Lights, camera, action - The Galle Film and Art Trail Festival 2008 with Sri Lanka in Style

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Sri Lanka in Style offers tailor made travel solutions for film and art lovers to be a part of the International Galle Film and Art Trail Festival. The World Heritage City of Galle will be hosting its first International Film Festival and premier Galle Art Trail from October 24th 2008 to November 2nd 2008. Aimed at raising awareness of the increasing depth and diversity of Sri Lankan cinema, the spotlight will be firmly on the historic town of Galle. The fortified town of Galle, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a place where history and legends seep into your bones and an evocatively ideal setting to stage such a Film and Art Trail Festival. Miguel Cunat, the CEO of Sri Lanka in Style is excited by the forthcoming event, "Events such as this compliment Sri Lanka's rich cultural heritage and diversity.Being so closely associated with the event, Sri Lanka In Style is on-hand to create an inspiring Sri Lanka travel for all attendees." Miguel Cunat adds, "Sri Lanka in Style can customize your holidays around the festival theme, highlighting the island's unique features such as the beaches, the historic Colonial Heritage, the Tea Country and the wide variety of activities available on the island, to mention a few." For this the inaugural year of the Galle Film Festival, the theme focuses on human rights and tolerance. The festival will be showing a number of films/documentaries highlighting this challenge of this first decade of the 21st Century. There will be an interesting mix of award-winning feature films from International film-makers, including work from emerging film-makers and documentaries.Workshops will include sessions on screenwriting, directing, acting, cinematography, editing and the use of music in film. Geoffrey Dobbs, a Director of Sri Lanka in Style and the Galle Film Festival founder says "The four hundred and six year old Fort is the perfect location for a film and arts festival, because this wonderful medieval citadel has an almost magical quality, conducive to reflection, and a sense of being out of time." The team organizing the festival aims to create a healthy dialogue between audiences, critics and film-makers, and provide a meeting place for people across the industry to exchange ideas, share experiences and exchange knowledge through a series of programmed workshops, lectures, and panel discussions. Sri Lanka In Style offers a flexible tailor made travel solution. The tailor made Sri Lanka holiday could be scheduled to include a visit at the workshops, panels and screenings around the Galle Fort area and the Light House Hotel. Between movie screenings travelers can walk The Galle Art Trail and enjoy the festival weekend market in Court Square, live jazz in the evenings, wine tastings, book launches and a masked Arts Ball will also be taking place. Along with garden tea parties with tea art talks at the Dutch House, the Galle Film and Art Trail Festival presents a prime opportunity to reveal the absolute beauty of Sri Lanka, an island that presents opportunities for travelers to relive the life of yesterday's tea planters, view the spectacular cultural triangle by hot air balloon, rent a private island, stay in stunning beach resort in Sri Lanka, safari in luxury tents, take a helicopter for a round of golf, charter a steam train and much, much more. (Courtesy : Etravel)