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International award winning authors head to Sri Lanka for premier literary event.

Sri Lanka's first literary festival, The Galle Literary Festival, will be held from the 11th to 14th January 2007 and already many award winning authors are lining up to participate.

Fans of the recent 2006 Man Booker Prize winner, **Kiran Desai**, will be able to hear her discuss her award winning book *The Inheritance of Loss*.

Internationally acclaimed author and historian **William Dalrymple** will take you on a dramatic journey as he unveils his enthusiasm for India's last Mughal emperor with his recently launched book *The Last Mughal*. World renowned, ex BBC India correspondent and author **Mark Tully** will join other leading journalists from the region including foreign correspondent **Christopher Kremmer**, authors of 3 books, his latest *Inhaling the Mahatma*. Distinguished biographer **Victoria Glendinning** will bring to life her latest biography *Leonard Woolf a life*. 2005 Pulitzer Prize finalist **Suketu Mehta** will share his passion for the throbbing metropolis of Bombay with his book *Maximum City: Bombay Lost and Found*. Other authors in this incredible line up of authors are **Sir Arthur C Clarke**, Sri Lanka's **Romesh Gunsekera** and author, gastronomic & esteemed actress **Madhur Jaffrey**.

Festival Director, Libby Southwell says "I am delighted to announce a line up of such internationally acclaimed authors for the first of many Galle Literary Festivals. The festival will provide local and international visitors with one of the most exciting & powerful programmes the South Asian region has seen a truly world class event."

The premier festival will focus on celebrating Sri Lankan literature and raise awareness of the great depth and diversity of Sri Lankan authors & their contribution to the English language.

The four day programme will be filled with writing workshops, panel discussions, topical debates, literary lunches & dinners, poetry readings, cooking classes, theatre workshops, a children's program and much more.

The Galle Literary Festival will be held in & around the historic city of Galle and its magnificent UN World Heritage Fort. Galle offers the perfect location for the literary festival providing a range of unique & memorable venues for individual events as well as providing the perfect springboard for which visitors can explore the rich culture & history of the coastline & villages of the Southern Province.

Its time to bury yourself in books for what promises to be an exceptional event.

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