

QUEENS COLLEGE EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Summer 2018

Sri Lanka

Matara City, Sri Lanka

NY Departure & Return Dates: July 5–August 1

Exotic Sri Lanka: Experiential Learning in Microeconomics

Professor Schiro Withanachchi

Mandatory Course: (ECO 102 - Microeconomics, 3 credits) Fulfills requirement for ECO/BUS

Described by Marco Polo as the most beautiful island in the world, Sri Lanka is in the Indian Ocean with a landscape of white beaches, with blue waters, tropical rain forests with wildlife, and mountains with world-famous tea plantations. With 21 million people residing in a nation where English is widely spoken, Sri Lanka has a growing economy with a robust service sector accounting for 60 percent of its GDP. Sri Lanka is strategically situated to benefit from globalization—equidistant between Europe and the Far East.

The program provides a unique opportunity to study and experience the implications of individual and business economic decisions on a local economy in a global marketplace and will prepare students to compete in an international society. Students will learn from a Queens College professor who is originally from Sri Lanka and an expert in the field.

Economics Internship

Optional: (ECO 393, 3 credits)

Prerequisites: Completion of 60 credits including Eco 101/103 and 102/104 and two additional ECO courses

A supervised internship with a non-governmental organization (NGO). A grade is earned based on required readings, weekly journals, an internship report, and the NGO supervisor evaluation. Experiential learning by



assisting a livelihood project in Sri Lanka through an NGO's sustainable business development offers global experience while employing economic knowledge. The NGO project trains locals who would otherwise be unemployed. Projects vary from a batik-dyeing occupation-assistance facility, a weaving vocational training program, or a rice mill run by women who are mostly widows. Students also acquire cross-cultural interaction and reflective reactions.

Find out more by attending our:

Study Abroad Fair

Wednesday, February 28 • Muyskens Conference Room at the Summit Apartments • 12–3:30 pm (free lunch provided)

Information Sessions

Monday, March 5 & Wednesday, March 21
All sessions will be in Kiely Hall 270 at 12:15–1:30 pm (free hour)

Scholarships are available!

For complete program information, visit qc.cuny.edu/studyabroad.