

# IODP RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION

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## IODP RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION: EXPEDITION 354 – BENGAL FAN

Ship arrives: **SINGAPORE: 29 JANUARY/\*Five day portcall.**

\*The ship will leave when port activities are completed and its departure cannot be postponed to accommodate late arrivals.

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### **OFFICIAL PORT ARRIVAL AND SHIP BOARDING DATES IN SINGAPORE:**

**SCIENCE PARTY - ARRIVAL DATE INTO SINGAPORE: NO LATER THAN 29 JANUARY 2015  
BOARD SHIP: \*30 JANUARY 2015**

**CO-CHIEFS - ARRIVAL DATE INTO SINGAPORE: NO LATER THAN 28 JANUARY 2015  
BOARD SHIP: 29 JANUARY 2015**

\*All members of the science party are expected to board the ship on the above date. A later arrival date must be cleared with the USIO Expedition Project Manager, as the ship sails when ready.

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**PORT AGENT: SINGAPORE**  
**Sharp Port Services PTE, Ltd.**  
**Rocha Houst, 15 New Bridge Rd.**  
**Singapore 059385**  
**CONTACT: Mr. Jeffrey NG**  
**Mr. Graham Than**  
**PH: 65-6536-7636**

**DO NOT SHIP FREIGHT TO PORT AGENT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! FOR ASSISTANCE WITH SHIPPING, PLEASE CONTACT MR. SANDY DILLARD - PH: (979)845-5780 OR EMAIL: [dillard@iodp.tamu.edu](mailto:dillard@iodp.tamu.edu)**

**Local Contact: Robert Mitchell – IODP Marine Logistics Coordinator, (PH: 979-777-9301)**

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### **MARCH 2015 – DISEMBARKATION:**

**Ship arrives: Colombo, Sri Lanka: 31March 2015**

**Scientists depart home from Colombo: 01 April 2015**

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**IODP HOTEL – SINGAPORE:** Capri by Fraser, 3 Changi Business Park Central 1, Singapore 486037. PH: 800-338-0800. **BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS:** Members of the science party will need to go to the following link, <http://singapore.capribyfraser.com> to book rooms. Under "Corporate/Promotion codes, please use the booking code IODP2. Our negotiated rate is SGD200 plus, 17% taxes/service charge.

**IODP HOTEL – Colombo:** Cinnamon Grand Colombo, 77 Galle Road, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka [www.cinnamonhotels.com/CinnamonGrandColombo.htm](http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/CinnamonGrandColombo.htm) The group rate per room is \$130 per plus, 26.88% tax for a total of \$165.00 nightly. The rate is also inclusive of the following:

- \*Broadband Internet( Wi fi/ ADSL Complimentary)
- \*Tea/Coffee maker with daily supplies
- \*Complimentary local newspaper placed in the room daily
- \*10% discount at the Angsana Spa
- \*Same day laundering and dry cleaning facilities
- \*Use of two swimming pools and two gymnasiums
- \*Hospitality Lounge available for guests who wish to check out early
- \*24 hour Room Service

**BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS:** Reservations must be booked individually by contacting:

Isuru Amarasinghe, Assistant Sales Manager/isurua@Cinnamonhotels.com and CC: kebass@tamus.edu. Please advise your arrival/departure date and flight departure time. You will also be required to provide a credit card to guarantee the reservation with payment due upon arrival.

In your email, please reference IODP Group - March 2015. Reservations may be booked immediately. **The deadline for obtaining our group rate is February 23, 2015.**

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**GROUND TRANSPORTATION:** If shuttle service is not provided by the hotel, taxis should be used to get from the airport to the hotel before and after the expedition. Buses or vans will be provided to/from the hotel and ship.

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**VISAS:**

Singapore: <http://www.ica.gov.sg/>

Colombo: [http://www.immigration.gov.lk/web/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=151&Itemid=196&lang=en](http://www.immigration.gov.lk/web/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=151&Itemid=196&lang=en)

**PASSPORTS:** Passports are required for all participants.

**U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL WARNINGS:** <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html>