

Proposed Events for 2018

No.	Event Name	Event Date	Event Promoter/organizer	Description of the Event
01	Galle Literary Festival 2018	24 th to 28 th January 2018	Ms. Janitha Dias Bandaranayake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 9th Annual Fairway Galle Literary Festival, to be held from 24th to 28th January 2018 at the Galle Fort, is aiming to retain its heavyweight status on the international literary circuit and is looking to further develop compared to 2017 as well. • The festival includes platform events, as well as hands-on workshops in creative writing. A celebrated signature feature of the Galle Literary Festival is the hosting of intimate gourmet lunches and dinners in private villas and boutique hotels around the Fort, at which an author may dine and converse with a small group of his or her avid readers.
02	Kelani Duruthu Perehara 2018	28 th to 30 th January 2018	Kelani Rajamaha Viharastha Sanwardhana Sabha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Duruthu Perahera is one of the most culturally glorious processions celebrated by devotees annually during the month of January. • The main festivities are organized at the historic Kelaniya Rajamaha Viharaya annually during the pre-full moon poya day in January to mark the first visit of Lord Buddha to Sri Lanka.

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