

# The Literary Port

A harbour of discovery,  
where tales arrive on tides.

25 - 28 January, 2024

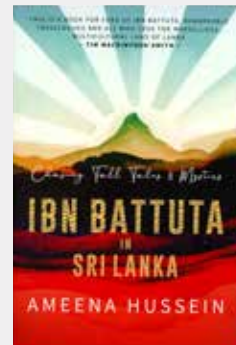


Galle Fort, Sri Lanka

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## Thursday 25

09:30 - 11:30  
Nayomi Munaweera  
**Writing Fiction**  
*The Merchant*  
Workshop



09:45 - 10:45  
Ameena Hussein  
**Ibn Battuta in Sri Lanka**  
Chambers Restaurant  
Solo 🐓



09:45 - 10:45  
Kiran Millwood Hargrave  
with Tracy Holsinger  
**The Mercies & The Dance Tree**  
Hall De Galle  
In Conversation 🐓

10:00 - 13:00  
Fabienne Francotte  
**Do You Remember Me?**  
Drawing & Painting  
*The Fort Printers*  
Workshop

11:00 - 12:30  
Crescent Ladies Welfare Association  
**Muslim Kitchen Demonstration**  
No.79 Lighthouse Street  
Masterclass

11:15 - 12:15  
Balli Kaur Jaswal, Amanthi Harris  
and Alexander McCall Smith  
with Artika Bakshi  
**On Community in Stories**  
Hall De Galle  
Panel 🐓



Ameena Hussain



Moni Mohsin

12:30 - 14:00  
Moni Mohsin  
hosted by Emily Dobbs  
*Thambili House*  
Author Lunch



13:15 - 14:15  
DBC Pierre  
with Yudhanjaya Wijeratne  
**Big Snake Little Snake**  
Hall De Galle  
In Conversation 🐓

13:15 - 14:15  
Christina Lamb & Nujeen Mustafa  
**Writing Nujeen's Story**  
30 Leyn Baan Street  
Duet 🐓

Sponsored by SriLankan Airlines

14:45 - 15:45  
Andrew Lownie  
**The Mountbattens in Sri Lanka**  
Amangalla  
Solo 🐓

14:45 - 15:45  
Moni Mohsin & Marguerite Richards  
**Shifting Perspectives through Personal Storytelling**  
Hall De Galle  
Duet 🐓

15:00 - 15:30  
Ruvín De Silva  
**In Plain Sight**  
30 Leyn Baan Street  
Screening - Free to attend 🐓

15:30 - 16:00  
Ruvín De Silva  
**A State in Silence**  
30 Leyn Baan Street  
Screening - Free to attend 🐓

16:00 - 17:00  
Nayomi Apsara & Will Harris  
**Doornberg**  
Tea & Poetry



16:15 - 17:15  
Amanda Jayatissa  
with Chanchala Gunawardana  
**Island Witch**  
*Wild & the Sage*  
In Conversation 🐓

17:00 - 19:00  
Authors of the day  
**Sail into the Sunset**  
Galle Fort Jetty  
Author Cocktails

Sponsored by Sail Lanka

17:30 - 19:30  
**The Ramparts: A Night Tour**  
with Tharanga Arachchi  
Galle Fort  
Tour

Sponsored by Galle Heritage Foundation

17:30 - 18:30  
**Author Sundowners**  
*The Charleston*  
Cocktails

Sponsored by IDL

17:30 - 19:00  
Anoma Wijewardene  
with Savithri Rodrigo  
**ANOMA**  
*Habaraduwa House*  
Cocktails

Sponsored by The Chatham Collection

17:45 - 18:45  
DBC Pierre & Manu Joseph  
with Irushi Tennekoon  
**Writing Wry**  
*Fort Bazaar Courtyard*  
Panel 🐓

17:45 - 18:45  
Tom Parker Bowles, Lahiru Perera  
& Cynthia Shanmugalingam  
with Eliane Sterchi  
**The Rise of Sri Lankan Cuisine**  
30 Leyn Baan Street  
Panel 🐓

Sponsored by Southbeach Weligama

19:45 - 21:30  
Shehan Karunatilaka & Karan Gokani  
**Dinner & Arrack Tasting**  
*Jetwing Lighthouse*  
- *Nihal's Restaurant*  
Dinner & Arrack Tasting

Sponsored by Rockland

19:30 - 21:00  
Misfit Souls  
**The Wild Duck**  
Hall De Galle  
Theatre

19:45 - 21:30  
Christina Lamb  
& Nujeen Mustafa  
**Le Grand**  
Author Dinner



# Friday 26

08:00 - 09:00  
**Breathwork & Meditation with Jude**  
*The Galle Fort Ramparts*  
Workshop

09:30 - 11:30  
Will Harris & Ella Frears  
**Writing Poetry**  
*Wild & the Sage*  
Workshop

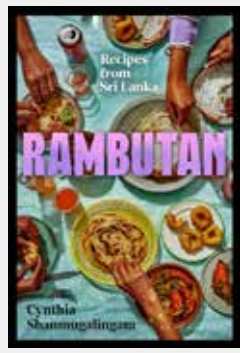
11:00 - 12:30  
Roberto Vicario  
**Italian Cooking**  
*Le Grand*  
Masterclass

12:30 - 14:00  
Anthony Horowitz  
**No. 20 Middle Street**  
Author Lunch  
Sponsored by The Chatham Collection



13:15 - 14:15  
Moni Mohsin with Artika Bakshi  
**The Diary of a Social Butterfly**  
*Hall De Galle*  
In Conversation 🐓

14:45 - 15:45  
Vidura BR with Nicholas Brookes  
**A Stand-Up Guy**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
In Conversation 🐓



16:15 - 17:15  
Cynthia Shanmugalingam with Andrew Fidel Fernando  
**Rambutan**  
*Fort Bazaar Courtyard*  
In Conversation 🐓

17:00 - 19:00  
Authors of the day  
**Sail into the Sunset**  
*Galle Fort Jetty*  
Author Cocktails  
Sponsored by Sail Lanka

18:00 - 19:30  
Geraldine Coates  
**Gin Tasting**  
*The Sun House*  
Cocktails

19:30 - 20:30  
Sulochana Peiris  
**#GoHomeGota**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
Screening - Free to attend 🐓

19:45 - 21:30  
Peter Frankopan  
**Fort Bazaar**  
Author Dinner

09:15 - 14:30  
**Lunuganga: Celebrating 75 Years with Channa Daswatte**  
*Lunuganga*  
Tour

09:45 - 10:45  
Mary Beard & Simon Schama  
**Televised Retelling**  
*Hall De Galle*  
Duet 🐓

11:15 - 12:15  
Mary Beard, Tishani Doshi & Fabienne Francotte with Kalpanee Gunawardana  
**Transcending Cultural Expectations: The Female Body in the Arts**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
Panel 🐓

12:30 - 14:00  
Romesh Gunsekera  
**Amangalla**  
Author Lunch

13:15 - 14:15  
Guy Gunaratne & Yudhanjaya Wijeratne with Nayomi Munaweera  
**Radical Fiction**  
*Jetwing Lighthouse Cinnamon Room*  
Panel 🐓

15:00 - 18:00  
Gehan De Silva Wijeyeratne  
**Wildlife Photography**  
*Kurulu Bay*  
Workshop

16:15 - 17:15  
Balli Kaur Jaswal, Manu Joseph & Shehan Karunatilaka with Thirangie Jayatilake  
**Writing Asia-Based Fiction for a Global Audience**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
Panel 🐓



17:45 - 18:45  
Nihal Arthanayake with Vidusha Nathavitharana  
**Let's Talk**  
*Hall De Galle*  
In Conversation 🐓

18:30 - 21:00  
Afdhel Aziz  
**The Genius of the Place: The Life and Work of Geoffrey Bawa**  
*No.10 Court Square*  
Screening & Cocktails  
Sponsored by Wine World / Hosted by Smoke & Bitters

19:30 - 22:00  
Sam Bleakley, Lizzie Chapman & Niki Gomez  
**Meditation on Wine**  
*The Fort Printers*  
Wine Tasting

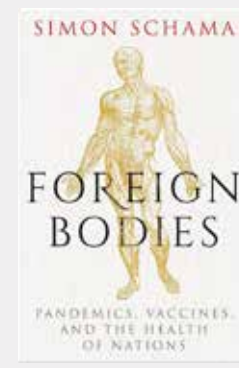
21:00 - Late  
**Mayhem Past Midnight**  
*The Sun House*  
In partnership with BOOM

09:30 - 11:30  
**Revival: A Heritage Walk through Galle Fort with Tharanga Arachchi**  
*Galle Fort*  
Tour  
Sponsored by Galle Heritage Foundation

09:45 - 10:45  
Kanishka Gupta, Andrew Lownie & Sam Perera with Amanda Jayatissa  
**How to Get Published**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
Panel 🐓

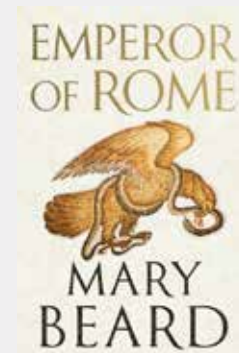
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Afdhel Aziz, Chalana Perera & Randhula de Silva with Niki Gomez  
**Doing Good Business**  
*Hall De Galle*  
Panel 🐓

12:30 - 13:15  
**Playful Whispers by the Well and Winner & Loser by The Sunera Foundation**  
*Hall De Galle*  
Theatre - Free to attend 🐓



14:45 - 15:45  
Simon Schama with Andrew Lownie  
**Foreign Bodies**  
*Hall De Galle*  
In Conversation 🐓

16:00 - 17:00  
Ella Frears & Isurinie Mallawaarachchi  
**Prince of Galle**  
Tea & Poetry



16:15 - 17:15  
Mary Beard with Sandra Hill  
**Emperor of Rome**  
*Hall De Galle*  
In Conversation 🐓

17:45 - 18:45  
Amanthi Harris, Nayomi Munaweera & Chiranthi Rajapakse  
**The Joy of Short Stories**  
*Jetwing Lighthouse Cinnamon Room*  
Panel 🐓

19:30 - 20:30  
Mind Adventures Theatre Company & Stages Theatre Group  
**Letters from Gaza**  
*Hall De Galle*  
Performance - Free to attend 🐓

19:45 - 21:30  
Kanishka Gupta, Manu Joseph & DBC Pierre  
**The Merchant**  
Author Dinner



Will Harris

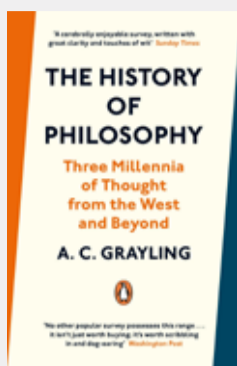


Mary Beard



# Saturday 27

08:00 - 09:00  
**Breathwork & Meditation  
with Jude**  
*The Galle Fort Ramparts*  
Workshop



09:45 - 10:45  
AC Grayling  
**Philosophy & Life**  
*Fort Bazaar Courtyard*  
Solo 🐓

09:30 - 11:30  
**Living Heritage: A Walk down Memory  
Lane with Saidulla Saheed**  
*Galle Fort*  
Tour

09:45 - 10:45  
Alexander McCall Smith  
with Hen Tatham  
**One Hundred Books and Counting**  
*Hall De Galle*  
In Conversation 🐓

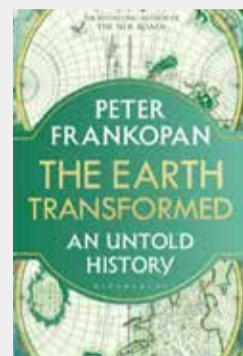
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09:30 - 11:30  
Sachi Ediriweera  
**From Script to Art:  
Creating a Graphic Novel**  
*Fort Bazaar*  
Workshop

09:45 - 10:45  
Simon Bell, Miguel Cunat,  
Chamintha Jayasinghe & Sam Bleakley  
with Chalana Perera  
**Destination Revival**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
Panel - Free to attend 🐓

11:15 - 12:15  
Sebastian Faulks & Romesh Gunsekera  
with Jill Macdonald  
**Decades in Writing**  
*Hall De Galle*  
Panel 🐓

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11:15 - 12:15  
Peter Frankopan  
with Julia Wheeler  
**The Earth Transformed**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
In Conversation 🐓

11:00 - 12:00  
Mary Beard & Christina Lamb  
with Kalpanee Gunawardana  
**Rape as a Weapon of War:  
Ancient & Modern**  
*Jetwing Lighthouse Cinnamon Room*  
Duet 🐓

12:30 - 13:00  
Muslim Choral Ensemble  
*Hall De Galle*  
Choral Recital - Free to attend 🐓

12:30 - 14:00  
Jasbinder Bilan  
**The Charleston**  
Author Lunch

12:30 - 14:00  
Alexander McCall Smith  
**No.10 Court Square**  
Author Lunch

13:00 - 14:30  
Mary Beard & Simon Schama  
*Kurulu Bay*  
Author Lunch



13:15 - 14:15  
Guy Gunaratne  
with Devana Senanayake  
**Mister Mister**  
*Jetwing Lighthouse  
Cinnamon Room*  
In Conversation 🐓

13:15 - 14:15  
Tishani Doshi  
with Shalini Wickramasuriya  
**The Poet's Eye:  
Shifting from Poetry to Prose**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
Panel 🐓

13:15 - 14:15  
Channa Daswatte, Sunela Jayewardene  
& Johann Peiris with Pramodha Weerasekera  
**Steps Forward: Preserving and re-narrating  
modern Sri Lankan cultural histories**  
*Hall De Galle*  
Panel 🐓

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14:15 - 15:45  
Radha Kumar with Julia Wheeler  
**The Republic Relearned**  
*Jetwing Lighthouse Cinnamon Room*  
In Conversation 🐓

14:30 - 16:00  
Nadya Perera  
**Minarets**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
Screening - Free to attend 🐓

14:45 - 15:45  
Will Harris, Balli Kaur Jaswal  
& Chhimi Tenduf-La  
with Nihal Arthanayake  
**On Belonging in Writing**  
*Hall De Galle*  
Panel 🐓

16:00 - 17:00  
Tishani Doshi & Romesh Gunsekera  
with Guy Gunaratne  
**Amangalla**  
Tea & Poetry

16:15 - 17:15  
Nicholas Brookes with  
Andrew Fidel Fernando  
**An Island's Eleven:  
The Story of Sri Lankan Cricket**  
*Hall De Galle*  
In Conversation 🐓

16:15- 17:15  
Chevaan Daniel, Channa Daswatte &  
Jagath Weerasinghe with Azara Jaleel  
**'Galle Fort in the Contemporary', ARTRA  
Magazine's Launch of the Latest Edition**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
Panel 🐓

16:15 - 17:15  
AC Grayling & Shehan Karunatilaka  
with Kanishka Gupta  
**God & The Afterlife: Faith & Folklore**  
*Fort Bazaar Courtyard*  
Panel 🐓

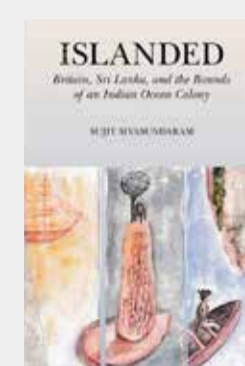
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17:00 - 19:00  
Authors of the day  
**Sail into the Sunset**  
*Galle Fort Jetty*  
Author Cocktails

Sponsored by Sail Lanka

17:45- 18:45  
Karan Gokani, Jeremy Lee &  
Jacqueline Samarasinghe  
**Making a Menu**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
Panel 🐓

17:45 - 18:45  
Anthony Horowitz & Amanda Jayatissa  
with Chhimi Tenduf-La  
**The Anatomy of a Thriller**  
*Hall De Galle*  
Panel 🐓



17:45 - 18:45  
Sujit Sivasundaram  
with Johann Peiris  
**Writing Sri Lankan  
History Today**  
*Jetwing Lighthouse  
Cinnamon Room*  
Panel 🐓



18:00 -21:00  
Vidura BR  
**French Kiss Tunnel**  
*Hall De Galle*  
Comedy

19:45 - 21:30  
Nihal Arthanayake  
**The Sun House**  
Author Dinner

19:45 - 21:30  
Tom Parker Bowles  
**Kurulu Bay**  
Author Dinner

Hosted by Smoke & Bitters



# Sunday 28

08:00 - 09:00  
**Hatha Yoga with Omayya**  
*The Galle Fort Ramparts*  
Workshop

09:30 - 10:30  
**Dutch Reformed Church**  
Sunday Mass

09:00 - 12:00  
**Galle Fort: Through the Eyes of an Architect with Channa Daswatte**  
*Ramparts*  
Tour

09:30 - 11:30  
Marguerite Richards  
**Writing Your Life: An Introduction to Memoir**  
*Le Grand*  
Workshop

09:45 - 10:45  
Jasbinder Bilan, Sachi Ediriweera, Nizrana Farook & Irushi Tennekoon with Yanik Tissera  
**Nurture by nature: Engaging the next generation with the natural world**  
*The Charleston*  
Panel 🐔



Jasbinder Bilan



09:45 - 10:45  
Sebastian Faulks with Nicholas Brookes  
**The Seventh Son**  
*Hall De Galle*  
In Conversation 🐔

11:15 - 12:15  
Peter Frankopan & Sujit Sivasundaram with Radha Kumar  
**Global History on Land and Water**  
*Hall De Galle*  
Panel 🐔

11:15 - 12:15  
Anthony Horowitz with Curtis Jobe  
**Murder, He Wrote**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
In Conversation 🐔

12:30 - 14:00  
Sebastian Faulks with guest chef Emily Dobbs  
**Ocean Diamond**  
Author Lunch

Sponsored by Sail Lanka

12:45 - 14:15  
Radha Kumar  
**Aqua Pizza**  
Author Lunch



13:15 - 14:15  
Janice Pariat with Marguerite Richards  
**Everything the Light Touches**  
*Jetwing Lighthouse Cinnamon Room*  
In Conversation 🐔

13:15 - 14:15  
Sumith Pilapitiya, Anya Ratnayaka & Gehan De Silva Wijeyeratne with Vinod Malwatte  
**Wild ideas: What can Wildlife Research do for Sri Lanka?**  
*Hall De Galle*  
Panel - Free to attend 🐔



Sam Bleakley



Shehan Karunatilaka



Christina Lamb

14:00 - 15:00  
Sam Bleakley with Leandro Filippin  
**Surf's Up**  
*Soul & Surf*  
In Conversation 🐔

Hosted by Soul & Surf

14:45 - 15:45  
Romesh Gunsekera & Shehan Karunatilaka with Ameena Hussein  
**The Changing Sri Lankan Literary Landscape**  
*30 Leyn Baan Street*  
Panel - Free to attend 🐔

Sponsored by Commercial Bank

14:45 - 15:45  
Christina Lamb with Jill Macdonald  
**The Prince Rupert Hotel for the Homeless**  
*Amangalla*  
In Conversation 🐔



“A literary festival in a medieval fort. Palm trees and sunsets over the Indian ocean; poets and jazz singers; book lovers from Sri Lanka and around the world. Galle was the most magical literary festival I have ever been to.”

Christina Lamb