Colombo is the executive and judicial capital and largest city of Sri Lanka by population. According to the Brookings Institution, the Colombo metropolitan area has a population of 5.6 million, and 752,993 in the Municipality. It is the financial centre of the island and a tourist destination.

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On arrival at Colombo port, we were greeted by our local representative and was transferred to our bus and a orientation drive of Colombo. Drive past Clock Tower, Pettah, Fort, Old Parliament, President House, town Hall, University of Colombo, Royal College and Independence square.
Depart Colombo 14:10 hrs by UL 195 Air Bus A320, arrive in Delhi 17:45.
On arrival at New Delhi airport, we were welcomed by our local representative and the language speaking guides, and were transferred to our Hotel Welcome Hotel ITC Dwarka.
Welcome Dinner and overnight at hotel in Delhi.

Sri Lanka formerly known as Ceylon and officially the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, is and island country in South Asia. It lies in the Indian Ocean, southwest of the Bay of Bengal, separated from the Indian peninsula by the Gulf of Mannar and the Palk Strait. Sri Lanka shares a maritime border with the Maldives in the south-west and India in the north-west.
Sri Lanka has a population of around 22 million and is home to many cultures, languages, and ethnicities. The Sinhalese people form the majority of the nation's population, followed by the Tamils, who are the largest minority group and are concentrated in northern Sri Lanka; both the inguistic groups have played a influential role in the island's history. Other long established groups include the Moors, the Burghers, the Malays, the Chinese, and the indigenous Veda.

Khan Clock Tower

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Pettah

Neighbourhood in Colombo, Sri Lanka

Pettah is a neighbourhood in Colombo, Sri Lanka located east of the city centre Fort, and behind the Colombo Port. The Pettah neighborhood is famous for the Pettah Market, a series of open air bazaars and markets. Wikipedia

President's House is the official residence and workplace of the President of Sri Lanka, located at Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Wikipedia

Sri Lanka is known as the Pearl of the Indian Ocean probably due to its incredible natural beauty, extraordinary biodiversity as well as its precious gemstones. If you drink tea it may come from Sri Lanka, formerly know as Ceylon, a name synonymous with tea. Apart from being a large tea producer, Sri Lanka is famous for its cinnamon, and indispensable ingredient for many of it fabulous foods. Colombo is the commercial capital and large city of Sri Lanka. It is the financial centre of the island and a popular tourist destination. The name “Colombo was first introduced by the Portuguese in 1505 and is believed to be derived from the classical Sinhalese name meaning port of the river Kelani. Today is one of the most important public holidays in Sri Lanka on account of Sinhala & Tamil. New Years celebration and almost everything was closed.

Galle Fort

The Old Parliament Building, is the building that houses the Presidential Secretariat of Sri Lanka. Situated in the Colombo fort area facing the sea, it is in close proximity to the President's House, Colombo and adjacent to the General Treasury Building. Wikipedia

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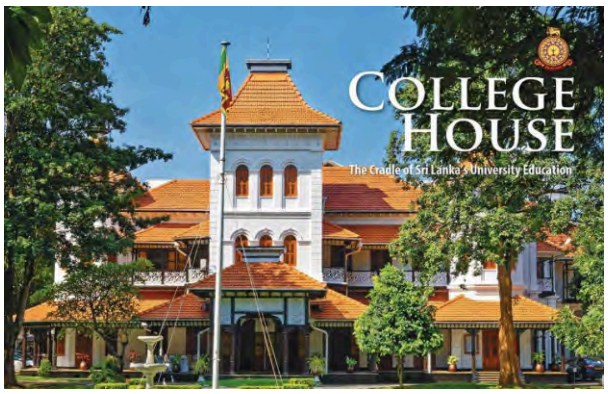

Town Hall

Independence Square

Royal College, Colombo is a selective entry boys' school located in Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Wikipedia

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We took in extra sights on our way to the air port and when we arrived we went to the lounge, had a nice lunch before boarding Sri Lanka Airlines - Business Class - Flight UL195 Seat 2C. Business Class is considered 1st Class. The Chinese are filling in the bay to create more land and building what they will call the Port City Of Colombo

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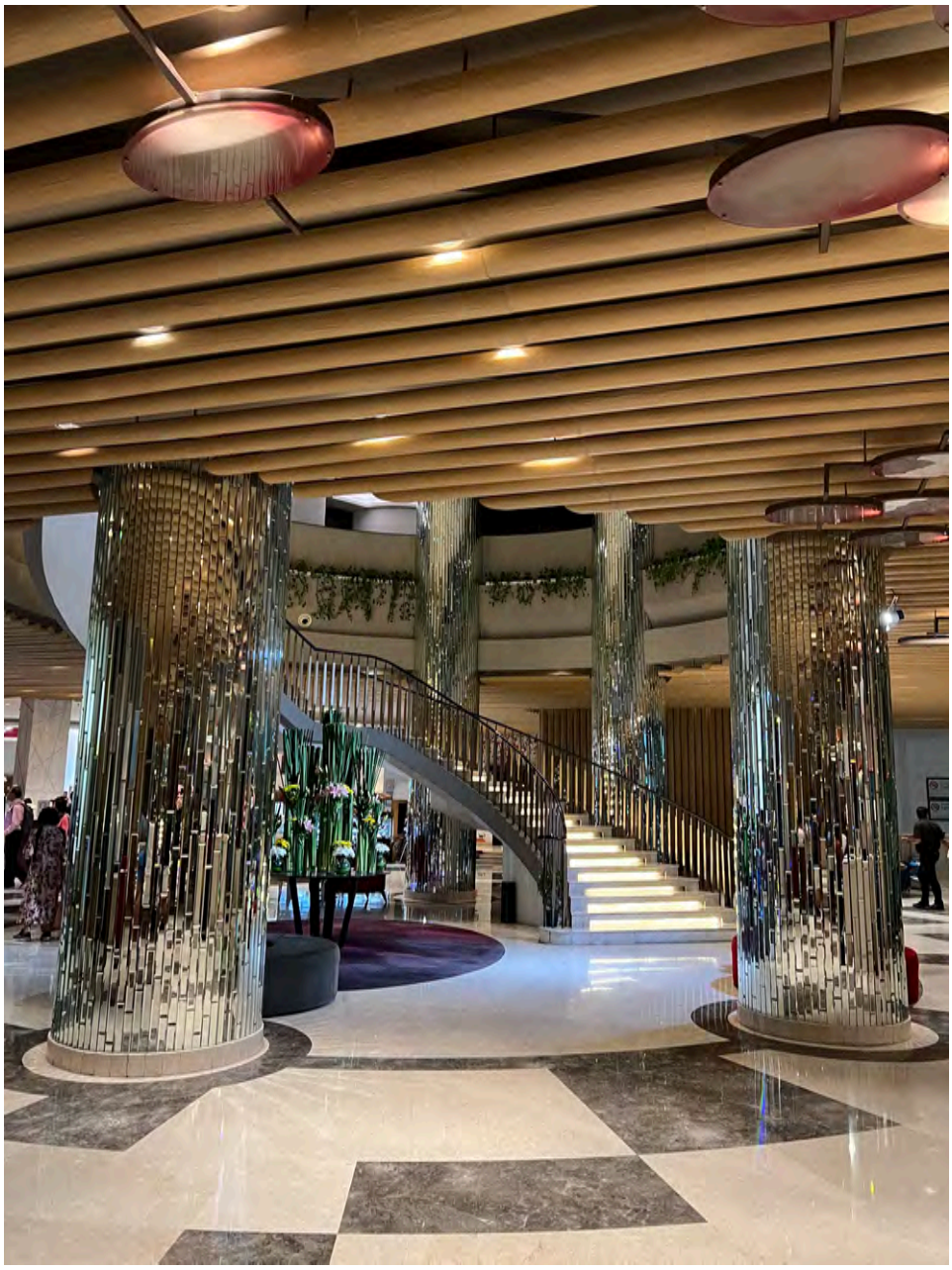
On arrival at New Delhi airport we were welcomed by a local representative and the language speaking guides, and were transferred to our hotel (Hotel Welcome Hotel ITC Dwarka). The hotel had a buffet dinner for us when we arrived. They also had a small shop where we could do a little shopping. From Colombo to Delhi with flight time and busing us across town it took us about 12 hours. We were all very tired and just wanted to get our keys and go to bed.



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