

IODP RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION

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Ship arrives: COLOMBO, SRI LANKA – 31 MARCH/*Five day portcall.

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

OFFICIAL PORT ARRIVAL AND SHIP BOARDING DATES IN COLOMBO:

Science Party - Arrival date into Colombo: No later than - 31 MARCH 2015
Board ship: *1 APRIL 2015

Co-Chiefs - Arrival date into Colombo: No later than - 30 MARCH 2015
Board ship: 31 MARCH 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.

PORT AGENT: COLOMBO
CEYSHIP MANAGEMENT LTD.
NO. 1, ALFRED HOUSE AVE.
COLOMBO, SRI LANKA 03
CONTACT: CAPT. KAPLIA PERERA – DIRECTOR
Ph: 0094 11 2936545

DO NOT SHIP FREIGHT TO PORT AGENT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! FOR ASSISTANCE WITH SHIPPING, PLEASE CONTACT MR. SANDY DILLARD - PH: +1 979-845-5780 OR EMAIL: dillard@iodp.tamu.edu

Local Contact: Robert Mitchell – IODP Marine Logistics Coordinator, (PH: +1 979-777-9301)

MAY 2015 – DISEMBARKATION:

Ship arrives: Mumbai, India: 31 MAY 2015

Scientists depart home from Mumbai: 01 JUNE 2015

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

- *Broadband Internet (Wifi/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 (Science Party Only): Reservations must be booked individually by completing the hotel reservation request form and submitting to: Isuru Amarasinghe, Assistant Sales Manager, isuru@Cinnamonhotels.com. Reservations may be booked immediately. **The deadline for obtaining our group rate is February 23, 2015.**

IODP HOTEL – MUMBAI:

To be determined

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.

VISAS:

Colombo: http://www.immigration.gov.lk/web/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=151&Itemid=196&lang=en

India: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/>

PASSPORTS: Passports are required for all participants.

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