPTIONS : ☐ THE RIDE FULL RIDE - USD 1500 ☐ STAGE RIDER - USD 150
☐ DAY RIDER (WITHOUT LODGING) - USD 75

I will ride on the following Day(s) : ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 USD _____

RIDER JERSEY : ☐ SMALL ☐ MEDIUM ☐ LARGE ☐ X LARGE

DONATION ACCOUNT

Seylan Bank
Millennium Branch
Wheels for Wheels Foundation (GTE) Ltd.
A/C- 0860 33479831 001
Swift code - SEYBLKL

RIDER FEES

Seylan Bank
Millennium Branch
Wheels for Wheels Foundation (GTE) Ltd.
A/C- 0860 33479831 002
Swift code - SEYBLKL



Around The Pearl is an event of Wheels for Wheels Foundation (GTE) Ltd, which is organized by Spinner Cycling Events in partnership with Jetwing Adventures & Jetwing Hotels.

TERMS OF CONDITIONS

These Terms and Conditions of Entry are designed to enable the 'Around the Pearl' (the Ride) **10th Sunday to the 21st of April 2019** to run smoothly and safely. By registering to participate in the Ride, you (Ride Participant) accept and agree to these Entry Terms as follows: (Ride Participants include Riders, Volunteers, Staff or anyone who participates in the Ride)

1. If Ride Participant is under the age of 18 years, they must have a Parent or Guardian sign the entry form and consent to their participation in the Ride. It is required that children under 12 years of age ride with a Parent or Guardian at all times.
 2. The Ride Participant must comply with all traffic and road laws and exercise caution and ride defensively and courteously.
 3. The Ride Participant must wear an approved bicycle helmet securely fitted and fastened when riding a bicycle during the Ride.
 4. The Ride Participant is responsible for ensuring that he/she has adequately prepared both physically and mentally for the Ride.
 5. If, during the Ride, the Ride Participant becomes ill or is injured, the organizers will endeavor to call for medical transport, usually an ambulance. Any medical transport will be at the Ride Participant's expense. It is recommended that Ride Participants hold current ambulance service membership and /or health insurance to cover such costs.
 6. The Ride Participant must ride a bicycle that is in a serviceable condition and complies with all relevant legislation.
 7. The Ride is held outdoors and will not proceed withstanding poor weather conditions on the day of the Ride. The organizers will not be liable to the Ride Participant for any loss, damage, cost or expense of any kind including, but not limited to, refund of entry fees, in the event of poor weather before or during the Ride.
 8. Written cancellations received before 6th March will be refunded for their registration fee in full. No refunds are given after the 12th March 2018.
 9. ATP is under no obligation to refund monies or entry fees due to non-use, cancellation, failure to participate or dissatisfaction by the Ride Participant.
 10. ATP may, in its absolute discretion and without giving reasons for its decision, accept or refuse an application for entry.
 11. Conduct which in reasonable opinion of ATP, is inappropriate may result in the Ride Participant being expelled from the Ride.
 12. The organizers are not liable to the Ride Participant for any loss, damage, cost or expense, whether direct, indirect, incurred by the Ride Participant that may result from any action taken by ATP.
 13. The Ride Participant understands that during the course of the ride certain risks and dangers may occur, including but not limited to the hazards of riding a bicycle or being in a motor vehicle, etc. It may also involve accident or illness in remote places, potentially due to the forces of nature, without medical facilities. The Ride Participant agrees to assume all risks associated with the trip and agrees that no liability will be attached to ATP or its employees or volunteers, or to any members of the organizing Committee in the respect of death, personal injury, illness or for any loss of (or damage to) the property of the Ride Participant during the course of the Ride, however caused.
 14. All cancellations must be received in writing. Our refund policy is based on the date the cancellation is received in our office.
 - Cancellations received at least 45 days prior to the tours departure will receive a full refund less a \$100 administration fee.
 - Cancellations received between 45 and 30 days ahead will forfeit 50% of the deposit.
 - Cancellations received within 30 days of the tour departure will not receive a refund.
- We reserve the right to cancel the ride for any reason if circumstances make it necessary, in which case a full refund for monies received will be returned. If in the event that we do need to cancel, we will do our best to provide 30 days notice of cancellation to give ample time to make other travel arrangements. Organizers are not liable for non-refundable airplane tickets and other personal expenses incurred in preparation for a trip that is canceled. We strongly recommend cancellation and accident insurance to prevent any losses in case of illness, accident or other causes.

I have read and agree with the terms and conditions of being a registered Ride Participant.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please scan and email this completed form including payment details to info@aroundthepearl.lk

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