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I would like to start by congratulating all of you who have been selected to be a part of this tour. This is an experience that you will never forget and one that offers you the genuine chance to grow, both on the field and off it. To be exposed to different cultures and conditions is vital as you develop as players and as individuals.

Touring is something that is synonymous with the game that we all love and this trip to Sri Lanka is an incredible opportunity for all those involved. It's a stunning country and the passion for cricket that you will experience may very well take you by surprise, but I encourage you to savour every moment. You will learn a lot in a short space of time, and it will be an incredibly valuable experience for you all.

As a Club, we are incredibly proud that you will be representing us overseas. I would also like to thank all of the supporters, donors, coaches, staff and families who have played their part in making this tour a reality for you all.

Finally, I hope that you have a great time, develop as players, enjoy what will be an incredible experience and most of all have fun!

Jamie Cox

SCCC Chief Executive



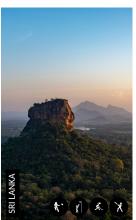
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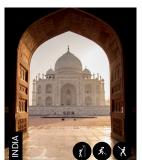


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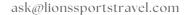
















- DAY 1 Monday 9th February Depart United Kingdom
- DAY 2 Tuesday 10th February Arrive in Colombo, transfer to Waskaduwa
- DAY 3 Wednesday 11th February AM morning of leisure PM practice session
- DAY 4 Thursday 12th February 1st Match Day
- DAY 5 Friday 13th February 2nd Match Day
- DAY 6 Saturday 14th February AM morning of leisure PM visit to Kalutara Temple
- DAY 7 Sunday 15th February 3rd Match Day, evening transfer to Udawalawa
- DAY 8 Monday 16th February AM morning of leisure PM 4x4 safari
- DAY 9 Tuesday 17th February Transfer to Colombo with visit to Galle Fort,
  Turtle Hatchery and river boat safari
- DAY 10 Wednesday 18th February 4th Match Day
- DAY 11 Thursday 19th February AM morning of leisure, PM city tour of Colombo
- **DAY 12** Friday 20th February 5th Match Day
- DAY 13 Saturday 21st February Depart Sri Lanka and arrive United Kingdom







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## GOOD LUCK MESSAGES



Jason Kerr SCCC Men's Head Coach

I sincerely hope you have a very rewarding tour to Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka is a truly fantastic place to visit; it will give you a unique opportunity to enhance your cricketing skills and you will experience a love for the game that is unrivalled. I have no doubt that it will be a very positive experience on and off the field.

Overseas tours can be very challenging on the field, however this will give you a great learning experience that will only aid your future development. Make the most of the foreign playing conditions and look forward to the challenge it may present.

Wishing you all the best for the tour.

Andy Hurry SCCC Director of Cricket

I would like to send my best wishes to the touring party in advance of this really exciting opportunity to experience some unique conditions overseas that will also provide everyone with the chance to have great fun, develop as a cricketer and make some great friends.

Having fun is such a great aspect of playing cricket and the opportunity to gain exposure to foreign playing conditions at this stage of your development will enhance your game beyond belief. It will present an exciting challenge for you, as you work out how your game and method will need to adapt to the pace of the wickets, bounce, spin, the most effective lengths to bowl and finding a way to deal with the heat & humidity.

Enjoy your time in one of the most beautiful countries in the world and enjoy the very special culture. I will follow the tour with interest.

All the very best.



**Sophie Luff** Somerset Captain

Congratulations to you all for being selected for this tour!

I am sure you are incredibly proud to represent Somerset and you should be even more proud to be able to experience an overseas tour for your county. Sri Lanka is an amazing country. You will learn so much about yourself as a cricketer, experiencing playing in different conditions and against different opposition but most importantly you'll learn so much about yourself as a person. It might challenge you and take you out of your comfort zone at times but those opportunities to grow and develop will hold you in good stead for the coming season and beyond. Some of my best memories in the game are overseas tours and sharing those moments with brilliant teammates and I have no doubt that you will create lifelong memories as well.

Enjoy what Sri Lanka has to offer both on and off the field and I wish you all a successful tour.

**Lewis Gregory** Club Captain

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your selection for this tour. Touring is an integral part of the game and helps to improve you as a player whilst also helping you to expand your knowledge and experience of different conditions, countries and cultures.

The standard of opposition is bound to be high in a country that is so passionate about the game, but the tour will provide you with the opportunity to learn, develop and grow both on and off the field.

If I could offer any advice, it would be to enjoy this experience and make the most of the challenge that lies in front of you because you will learn a lot about yourself as a player and a person.

I wish you all the very best!







**Matt Drakeley**Director of Talent &
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During 2025, the **Somerset Cricket** Foundation continued to deliver high-quality programmes that enable our communities to engage with cricket in diverse and meaningful wavs. Our focus has remained consistent: supporting clubs across Somerset with developmental and playing opportunities; inspiring young people by improving access to cricket in schools; and delivering inclusive community initiatives that champion disability cricket, mental health and wellbeing, and participation among underrepresented groups. Safeguarding has remained a constant priority across all activity.



This year saw several long-standing staff members move on, and we thank them for their significant contributions. We are also pleased to retain and recruit a highly experienced and passionate team whose commitment ensures Somerset is recognised nationally as a trusted and respected Foundation by the ECB. Chance to Shine. and the Lord's Taverners. Our reputation continues to be built on reliability, consistency, and strong measurable outcomes.

There have been many highlights across our programmes. Women's & Girls' cricket continued its strong growth, with new Colour Cricket Festivals and Mind Over Cricket sessions proving particularly inspiring. These added to the established glow-in-the-dark festivals, the girls' programme delivered across five county locations, and an

all-100-ball competition aligned with the women's Brown & Brown 100. Work with Somerset Seniors Cricket saw the over-40s programme continue to grow with regular training and an expanded match schedule. Eleven new teams joined the Women's League structure, and a strengthened girls' league has enabled more competitive opportunities. With the Women's T20 World Cup coming to England next summer, there is no better time to get involved in the female game.

Across National
Programmes, participation
reached new highs: 3,941
children took part in All
Stars & Dynamos Cricket,
a third of them girls.
Through the ECB County
Grants Scheme, £136,000
was invested into 15
clubs to improve facilities
and make them more
welcoming, inclusive, or
environmentally friendly.



A standout success was Temple Cloud CC, who, with Foundation support, raised over £100,000 to secure a new home at Farmborough Recreation Ground after losing their ground in late 2024. The club has since flourished, expanding adult and youth participation, launching a women's section, and increasing community footfall.

Coaching delivery also increased significantly. In primary schools, 2,433 hours were delivered to 13,521 children—a 29% rise. In secondary schools, 919 hours were delivered, with a 35% increase in the number of girls coached. Our School SEND Programme supported 728 pupils from 26 schools through table cricket, softball cricket, and sensory cricket sessions.

Our Sporting Memories programme at Bridgwater CC and Uphill Castle CC continued to help older



adults reduce loneliness and support wellbeing. Together in Sport provided weekly dementia support sessions, while Walking Cricket grew to 15 hubs with 230 participants, contributing to improved physical and mental health.

Super 1s, delivered with the Lord's Taverners, thrived with seven hubs offering 256 sessions for 139 participants. Competitive opportunities increased, 10 players represented the Somerset Dragons, and participants engaged in employability workshops, outdoor education, and the Super 1s Leadership Academy.

Engagement with diverse communities also expanded. We celebrated Windrush with SACN, delivered tape-ball cricket at Yeovil Together, and hosted a cricket day for Afghan families. Supported by the ECB's Cricket Cities programme, we are working across

South Bristol to celebrate and expand participation among ethnically diverse communities.

We are deeply grateful for the support of our commercial partners and our continued collaboration with Somerset County Cricket Club. Looking ahead to 2026, we remain committed to connecting recreational cricket with the professional game and ensuring an accessible, sustainable pathway for all.





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School Millfield School



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### **SOPHIA MCKINNEY**

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Cricket Club Sherborne CC

School

Sherborne School



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School

Castle School



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ISOBEL PRITCHARD

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**GRACE SAVIDES** 

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School Millfield School



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**School** Wellington School

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