

## EVENTS CALENDAR 2019

No.	Project Name	Project Date	Project Promoter/organizer	Description of the Event
01.	World Surfing League 2019	final week of June 2019	<p>Mr. Steve Robertson Tel: 61407706874 srobertson@worldsurfl eague.com</p> <p>Mr. Hiran Ukwatte Tel: 0776584400</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The World Surf League would welcome a high-level professional surf event at Arugam Bay in Sri Lanka 2019.</li> <li>❑ This event promoting professional surfers as world class athletes</li> <li>❑ Celebrating the history, elite athletes, diverse fans and dedicated partners who together embody professional surfing.</li> </ul>
02.	Duruthu Perahera 2019	17 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Sri Kelaniya Raja Maha Viharaya, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The Dururthu Perahera is one of the most culturally glorious celebrated by devotees annually during the month of January.</li> <li>❑ This event is primarily focused on showcasing the unique culture and heritage of Sri Lanka.</li> <li>❑ This event will consist of three processions which will happen at night on three consecutive days.</li> <li>❑ Many tourists and locals arrive to watch the parade since it is held in a suburb of Colombo.</li> <li>❑ The Perahara is broadcasted via local and international media.</li> </ul>

<p><b>03.</b></p>	<p>Ironman 70.3 Colombo 2019</p>	<p>24<sup>th</sup> February 2019</p>	<p>Pro-Am Serendib (Pvt) Ltd  0777397072 0772121266 info@proamserendib.c om www.proamlk.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The IRONMAN 70.3 Colombo - which is a qualifying round for triathletes to participate in the IRONMAN World Championship 2018 in France. The event is scheduled to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 with a 1.9km sea swim, 90km bike ride and a 21.2km run – all to be completed by a triathlete within a 7-hour period. In addition, 2 other events – IRONKIDS (to be held the day before) and TEAM events will be held.</li> <li>❑ The IRONMAN® Triathlon Series of events is the largest participation sports platform in the world. Recognized for excellence through distinguished events, world-class athletes and quality products. IRONMAN has a history of over 37 years. It is the #1 User based sports brand in the world (<i>Global Triathlon Website</i>) with 260 events across 44 countries.</li> <li>❑ The largest mass participation Sports Tourism event ever witnessed in Sri Lanka with the arrival of over 600 International athletes and a total of 2368 ( with Family &amp; Friends ) arriving for the event from 63 countries.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>04</b></p>	<p>Adventure Racing Championship</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The Adventure Racing World Championship (ARWC) is a landmark global adventure race since the year 2001. Each year world's best endurance athletes participated the event which held in different countries with adventure landscape, with their friends, families and international Media.</li> <li>❑ Sri Lanka is selected to be held the ARWC – 2019 considering the world class adventure landscape in the country.</li> <li>❑ Approximately 500 participants will participate the event around from 30 countries.</li> <li>❑ The event concludes total 600km of race over a period of two weeks including trekking, mountain biking, pending, roping, navigation etc.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>05.</b></p>	<p>Nawam Perahera 2019</p>	<p>19<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2019</p>	<p>Tel:0112327084, 0112435169  <a href="mailto:gt@gangaramaya.com">gt@gangaramaya.com</a>  <a href="http://www.gangaramaya.com">www.gangaramaya.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Nawam Maha Perahera happens to be the most colorful and prestigious Buddhist cultural pageant held in Sri Lanka. Nawam Maha Perahera is celebrated once in a year. Nawam Maha Perahera is one of the most important religious and cultural events in Sri Lanka.</li> <li>❑ Millions of people witness this Nawam Maha Perahera event every year including an estimated 10,000 tourists who land in Colombo during Nawam Maha Perahera event.</li> <li>❑ The highlight of this festival is the colorful elephant pageant when the streets of Colombo transform under the weight of 100 decorated elephants. The Gangaramaya Temple, located at Hunupitiya by picturesque Beira Lake is the venue of Nawam Maha Perahera festival where all the action takes place. The inaugural parade is attended by over 1000 performers and school children who wave colorful flags on the way.</li> <li>❑ Giving a befitting company to the procession, there is percussion bands, conch shell blowers, stilt-walkers, flutists and drummers who fill the air with sound and music.</li> </ul> <p>Photos</p> <p>1) <a href="https://www.google.com/search?q=gangaramaya+temple+perahera+2018&amp;tbm=isch&amp;tbs=simg:CAQSmQEJUiSwpMPGzOQajQELEKjU2AQaBggVCAIIBQwLELCMpwgaYgpgCAMSKLsXvBfOF80XnwujHr8Xx">https://www.google.com/search?q=gangaramaya+temple+perahera+2018&amp;tbm=isch&amp;tbs=simg:CAQSmQEJUiSwpMPGzOQajQELEKjU2AQaBggVCAIIBQwLELCMpwgaYgpgCAMSKLsXvBfOF80XnwujHr8Xx</a></p>
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<b>06</b>	<b>CITIES</b>	From 22 <sup>nd</sup> May to 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 At BMICH	Dr. Sevandy Jayakody, Coordinator, CITES CoP18 Sri Lankan Secretariat	<p>❑ Sri Lanka is hosting 18th conference of the parties of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora from 22nd May to 5th June 2019 at BMICH. As this is an event under United Nations (UNO), there will be over 3700 participants, international NGO and many international media supposed to be here for the</p>

				<p>conference. Therefore CITES-CoP18 will be the largest event ever to be held in recent history of Sri Lanka.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ The parties to CITES are collectively referred to as the conference of the Parties. Every two to three years, the conference of the Parties meets to review the implementation of the Convention. These meetings last for about two weeks and are usually hosted by one of the Parties. The meetings are often referred to as “CoPs”.</li><li>❑ The CITES, World Wildlife Conference, will be hosted by an island country, Sri Lanka the first time since CoP8 in Japan in 1992, and it is only the second time a CITES CoP is being held in South Asia, with the last occasion being 36 years ago in India.</li></ul> <p>photos</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) <a href="https://www.google.com/search?q=CITES+CoP18&amp;rlz=1C1GCEU_enLK825LK825&amp;source=Inms&amp;tbm=isch&amp;sa=X&amp;ved=0ahUKEwis5l-greLfAhUCT30KHRfuBVUQ_AUIDigB&amp;biw=1536&amp;bih=754#imgrc=EmAHJXL0aY0PPM">https://www.google.com/search?q=CITES+CoP18&amp;rlz=1C1GCEU_enLK825LK825&amp;source=Inms&amp;tbm=isch&amp;sa=X&amp;ved=0ahUKEwis5l-greLfAhUCT30KHRfuBVUQ_AUIDigB&amp;biw=1536&amp;bih=754#imgrc=EmAHJXL0aY0PPM</a></li><li>2) <a href="https://www.google.com/search?q=CITES+CoP18&amp;rlz=1C1GCEU_enLK825LK825&amp;source=Inms&amp;tbm=isch&amp;sa=X&amp;ved=0ahUKEwis5l-greLfAhUCT30KHRfuBVUQ_AUIDigB&amp;biw=1536&amp;bih=754#imgrc=W08_hcpwM0ac_M:">https://www.google.com/search?q=CITES+CoP18&amp;rlz=1C1GCEU_enLK825LK825&amp;source=Inms&amp;tbm=isch&amp;sa=X&amp;ved=0ahUKEwis5l-greLfAhUCT30KHRfuBVUQ_AUIDigB&amp;biw=1536&amp;bih=754#imgrc=W08_hcpwM0ac_M:</a></li><li>3) <a href="https://www.google.com/search?q=CITES+CoP18&amp;rlz=1C1GCEU_enLK825LK825&amp;source=Inms&amp;tbm=i">https://www.google.com/search?q=CITES+CoP18&amp;rlz=1C1GCEU_enLK825LK825&amp;source=Inms&amp;tbm=i</a></li></ol>
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