



Festival Programme
January 28th to February 1st

Festival Pass: 10, 000 Rs

Day One: Wednesday January 28th

	Main Events	Tours and Workshops
9.00		
10.00		<p>9:30am – 3:00pm Serendib Hotel, Bentota. Secret Gardens: David Robson and Dominic Sansoni, authors of <i>Bawa: The</i> <i>Sri Lanka Gardens,</i> lead you through the gardens designed by the brothers Bevis and Geoffrey Bawa at Lunuganga and Brief, treating you to their inside stories. 5,000 Rs</p>
11.00		<p>10:30am – 2:00pm Meet outside Amangalla, buses leave at 10.30 am ‘Where I Escaped the Tyranny of the Typewriter’: Festival Founder Geoffrey Dobbs conducts a tour of his home on Taprobane Island and tells stories of its literary connections with the Count de Mauny, Paul Bowles, Robin Maugham, Arthur C. Clarke and Gore Vidal.</p>
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			3,000 Rs
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6.00	<p>5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Grounds of Martin Wickramasinghe Museum, Koggala Festival Opening At the birthplace of one of Sri Lanka's most celebrated writers, we launch the Galle Literary Festival 2009. Tissa Abeysekera pays tribute to Martin Wickramasinghe and Romesh Gunsekera introduces exciting new voices in Sri Lankan English writing. Free Event</p>		

Day Two: Thursday January 29th
Day Pass: 3,500 Rs

	Main Event	Tours and Workshops
9.00		
10.00	10.00am - 11.00am Hall de Galle Are We Still Explorers? Colin Thubron and Pico Iyer ask whether we still have an exploring spirit. 800 Rs	
11.00	11.15am - 12.15pm Hall de Galle Family Secrets: MJ Akbar, author of <i>Blood Brothers</i> , and Aameena Hussein, author of <i>The Moon in the Water</i> , compare notes on writing about Muslim households. 800 Rs	
12.00		

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2.00	<p data-bbox="581 884 870 1308"> 2.15pm - 3.15pm Hall de Galle Writing Taboos: Germaine Greer and Tarun Tejpal discuss sex, self-consciousness and censorship. Is there a line you don't cross? 800 Rs </p>	<p data-bbox="902 636 1154 1178"> 2.00pm -5.00pm Mercantile Seaman's Training Institute Theatre Workshop Want to try it for yourself? Jake Oorloff leads a workshop for non-actors on how to tell a dramatic tale. 800 Rs </p>
3.00	<p data-bbox="285 1640 542 1862"> 3.00pm - 4.00pm Mama's Roof Top Restuarant Mmm: Sivamohan Sumathy gives us </p>	<p data-bbox="1187 1640 1450 1862"> 3.00pm - 6.00pm Meet outside Amangalla. The Once and Future Fort: Channa Daswatte </p>

	<p>Sumathy gives us an early look at her translation of Shobashakti's <i>Mmm</i>, a novel about a man who betrays everyone around him. 800 Rs</p>	<p>3.30pm - 4.30pm Hall de Galle Authorised Version: Patrick French, official biographer to V.S.Naipaul, recounts his experience of the notorious Nobel Prize winner, in conversation with Pico Iyer 800 Rs</p>		<p>Channa Daswatte leads a walking tour of Galle Fort and its changes, stopping to see the restoration of old houses and hear the stories of a long-term resident. 2,000 Rs</p>
4.00				
5.00	<p>4.45pm - 5.45pm Hall de Galle What to do? Michael Meyler leads an interactive workshop on the quirks and characteristics of Sri Lankan English. 800 Rs</p>		<p>6.00pm - 7.30pm Galle Fort Hotel Travel Writing Workshop: Colin Thubron</p>	
6.00				

7.00		<p>answers your questions about how to become a travel writer yourself. 800 Rs</p>	
	<p>Gourmet Event 7.30pm – 10.00pm Fort Printers</p>		
8.00	<p>Literary Dinner Enjoy an extravagant dinner party Edna O'Brien and Yasmine Gooneratne, with culinary creations by Carina Cooper.</p>		
9.00	<p>5,000 Rs</p>	<p>Performance 8.00pm – 10.00pm Helicopter Bar, Lady Hill Hotel Lookin’ Thru My Earphones: An evening of poetry in performance, directed by Tracy Holsinger. This will be followed by a debate on making theatre in Sri Lanka today, featuring Jake Oorloff, Jehan Aloysius, Kaushalya Fernando, Sivamohan Sumathy, and Tracy Holsinger. 800 Rs</p>	

Day Three: Friday 30th January
Day Pass: 3,500 Rs

	Main Event	Tours and Workshops
9.00		
	<p>9.30am - 10.30am Pedlar's Inn The Ups and Downs of Writing for Publication: The writer otherwise known as Jeanne Cambrai, Jeanne Thwaites and James Haight tells her personal story. Free Event</p>	
10.00	<p>10.00am -11.00am Hall de Galle Out of Africa: Moses Isegawa reads from his own <i>Abyssinian Chronicles</i> and introduces us to exciting new writing coming out of Africa today. 800 Rs</p>	<p>10.00am - 1.00pm Mercantile Seamen's Training Institute Poetry Workshop: Alexander Nemser's poetry has featured in a film by Robert de Niro. Need we say more? He leads a workshop for aspiring poets. 800 Rs</p>
11.00	<p>11.15am - 12.15pm Hall de Galle Islands of the Imagination: Romesh Gunsekera, author of <i>Reef</i>, reads stories of other small islands. 800 Rs</p>	
12.00		
	<p>Gourmet Event</p>	<p>12.30pm - 2.00pm A Private Affair! Enjoy intimate lunches</p>
	<p>12.30pm - 2.00pm Aditya: Literary Lunch:</p>	

1.00	<p>1.00pm - 2.00pm Hall de Galle The Lost Ships of Serendib: Join Somasiri Devendra, marine archaeologist, on a voyage of recovery. Hear about the secret shipwrecks around our shores. Free Event</p>	<p>Join the celebrated travel writer Colin Thubron in conversation with Libby Southwell, writer and founding Festival Director of the Galle Literary Festival. 5,000 Rs</p>	<p>in heritage homes with just one author. Choose between Moses Isegawa, Edna O'Brien and Patrick French! 5,000 Rs</p>
2.00			
	<p>2.15pm - 3.15pm Hall de Galle Love in a time of Conflict:</p>		
3.00	<p>Sanjana Hattotuwa interviews V.V. Ganeshanathan, author of <i>Love Marriage</i>, on her approach to writing about aspects of the Sri Lankan experience. 800 Rs</p>		
	<p>3.30pm - 4.30pm Hall de Galle Global Souls: Pico Iyer muses on what it means to live global lives. He gives us an inside account of his travels with the Dalai Lama and tells us how Tibet itself has gone global. 800 Rs</p>		
4.00			

5.00	<p>4.45pm - 5.45pm Hall de Galle An Audience with Michael Morpurgo: He describes himself as 'oldish, married with three children and a grandfather six times over'. We know him as the writer of over 100 books for children, multiple award-winner and former Children's Laureate. Come and hear Michael Morpurgo in his own words. 800 Rs</p>	<p>4.45pm - 6.00pm Fort Printers An Incredible Journey: From escaping Nazi Germany to settling in Sri Lanka; from nurse to award winning poet, from Anneliese Katz to Anne Ranasinghe. Kumudini Hettiarachchi and Ashok Ferrey interview a remarkable writer. Free Event</p>
6.00	<p>6.30pm - 7.30pm Amangalla A Conversation about Conservation: David Robson asks Ismeth Raheem, Dr. Roland Silva, Channa Daswatte</p>	<p>6.00pm - 8.00pm Hall de Galle Screen Writing Workshop: BAFTA winning film-maker Asitha Amersekere leads a workshop on screen-writing. 800 Rs</p>

7.00	<p>Dr. Roland Silva, Channa Daswatte and Madhura Prematilleke whether we have the right approach to heritage conservation in Sri Lanka.</p>		
8.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Gourmet Event</p>	<p>8.00pm - 10.00pm Kahanda Kanda Literary Dinner:</p>	<p>7.30pm - 10.00pm The Dutch House Literary Dinner:</p>
9.00		<p>9.00pm - 11.00pm Dick's Bar, The Sun House. Dead Men's Tales: We asked our Festival writers whom they would like to meet at a Literary Festival. Come and hear them read from the work of their own literary heroes. With Tahmima Anam, Colin Thubron, Moses Isegawa, Germaine Greer, and others.</p>	<p>Dine with multiple award-winning writer of <i>Schindler's List</i>, Thomas Keneally, at a gourmet dinner overlooking Koggala Lake. 5,000 Rs</p>
10.00	<p>800 Rs</p>		

Day Four: Saturday 31st January
Day Pass: 3,500 Rs

	Main Event		Tours and Workshops
9.00			
		<p>9.30am – 11.00am The Dutch House Poet to Poet: In the weeks leading up to the festival our poets began a conversation in poetry, exchanging poems, from Boston to Bagatelle Road. Come and hear the conversation unfold. With Yasmine Gooneratne, Vivimarie VanderPoorten, MASii, Alexander Nemser, Chamali Kariyawasam, and Ramya Chamalie Jirasinghe. 3,000 Rs</p>	<p>09.30am – 12.00pm The Fort House, 42 Lighthouse Street Serendipity Workshop: Romesh Gunsekera runs a taster session for aspiring writers. 800 Rs</p>
10.00	<p>10.00am – 11.00am Hall de Galle Did you have to be there?: Tahmima Anam, Moses Isegawa, Sivamohan Sumathy and V.V. Ganeshanathan debate the role of the writer in responding to public crisis. 800 Rs</p>		
11.00			

	<p>11.15am - 12.15pm Hall de Galle Time/Travel: Colin Thubron recounts his 7000 mile journey along the ancient Silk Road from China to Eastern Turkey, negotiating a war-torn Afghanistan, an isolated Iran and a troubled Central Asia. 800 Rs</p>	<p>11.15am - 12.15pm Fort Printers The Story of My Assasins: Tarun Tejpal introduces his new novel. 800 Rs</p>	
12.00			
		<p>12.30pm - 2.00pm A Private Affair!</p> <p>Enjoy intimate lunches in heritage homes with just one author. Choose between Romesh Gunsekera, V.V. Ganeshanathan and Tahmima Anam! 5,000 Rs</p>	
1.00	<p>1.00pm - 2.00pm Hall de Galle Storybook Island: See Sri Lanka through the eyes of fiction writers and fantasists. Richard Boyle charts the island's place in other people's stories. Free Event</p>		
2.00			

	<p>2.15pm - 3.15pm Hall de Galle A Life of Reading: Edna O'Brien, novelist, playwright, famous firebrand, tells us about hers. 800 Rs</p>		
3.00		<p>3.00pm - 6.00pm The Fort House 42 Lighthouse Street Short Story Workshop: V.V. Ganeshanathan works with you on your own short stories. 800 Rs</p>	<p>3.00pm - 6.00pm Meet outside Amangalla. The Once and Future Fort Tour: Channa Daswatte leads a walking tour of Galle Fort and its changes, stopping to see the restoration of old houses and hear the stories of a long-term resident. 2,000 Rs</p>
	<p>3.30pm - 4.30pm Hall de Galle Beyond Schindler: Thomas Keneally, author of 30 novels, 4 plays and 14 works of non-fiction, takes a rare opportunity to introduce us to the best of his other books. 800 Rs</p>		
4.00			
5.00			
	<p>5.30pm - 8.30pm Closenberg Hotel Stories At Sunset: Gather on the terraces of the Closenberg Hotel with exciting Sri Lankan poets, playwrights, fiction</p>	<p>Performance 5.30pm - 6.45pm The Dutch Reformed Church</p>	<p>Concert at Dusk The Chamber Music Society of Colombo gives a special concert in the restored Dutch Reformed Church. 500 Rs</p>
6.00			

7.00	writers, dancers and musicians. Enjoy a drink and an array of local dishes, as they perform their work. Free Entrance			
8.00		Gourmet Event 7.30pm - 10.00pm Amangalla Literary Dinner: Enjoy a gourmet meal with feminist icon Germaine Greer , created by Cassandra Zukauskas. 5,000 Rs	Gourmet Event 7.30pm- 10.00pm Galle Fort Hotel Literary Dinner: Join Colin Thubron , silk-route traveller, over a mouthwatering array of Chris Ong's spice trading dishes. 5,000 Rs	
9.00				
10.00	10:00pm-late! Jetwing Lighthouse Festival Party: Writers and festival go-ers get a chance to let their hair down. Bring along a festival ticket for admission, and get there before the place fills up!			

Day Five: Sunday 1st February
Day Pass: 2000 Rs

Main Event	
10.00	10.00am - 11.00am Jetwing Lighthouse Stranger than Fiction Can journalism actually shape events? Tarun Tejpal, MJ Akbar, Pakiasothy Saravanamuttu, Sonali Samarasinghe and Indi Samarajiva ask who will get to decide the new world order. 800 Rs
11.00	11.15am - 12.15pm Jetwing Lighthouse Who Put the Post into Post-feminism? Germaine Greer speaks her mind. 800 Rs
12.00	12.30pm - 1.30pm Jetwing Lighthouse What Now? A surprise line-up of Festival authors give us a sneak preview of what they're working on next. 800 Rs
2.00	Gourmet Event 1.30pm - 3.00pm Jetwing Lighthouse Finale Lunch Your last chance to linger over lunch with festival readers and writers. 3,000 Rs