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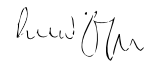
Dear Traveller

Red Dot's Sri Lanka brochure for 2013 is, in a way, a celebration. Optimism abounds as this beautiful tropical island, so beloved by travellers for centuries, anticipates a peaceful and exciting future. Tourist numbers are booming again and Sri Lanka is one of the most sought-after holiday destinations in the world.

Trust Red Dot to be your guide. We live Sri Lanka whilst others can merely scratch the surface. We are consistently updating our opinions via the inside track, and our talented sales team will tailor your holiday to your exact specifications at what are simply highly competitive prices.

In depth information can be found on our website at www.reddottours.com. But this brochure will give you a taste of what Sri Lanka can offer: serene beaches, stirring hill country, game parks, culture and accommodation that is both exceptional and distinctive.

We invite you to take a new look at Sri Lanka. You may be surprised by what you find...



David Hopps, Co-Director



About Red Dot

Our Story

Since Red Dot was born in early 2000 over a few bottles of Lion lager in Colombo's Cricket Club Café, the Internet has driven a travel revolution. Red Dot has been part of that revolution, proud to be the fastest-growing specialist website for Sri Lanka holidays. But we fervently believe in a timeless value too - a caring personal service, which enables us to tailor a holiday to your exact needs.

Now Sri Lanka has emerged unbowed from the horrors of the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004 and a long terrorist conflict. The generosity of spirit that persuades travellers to return time and again remains as strong as ever. And now the choice is wider than ever, with traditional beach or colonial-style hotels vying with plush villas and boutique hotels, great eco retreats and quirky budget hotels. Trust Red Dot to be your guide.

Our Ethos

Anyone can put a few Sri Lanka hotels in a brochure, or design an attractive website and proclaim themselves as experts. Anyone, too, can give independently-minded travellers advice on consumer websites on how to go it alone. But Red Dot really are Sri Lanka specialists. We do not visit Sri Lanka occasionally, whizzing around the island to check out a few new hotels. We do not bluff when we lack real knowledge or relationships.

We live and breathe Sri Lanka. Our talented Colombo-based staff knows the island intimately and works eagerly to stay ahead of the latest trends. In the bad old days, holiday companies offered the same tired tours and a few hotels. Red Dot's choice is much wider, determinedly eclectic and constantly developing. What you see in this brochure represents just some of the highlights.

Why Red Dot?

- o **Financial stability:** We have proved that we can survive both good times and bad.
- o **Value and commitment:** Our prices are so competitive, and our service is so customer friendly, there is no point struggling on alone.
- o **Fraud protection:** We follow strict anti-fraud codes to protect your money and your privacy.
- o **Knowledge and experience:** Specializing in Sri Lanka keeps us ahead of the latest developments - good and bad.
- o **Sound relationships:** We work to develop a supportive relationship between ourselves, customers and holiday suppliers.
- o **Peace of mind:** Your contract is with Red Dot's UK company, with Booking Conditions accepted under EU travel law.
- o **Huge choice:** No company offers more properties, and no company inspects and assesses them more regularly.

The Red Dot Team



AYANTHI SAMARAJEWA

Ayanthi is our hugely-respected Director Sales. In her spare time, she loves to escape Colombo and head off on bird watching jaunts.



DIRK DE SILVA

Dirk joined our sales team as a junior in 2006, and has rapidly progressed to management of the Colombo office as Director / General Manager.



LAHIRU KULARATNE

Lahiru joined Red Dot in 2010 and has grown to be one of the senior sales consultants. With her back ground in the hotel industry she is has a wealth of experience in the trade now.



CHARMAINE STEPHEN

Charmaine joined Red Dot in October 2010 as a sales consultant, having spent four years in the UK, studying for a degree in journalism and video production. She has an interest in photography.



JONAH RISON

Jonah joined us in November 2009 as a sales consultant, is bilingual in French and English and enables us to offer an upgraded service to our French clients. She was born in Madagascar.



NAREN GUNASEKERA

Naren joined Red Dot in 2011 after having graduated in Environmental Science from Imperial College, London. A PADI Rescue Diver and Divemaster in training he is the go to guy for any questions about Sri Lanka's underwater wonders.



MICHAEL DIAS

If not in the office, you will probably find Michael in one of the many jungles across the island, 'being one with nature', sea fishing or even diving. One of his more notable trips in 2012 entailed an extensive 10-day road trip along Sri Lanka's entire coastline.



DILHARI HERATH

Dilhari joined Red Dot as a senior sales consultant in 2012 after eight years with George Steuarts Travels, with whom we had a very happy working relationship in our infancy. Dilhari loves travelling and is committed to improving her knowledge about new products.

About Sri Lanka

Introduction

Marco Polo described this as the finest island of its size in the world. Only here can you gaze on palm-fringed beaches and a lapping Indian Ocean, then tropical grasslands and soaring mountain peaks, all within a few hours' of travel. Ruins of ancient kingdoms across the land give insight into a sophisticated ancient society and 2,500 years of heritage. Sri Lanka today thrives through its deep-rooted traditions and a personality that draws so many back time and again.

Getting There

Sri Lankan Airlines, Emirates, and Qatar Airways offer one-stop flights from the UK via the Gulf to Colombo. Those travelling from the USA, Europe, the Middle East, South East Asia and the Far East can catch a connecting flight to Colombo from many of the main cities in Europe, the Middle East or South East Asia.

Visas

The majority of passport holders, including UK, Ireland, United States, Germany, France, Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden and India, can holiday in Sri Lanka and Maldives as tourists for up to 30 days. For further information, contact the Sri Lankan High Commission. **UK info:** <http://www.slhclondon.org/> or phone +44 020 7262 1841.

Getting Around

Barter for a 3-wheeler at around Rs.40 per km or take set price taxis for longer journeys. Soak in the spectacular scenery of a train journey. Buses are also cheap and regular. Roads seem chaotic - chauffeur-driven cars run at similar cost to independent car hire, and are probably safer. Bicycle hire is only really suitable for the quieter roads.

When to go

Sri Lanka's tropical climate generally offers warmth and sunshine throughout the year. Figures vary widely from region to region - as the rainfall map shows. The south-west monsoon (Yala) brings most rain during May/June. The north-east monsoon (Maha) brings rain between December and February. There are also inter-monsoon rains, usually in October/early November.

Rain Chart - Colombo & Westcoast

Month	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Sun(hrs)	9	9	9	8	6	5	7	7	7	7	7	8
Temp-max	23	23	24	25	27	26	26	26	26	25	24	23
(Recent aveg)-min	31	31	32	33	32	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Rainfall-mm	85	70	145	230	370	225	130	105	160	345	300	400

Rain Chart - Nuwara Eliya and the Highlands

Month	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Sun(hrs)	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Temp-max	8	7	8	9	12	13	13	12	12	11	11	9
(Recent aveg)-min	19	21	22	22	22	19	19	19	19	20	20	20
Rainfall-mm	165	45	105	115	170	270	290	190	220	260	235	190

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Highlights



1 Climbing Sigiriya Rock



2 The Yala Leopard Safari



3 Kandy's Temple of the Tooth



4 Elephants at Udawalawe



5 Dolphin and whale watching off the coast of Mirissa



6 The Dutch Fort on the Galle coast



7 Adam's Peak



8 Victoria Golf Club



9 Rekawa Turtle night safari



10 Sinharaja jungle trek



Travel Planning

Tailormade

Red Dot provides expert advice, total flexibility, support when you need it, and the keenest prices.

You may need a last-minute booking or a full, guided Sri Lanka tour. You may be seeking out Sri Lanka special offers, or the best deals on Sri Lanka flights. Whatever your needs, we offer efficient and caring service.

With roughly 300 properties, Red Dot is the fastest-growing Sri Lanka holiday site. And, by the way, we have an impressive programme in the Maldives and South India too.

So don't just use us to plan. Use us to book.

Route Planning

Planning your trip can be one of the most enjoyable parts of your holiday – and there is every chance to indulge yourself on Red Dot's comprehensive website. We guarantee that our advice is fiercely independent and up-to-date too, as we constantly strive to keep abreast of all the latest developments.

Many people prefer to gather information before they contact us. Some have definite proposals. Others happily leave everything to us. However you prefer to plan your holiday, we offer a free tailor-made service of unrivalled flexibility.

Short Break - One Week

A one week itinerary which involves the Cultural Triangle, Kandy, the highlands, a game park and a quick dip in the Indian Ocean could leave you travel-worn. If that is the holiday you need then expert advice and smooth ground-handling is vital. We advise you to decide which part of the island holds most appeal. Possible one-week itineraries can include 3 nights of Cultural Triangle, 2 nights in Kandy, 2 nights for Negombo or Wadduwa. Another popular option is 3 nights in the Hill Country and then 4 nights on the south or west coast.

Island Tour - Two weeks

The majority of our Island Tour itineraries are set over two weeks and strives to give you an instant insight into the many alternatives available. Identify your priorities: often a successful holiday is as much about what you leave out as what you put in. A traditional two-week holiday starts from the North West Coast and then on to the Cultural Triangle in the North Central province, Kandy and the Tea Country in the hill country, and finishing with a few days on the beach in the south. Into this itinerary you can also insert one or two days at either Yala, Sinharaja or Uda Walalwe National Parks.



Colombo

Destinations



Colombo

Colombo is a throwback. There has been a limited sense of the dash for development that characterizes most capital cities in south-east Asia and the result is a compact city retaining an atmosphere all of its own. Colombo can be mildly chaotic at times, but it is always manageable and never overpowering, and many quickly learn to view it fondly. You need only spend a couple of days here to discover its charms. Its best hotels and restaurants can offer spectacular value for a capital city. Old ancestral mansions stand side-by-side with the ritzy condominiums that are springing up into the skyline. While some roads are clogged with vehicles, there remain many sleepy tree-lined boulevards. Colombo has at its heart a relaxed and genial air.

Don't Miss

- Dining at The Gallery Café
- The buzz of Pettah bazaar
- Colonial-period churches in the Fort
- Shopping and dining in the Dutch Hospital shopping arcade
- The city's temples and Kovils
- The latest productions at Lionel Wendt theatre
- A stroll down Galle Face Green



Colombo

Accommodation

Luxury & Boutique



Tintagel

This century-old presidential mansion, between whose walls much of Sri Lanka's modern political history has been made, has been transformed into a luxurious, ten-room boutique hotel - once the family home of former presidents.



Park Street

Conceived by Anilana, one of Sri Lanka's foremost fashion and lifestyle designers, the hotel occupies a restored colonial bungalow and warehouse. Here, the intriguing lifestyle of its past owners blends with contemporary chic living.



Cinnamon Grand

The five-star Cinnamon Grand combines the Cinnamon signature touch of grandeur and opulence with a degree of warmth and sensitivity. It's central location, luxurious facilities, and the added convenience of an adjoining shopping mall.



The Kingsbury

The Kingsbury - A five-star luxury hotel that occupies a prime position at the quieter end of Galle Face Green, alongside the Indian Ocean with sweeping views Colombo's coastline.



Colombo Courtyard

From a three-storey high sculpture of a tree made of old bicycle parts in the reception area, to bar stools made of recycled tractor seats in the Loft Bar, Colombo Courtyard is a boutique hotel with a strong environmental bent that will appeal to those preferring something different to standard city fare.



Galle Face Regency

Galle Face Regency is the new Regency wing of Galle Face Hotel, incorporating traditional Victorian features such as stately wooden panelling and floors; all resonant of a by gone age.



Mount Lavinia

The Mount Lavinia Hotel, a characterful beachside 'four star' hotel of great tradition, was famously once the sprawling mansion of a British Governor General in colonial times.



CASA Colombo

Casa Colombo is a boutique hotel of considerable grandeur in the heart of Colombo. The restoration of this 200-year-old Moorish mansion, could not have been more courageous with its rich, original components blended daringly with vibrant contemporary fashion.

Colombo

Accommodation

Guest House & Eco Retreat



Villa Talangama

Set on a quiet lakeside where sights and sounds of nature reign supreme, Villa Talangama is a luxurious Sri Lankan home meticulously laid out from its architecture and furnishings to the caring service of its staff. This villa is an ideal last stop on your holiday itinerary, an alternative to Colombo city.



Lake Lodge

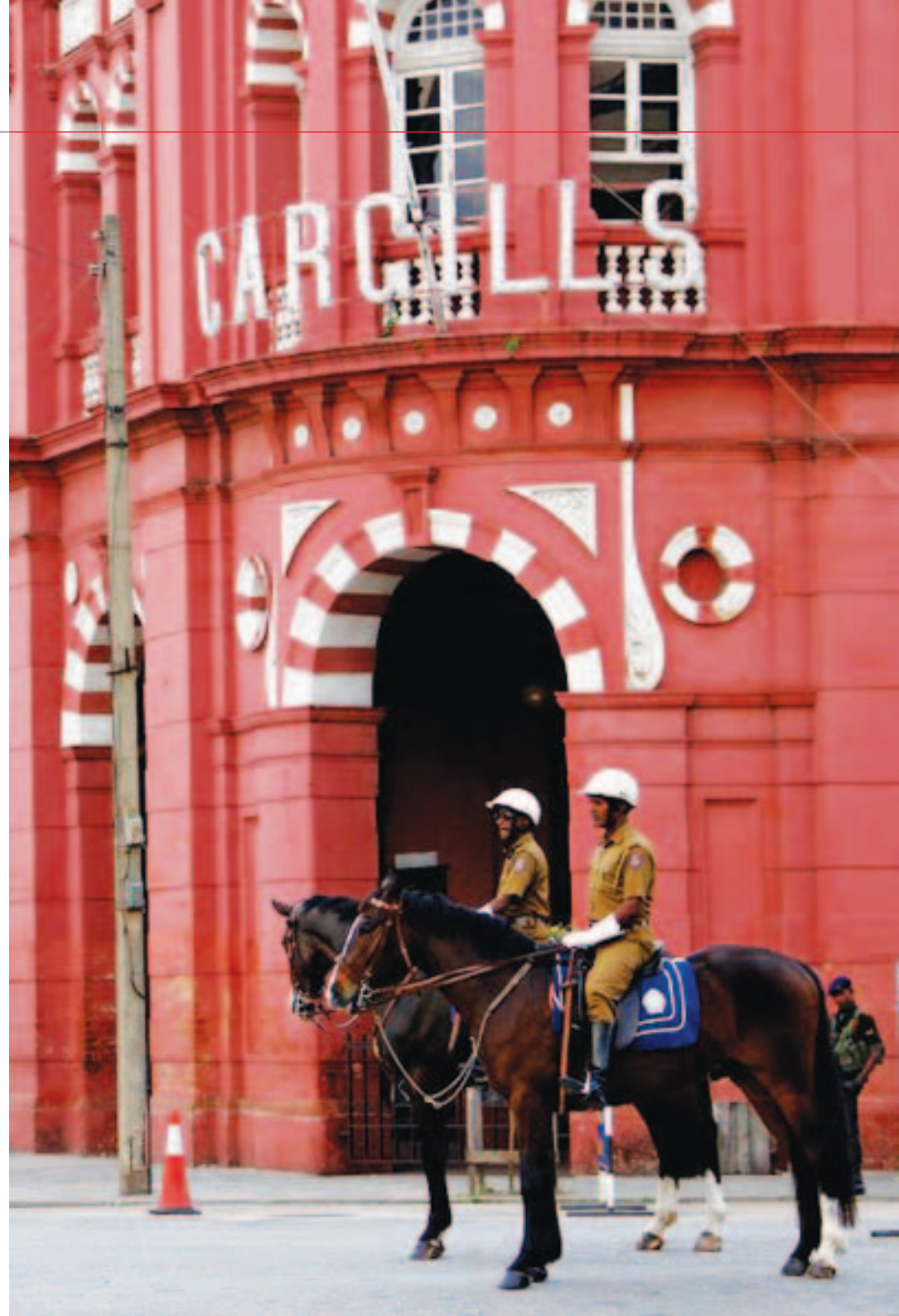
Lake Lodge is a stylish city guesthouse overlooking Colombo's Beira Lake. It is the family home of Taru, one of Sri Lanka's foremost lifestyle designers, and who has renovated Lake Lodge with typical skill.

Apartments



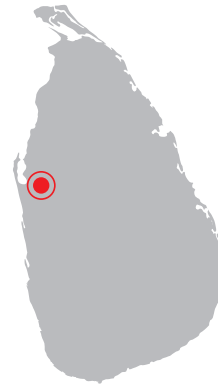
No 21 - The Empero

A two-bedroom apartment in the heart of Colombo with spectacular views of the Indian Ocean and Colombo's skyline. Situated in the Emperor residential building in Colombo Fort close to shops, restaurants and cafes.



The North West

Destinations



Negombo & Colombo Airport

Close proximity to the international airport ensures that the long sandy beaches of the Negombo coast have become one of the most popular beach resorts on the island. The town is often used as a staging post at the start or end of a Sri Lanka tour, as well as for a convenient beach holiday with minimal travel. But there is more to this North West region than Negombo's tempting stretch of beach. The landscape is varied and enchanting with tranquil blue lagoons, inland wetlands, and coconut plantations. Sri Lanka's largest salt-water wetlands – the Muthurajawella marshes are located south of the Negombo lagoon. There are several accommodation options close by to the Airport where you can spend a couple of restful nights before venturing off on your holiday in Sri Lanka.

Don't Miss

- Sun-kissed beaches and tranquil waters of Negombo's lagoon
- Negombo's catamarans with their bellowing sails
- Morning fish auction on Negombo beach
- Dutch canals and churches
- Muthurajawella marshes - home to numerous birds, fish and monitor lizards



North West Coast

Accommodation

Luxury & Boutique



The Wallawwa

Nestled amongst acres of beautifully manicured gardens, this colonial manor house is Sri Lanka's most exciting new boutique hotel. A luxury private hideaway just 15 minutes from the airport.



Horathapola Estate

Termed 'jet-lag heaven', this beautiful four-bedroom British planter's bungalow is situated on a working estate which grows coconut, mango, pineapple and spices.

Mid Range



St. Lachlan

St Lachlan is a 16-room, mid-range hotel with high ambitions. The hotel consists of two separate buildings that are linked together by a central swimming pool and offers well appointed accommodation at competitive rates.



The Gateway Hotel Airport Garden

A traditional 4-star airport hotel set on a coconut plantation edged by the Negombo Lagoon. The Gateway Hotel is owned by the Taj group and is located just 4 kms from Colombo's airport.

Guest House & Eco-Retreat



Jetwing Beach

Easily the most chic and stylish hotel in Negombo, Jetwing Beach is set on a beautiful stretch of private beach. This is a traditional first stop on your holiday where you can recuperate after a long flight amidst great luxury in a beachside location.



Jetwing Lagoon

Set on acres of tropical gardens edged by Negombo's tranquil Lagoon, this is a recently refurbished boutique hotel that boasts the longest swimming pool on Sri Lanka's north-west coast, spanning 100 metres. Take in the sun by the poolside or unwind with a massage at the tranquil spa.



Villa Araliya

Situated on the land side just five minutes away from Negombo's sandy beaches, Villa Araliya consists of well designed rooms and apartments set amidst peaceful gardens. Being just 20 minutes away from the Airport, this is an ideal first stop of your holiday in Sri Lanka.

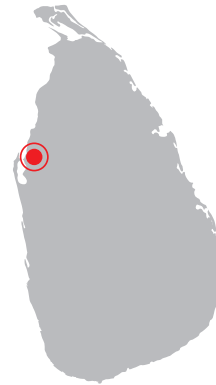


Ice Bear

Welcoming, slightly eccentric and has a prized Negombo beachfront location. Time Magazine, no less, suggested this is "a hotel where time stands still" and called it "a Merchant Ivory confection of tea and linen."

Kalpitiya & Wilpattu

Destinations



Kalpitiya & Wilpattu

Stretching from Kalpitiya to Puttalam and inland up to Wilpattu National Park, this part of the North West province has a varied and enchanting landscape - tranquil blue lagoons that meet the waters of the Indian Ocean, scattered little islands off the coast, inland wetlands, and Coconut plantations. The lagoons are famous for its harvest of lobsters, crabs and prawns, and a variety of fish. Coral reefs offer much to see for marine enthusiasts with an array of exotic tropical fish, and the deep seas off the Gulf of Mannar in Kalpitiya is home to Dolphins, Whales, stingrays and several species of Marine turtles. North of Puttalam is the Wilpattu National Park providing natural habitats for a variety of 'big game' including leopards, elephants, water buffalo and many species of birds.

Don't Miss

- Secluded Palm fringed beaches of Kalpitiya
- Whales and dolphins in Kalpitiya
- Jeep safari into the jungles of Wilpattu in search of the illusive leopard
- Rural village life in Aanamaduwā



Kalpitiya & Wilpattu

Accommodation

Beach Retreats



Udekki

Udekki is an entrancing, laid-back holiday retreat on a peaceful stretch of beach in the coastal village of Alankuda. Spread over three acres of sand dunes and coconut palms, accommodation is in comfortable suites and villas.



Palagama Beach

Palagama Beach is a tiny village in itself that spreads across acres of wild beaches, sand dunes, and coconut palms in the village of Alankuda. Guests have a choice of staying in colourful wooden cabanas or two spacious beach houses.



Dolphin Beach

Dolphin Beach is a holiday retreat with tented chalets fronting the turquoise seas of Kalpitiya. Those seeking laidback, barefoot living in natural surroundings will enjoy this setting.



Bar Reef Resort

Deliberately rustic wattle-and-daub cabanas lie amidst swaying palms, sandy beaches and the ocean which is home to dolphins and whales during the season. A stunning infinity pool is a concession to modern comforts.

Eco Retreats



Mud House

Nestled at the foot of the ancient Parmakanda Rock temple in the lightly-populated district of Puttalam, The Mudhouse is set amidst six acres of untouched wilderness, tranquil lakes and abundant fauna and flora.



Cadjan Earth

Cadjan Earth is a rustic eco-retreat set amidst acres of wilderness in the remote village of Aanamaduwa. Stay in a wooden tree house with cadjan thatched roof or the simple cottage with thatched roof at the edge of a small man-made lake.



Palpatha

Palpatha is a rustic, eco- retreat 20 minutes' drive from Wilpattu National Park. Stay in wattle and daub chalets with thatched roofs and enjoy Sri Lankan rice and curries cooked in traditional clay pots over a firewood flame.

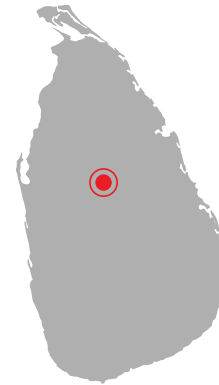


Aanawila

Aanawila is a simple wildlife bungalow located just a kilometer from the entrance to Wilpattu National Park. Set amidst lush tropical wilderness, this eco-friendly bungalow is a nature lovers' dream.

Cultural Triangle

Destinations

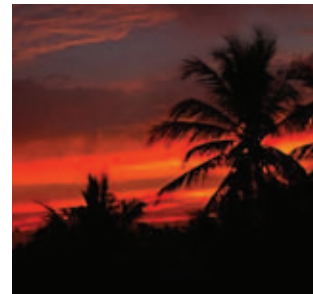


Cultural Triangle

The Cultural Triangle has brought Sri Lanka's history alive in the most enthralling manner for millions of travellers. It covers the north central towns of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya and Dambulla where extensive archaeological ruins provide a glimpse into the island's past, dating back to the 4th century B.C. It is here that Sri Lanka's kings developed remarkably advanced civilisations. The extensive archaeological ruins of the Cultural Triangle are now protected as World Heritage sites. The central plains have low rainfall and several hotels are sumptuous enough to provide a holiday in their own right.

Don't Miss

- The extensive ruins of the former capitals, Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa
- The climb up the giant rock fortress of Sigiriya
- Dambulla's cave paintings and Buddha statues
- The wooded walk through the ruins of Ritilgala



Cultural Triangle

Accommodation

Luxury & Boutique



Jetwing Vil Uyana

This immensely tranquil eco-village near Sigiriya Rock reawakens the efforts of ancient Sinhala kings who developed and irrigated this area. Large cabanas blend seamlessly into the rural landscape by marshes, lakes and paddy fields.



Cinnamon Lodge

Cinnamon Lodge is blessed with a tranquil and picturesque 27-acre woodland location next to a beautiful lake. Luxurious two-storey chalets have verandas and balconies and offer much privacy.



Heritance Kandalama

A minimalist contemporary hotel cleverly designed by Geoffrey Bawa, Sri Lanka's famous architecture guru. Bawa conceived the hotel 'as an austere jungle palace' and captures the surrounding magical views from every angle.



Ulagalla Resort

Ulagalla Resort is the most luxurious choice close to the ruins of the ancient capital Anuradhapura. Individual chalets are set amidst acres of lush woodland, paddy fields and the Ulagalla reservoir.

Mid Range



Chaaya Village

A treat for those wanting to experience Sri Lanka's unhurried and wholesome rural village lifestyle, the rich cultural heritage, and the tropical wilderness.



Wild Grass Nature Resort

An eco retreat with individual chalets located just 15 minutes from the Sigiriya rock fortress. Surrounded by jungles and hills, Wild Grass is set in acres of unfenced jungle land frequently visited by deer and numerous birds.

Guest House & Eco-Retreat



Kassapa Lions Rock

Kassapa Lions Rock named after the legend that surrounds the magnificent Sigiriya Rock Fortress, is a peaceful retreat with 31 individual chalets scattered over acres of landscaped gardens in the heart of the cultural triangle.

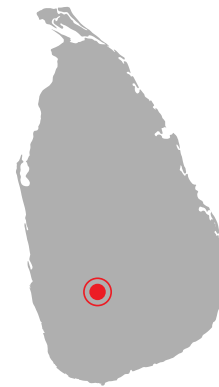
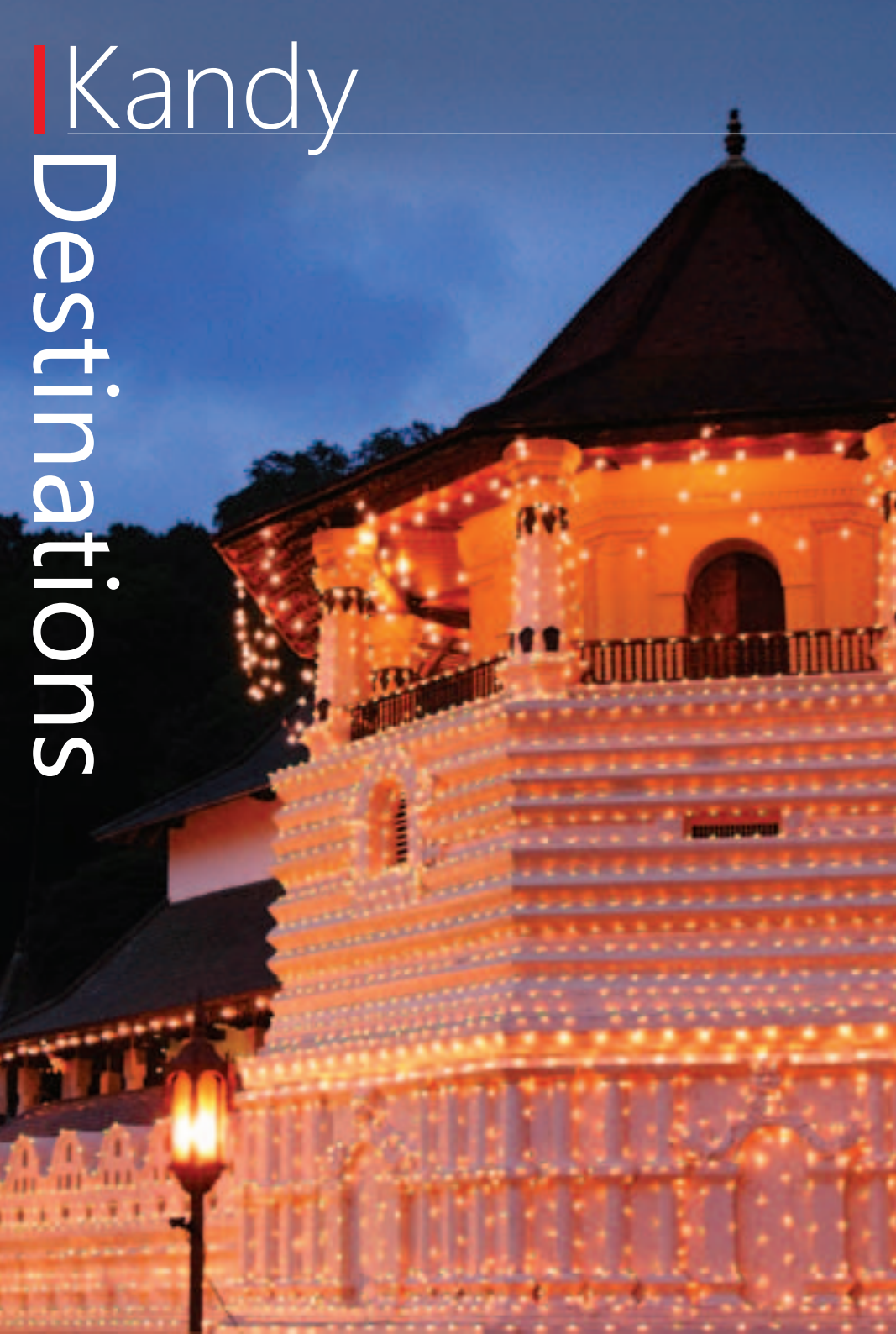


Galkadawala

A rustic eco-retreat set on four acres of wilderness overlooking a lake in the remote village of Galkadawala. This unassuming three-bedroom bungalow is an appealing holiday retreat that follows enlightened eco-friendly policies.

Kandy

Destinations



Kandy

The hill-country capital of Kandy lies on a plain amidst towering hills and looped by Sri Lanka's largest river: the Mahaweli. The town's pleasant temperate climate, its scenic location and its rich history has made it a favourite haunt for travellers. It is also the natural gateway to the stirring peaks of Sri Lanka's hill country. Now a tiny but bustling city, Kandy still regards itself as the bastion of Buddhist philosophy. During the month of August, Kandy dazzles with the sounds and lights of the Kandy Perahera – a magnificent procession where a sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha is majestically paraded on elephant back along the streets of Kandy.

Don't Miss

- A pooja at the Temple of the Tooth in honour of Lord Buddha
- The Kandy Perahera, one of the finest cultural festivals in Asia
- Roses and orchids in Peradeniya's Botanical Gardens
- Trekking in the magnificent Knuckles mountain range
- Round of golf at the Victoria Golf & Country Resort



Kandy

Accommodation

Luxury & Boutique



The Kandy House

This typical manor house has been refurbished to blend old and new with white interiors, polished hardwood floorboards, Jack wood staircase, Dutch style antique furniture and careful injections of colour.



Tamarind Lodge

A fusion of Asian and colonial design in the grounds of Victoria Golf & Country Resort. It is divided into two wings that gaze over the pool, immaculate lawn and terrace.



Earl's Regency

The Earls Regency, lying alongside the broad Mahaweli River, offers modern and spacious four-star comfort on Kandy's outskirts. The most conveniently-situated hotel for Victoria Golf & Country Resort.



Cinnamon Citadel

Cinnamon Citadel offers some of the most luxurious accommodation in Kandy. Now part of the highly-reputable Cinnamon brand, it provides tranquil riverside surroundings away from the bustle of Kandy centre.

Mid Range



Clingendael

Clingendael exudes a stately grandeur yet is also infused with the latest in modern technology and contemporary art on the walls. Terraced gardens, cascading waterways, verandahs provide a tranquil setting.



Theva Residency

The simple idea is a 'home away from home', a formula based on providing guests with a unique 'non-hotel' like experience - with modern luxurious living and exotic cuisine in a serene natural environment.



Villa Rosa

A charming spot with breathtaking views over the Mahaweli River and a tranquil, old-style atmosphere



Ellerton

The 100-year-old planters' bungalow recently refurbished by British owners, sits amid a nine-acre organic tea and spice estate in Gampola, deep into the hills from Kandy.

Kandy

Accommodation

Mid Range



Clove Villa

Clove Villa is located 15 minutes from Kandy town and offers comfortable accommodation in seven good-quality bedrooms.



Mas Villa

Mas Villa is a refurbished manor house that dates back to the mid-1800s. It lies at the edge of the picturesque Kotmale reservoir and offers comfortable accommodation in seven spacious suites.



Sir John's Bungalow

Sir John's bungalow is a century-old planter's bungalow nestled into the north face of the Knuckles. The bungalow is surrounded by picturesque mountains and the Knuckles wilderness.



Kandy Cottage

A congenial atmosphere pervades Kandy Cottage, a simple Kandy guesthouse popular with artists and nature lovers. There are three bedrooms and a dining room. The small garden is alive with animal and bird life.

Guest House & Eco-Retreat



Sanctuary

Sanctuary which is a 3-bedroomed villa, is situated within the 500 acre estate of the Victoria Golf & Country Resort near Kandy. It is blessed with magnificent views over Victoria reservoir, the golf course and the surrounding hills.



Victoria Golf Chalets

Located within the 500 acre estate of the Victoria Golf & Country Resort, the Victoria chalets enjoy grandstand views of the 17th Tee and the mountains beyond.



Madulkelle Eco Lodge

Madulkelle Eco Lodge consists of individual lodges made of canvas tents and scattered through a tea plantation 30kms north of Kandy. The well furnished lodges open on to spectacular views of the Knuckles Mountain Range.

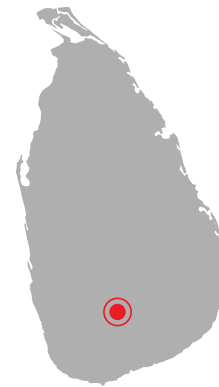


Samadhi Centre

Samadhi is a rural and relaxed meditative and yoga centre situated in 20 acres of wilderness, surrounded by the Knuckles Mountain Range and edged by the Hulu Ganga (river). It is located about 45 minutes north-east of Kandy.

Hill Country

Destinations



Hill Country

Few, if any, small islands have as much geographical diversity and Sri Lanka's tea-growing hills offer breathtaking landscapes. Drive into the highlands from Kandy and discover Sri Lanka at its most dramatic: a land of gurgling mountain streams and steep hillsides cloaked in luminous green tea, sweet-scented Cyprus and Eucalyptus trees. Nuwara Eliya, nestled at the foot of a mountain, was made into a summer retreat by the British in the early 1800s and much of its colonial character still remains. Dickoya, Bandarawela, Haputale and Ella are all quaint hill country towns and villages where life is peaceful and unhurried. Those who have travelled this uphill journey by train will confirm that it is one of the most enchanting train journeys in the world.

Don't Miss

- Walk through lush green tea plantations, mountainous landscapes and rural villages
- Take a train journey to the southern highlands
- Stunning vistas – viewed all the way from Haputale to the south coast on a clear day
- Night-time climb up the sacred Adam's Peak



Hill Country

Accommodation

Luxury & Boutique



Ceylon Tea Trails

At an elevation of 4000 feet above sea level lies Ceylon Tea Trails, 4 classic colonial bungalows built for British tea estate managers in the days of the Raj.



Lavender House

Built in the 1890's, this old Colonial planter's bungalow is surrounded by a lush green tea estate. The outdoors offers landscaped gardens, clay tennis courts and an infinity pool with views of the tea plantation.



Stonyhurst

An exquisite six-bedroom stone cottage situated down a secluded, leafy by-road in Nuwara Eliya, near the golf club.



Heritage Tea Factory

It is what it says – a beautifully converted tea factory and offers high-grade accommodation in a sparsely-populated land of rolling tea-green hills. Still one of the finest hotels in the highlands.

Mid Range



St Andrews

This stately Tudor-style colonial mansion, built in the late 19th century, stands alongside imposing pine trees. It has a stern exterior, but inside is a world of open fires and candlelit dinners.



Melheim Resort

A modern nine-roomed boutique hotel perched on a hillock overlooking terraced gardens and bordered by forest reserves. Melheim is peaceful with spectacular views across the southern plains.



Mandira Strathdon

A colonial-style four bedroom bungalow set on a tea plantation in the south-west highlands. The bungalow opens out to a manicured lawn edged by a balcony terrace with spectacular mountain views.



98 Acres Resort

A 12 room eco-friendly, boutique hotel in Ella set amidst tea covered hills with magnificent views of the southern plains, Ella rock and Little Adam's Peak.

Hill Country

Accommodation



Guest House & Eco-Retreat



Slightly Chilled

This cheery budget accommodation is ideally suited for those wishing to attempt the Adam's Peak climb. It has spectacular views of the Peak from the dining area and bedrooms.



Kelbourne Cottages

Blessed by one of the most breathtaking vistas and views that Sri Lanka can offer, these cottages dates from the turn of the 19th/20th century - with cosy furnishings redolent of a bygone age.



Zion View

This family-run guesthouse is perched on a cliff in Ella. Zion View offers comfortable rooms with beautiful views of Ella gap, courteous service and home-cooked food.

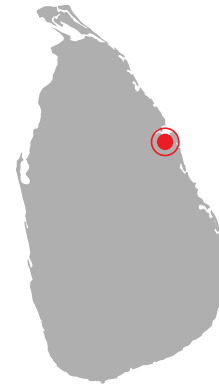


Avian Breeze

A five bedroom guesthouse located on a hillock just five kms from Nuwara Eliya town. Wooden floors and fireplaces add a cozy touch to this holiday escape.

North East Coast

Destinations



North East Coast

Sri Lanka's equivalent of the Maldives, with never-ending white sandy beaches, coral islands and shimmering blue seas, the North East coast is distinctly different from the coastal areas of the rest of the island. In a long peak season that extends from March to October, bask in the sun on the secluded beaches of Trincomalee and Pasekudah, go snorkelling and discover the magnificent marine life around the coral reefs, or take a whale-watching expedition. It is not all about the sun and surf on the North East Coast. Explore ancient Hindu temples dating back centuries, and the breathtaking views of the Trincomalee harbour – the world's deepest and largest natural harbour.

Don't Miss

- Breathtaking views of the Indian Ocean and Trincomalee harbour from Swami Rock
- White sandy beaches of Trincomalee and Pasikudah
- Ancient Koneswaram Kovil and Fort Federick
- Whale and dolphin watching expedition into the deep seas



The North East

Accommodation

Luxury & Boutique



Centara Pasikudah

A contemporary four-star hotel that fronts a spectacular 300m beach frontage on the Pasikudah Bay.



Uga Bay

A contemporary beach resort that fuses tropical living and Mediterranean style on Pasikudah Bay.



Jungle Beach

Jungle Beach is an upmarket eco-retreat set between the shimmering seas and a tranquil lagoon half-an-hour north of Trincomalee on Sri Lanka's north-east coast.



Anilana Pasikudah

Anilana Pasikudah is a luxurious beach hotel with stylish and minimalist interiors at one end of the picturesque Pasikudah Bay on Sri Lanka's north-east coast. Luxurious rooms and suites have views of the ocean.

Mid Range



Chaaya Blu

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Nilaveli Beach Hotel

Is spread across 15 acres of landscaped gardens with magnificent views across white sandy beaches to Pigeon Island in Trincomalee.



Amethyst Resort

A mid-range beachside hotel which enjoys a spectacular beach frontage on Pasikudah Bay. A single-storey resort set on acres of gardens with a lagoon that runs through the centre of the property.



Maalu Maalu Resort & Spa

Maalu Maalu Resort & Spa lies secluded on a pristine stretch of beach fronting the turquoise waters of Pasikudah Bay on the East Coast.

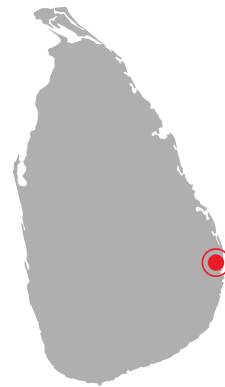
Arugam Bay

Destinations



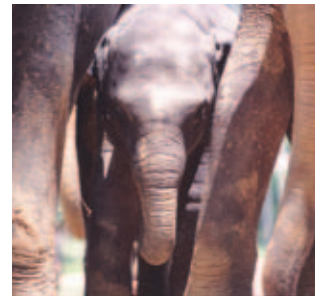
Arugam Bay

Arugam Bay on Sri Lanka's South East Coast is famously known as one of ten top surf spots in the world. This is Sri Lanka at its most escapist. The relatively isolated beaches and a simple, laid-back lifestyle away from the main tourist haunts, have many devotees. The best time for surfing in Arugam Bay is in July to August when the swells are high and the wave breaks are thrilling. But it is not all about sun and surf and this region of light rainfall is attractive for much of the year. Explore ancient ruins and rock sculptures dating back centuries, as well as untouched wilderness where elephant roam free.



Don't Miss

- Surfing in the laid-back beach settlement of Arugam Bay in July and August
- Eating spicy Roti and fresh seafood at one of Arugam Bay's beachside restaurants
- Wild elephants in Lahugala National Park
- Jungle trek to the ancient ruins of Kudimbigala



Arugam Bay

Accommodation



Mid Range



Stardust Beach Hotel

Stardust Beach Hotel perfectly captures the laid-back, alternative lifestyle of Arugam Bay. What it lacks in five-star facilities, it makes up in comfort, cleanliness, innovation occasionally bordering on genius and surprisingly good food.



Danish Villa

Danish Villa is a small, homely property set amidst an acre of tropical garden on the Arugam Bay hotel strip – only a 10 minute walk away from the magnificent beaches of the south-east coast.

Guest House & Eco-Retreat



Kudakalliya

Kudakalliya consists of two unpretentious eco-friendly beach bungalows on a remote, untouched slice of beach. It lies just south of Arugam Bay, one of the finest surfing spots on the island.

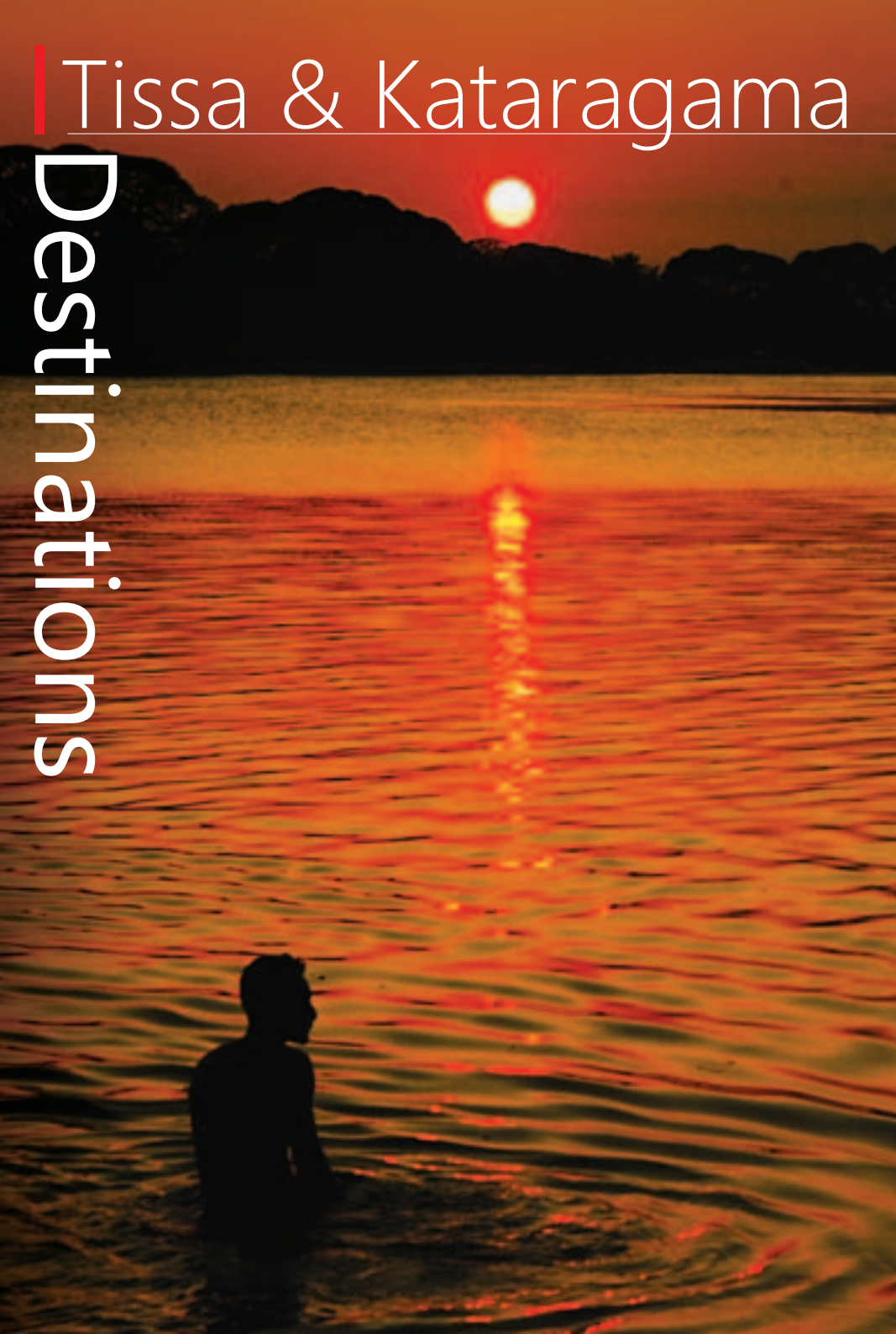


Hideaway

A short walk from Arugam Bay, homely Hideaway has comfortable cottages situated on a six-acre estate amidst flowering shrubs and fruit trees that attracts plenty of birds and even the occasional monkey.

Tissa & Kataragama

Destinations



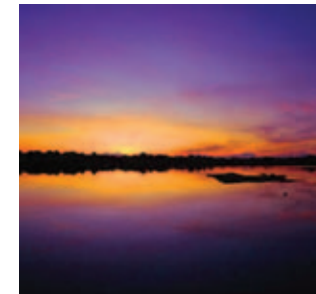
Tissa & Kataragama

Tissa & Kataragama

Tissa & Kataragama has two distinct parts. To the north, the region is dominated by the green foothills of the central highlands and to the south it is filled with scrub jungle, paddy fields and sugar cane plantations. Inland, explore the jungles of Uda Walawe where wild elephants roam free. Experience the historic town of Tissa dominated by lotus-filled lakes, lush green paddy fields and giant dome-like temples dating back to the second century BC. The jungle shrine of Kataragama is a sacred pilgrimage site where all religions meet. ancient, colonial and modern influences.

Don't Miss

- Tissa's ancient Dagobas set amidst lush paddy fields
- Pooja time at the Hindu shrines at Kataragama
- The Elephant Orphanage at Uda Walawe



Tissa & Kataragama

Accommodation

Luxury & Boutique



The Safari

The Safari is now easily the best hotel in Tissa and offers a tranquil lakeside setting. The 50 rooms are stylishly designed and all have spectacular lake views.



Grand Uda Walawe Safari Resort

Grand Uda Walawe Safari Resort is a modern four-star hotel which lies just 10 minutes away from the Uda Walawe National Park entrance.

Guest House & Eco-Retreat



Priyankara

Priyankara is a peaceful three-star hotel in Tissa where you can relax in your balcony and watch an array of birds in the nearby rice fields, as well as the timeless rituals of paddy farming.



Hibiscus Garden

Hibiscus Garden in Tissa has 16 well-appointed rooms housed in four separate chalets. The chalets are located surrounding the swimming pool.

Mid Range



Kalu's Hideaway

The brain child of the former Sri Lankan cricketer Romesh Kaluwitharana, this welcoming eco lodge sits on a small hill by Walawe River, surrounded by the untouched wilderness and Uda Walawe jungles.



Cadjan Wild

Cadjan Wild is just 10 minutes away from Kataragama in the remote village of Katagamuwa bordering the Yala National Park. This rustic-chic property offers a spacious lodge and two chalets in gardens scattered with fruit trees.

Camping



Master Campers

Master Campers offers mid-range mobile tented safaris within the major National Parks including Wilpattu in the North West, Uda Walawe in the south central region, and Yala in the Deep South.

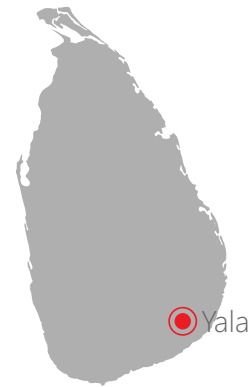


Leopard Trails

Leopard Trails provides a classic mobile camping experience in the buffer zone bordering the Katagamuwa side of Yala. The camp site is immersed in nature. Sleep in tents with ensuite bathrooms; dine under the stars and explore Yala's wilderness in a safari jeep with a picnic basket in hand.

Yala National Park

Destinations



Yala National Park

Yala, situated in the south east corner of the island, is home to the greatest variety of Sri Lanka's wildlife. Its varying habitats, consisting of scrub plains, jungles, rocky outcrops, fresh water lakes, rivers and beaches, provides home to many species of animals including sloth bear, herds of elephants, deer, crocodiles and the endangered leopard subspecies, Panthera Pardus Kotiya, which is only found in Sri Lanka.

Don't Miss

- The magnificent Yala leopard
- Yala's open plains and abundant wildlife
- Herds of wild elephants
- The untamed beaches of the Yala coastline



Yala National Park

Accommodation

Camping



Kulu Safaris

Kulu Safaris is a respected wildlife company that offers classic mobile tented safaris by the beaches of Kirinda bordering the Yala National Park. This enriching experience allows you to savour the natural appeal of these wildlife reserves to the full.



Leopard Safaris

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Mid Range



Yala Villa

Yala Villa is in reality a simple game lodge with an open-plan design opening out to a garden and the luxury of a swimming pool. There is one relatively private a/c bedroom; eight other people can sleep in a dormitory-style area.



Cadjan Wild

Cadjan Wild is a peaceful eco-retreat located in the remote village of Katagamuwa bordering the Yala National Park. Twenty minutes away from the quieter Katagamuwa entrance to Yala, this rustic-chic property offers a spacious lodge or two chalets in gardens scattered with fruit trees.

Guest House & Eco-Retreat



Back of Beyond Yala

Back of Beyond Yala is a rustic, wattle-&-daub village home with a thatched roof set amidst the magnificent dry zone wilderness of Yala. It is escapist and eco-friendly and offers simple accommodation in unspoilt surroundings.

Luxury & Boutique



Chaaya Wild

Stretching from a lagoon to the border of Palatupana-Kirinda beach, which boasts unspoilt sand dunes, animals wander Chaaya Wild unhindered as the management pursues a policy of existing in harmony with nature.

South Coast

Destinations



South Coast

Sri Lanka's jagged south coast, which Red Dot defines as a long stretch from Mirissa to Tangalle, consists of delightful coral-protected bays and headlands and offers a greater diversity of beaches than the west coast. Stunning tropical sandy beaches, rural fishing villages, untouched wilderness and a vibrant cultural heritage makes the southern coastal belt an ideal holiday experience for those wishing to escape the larger tourist centres.

Don't Miss

- Surfing in Mirissa
- Scuba diving in Dickwella
- Whale & dolphin spotting off the coast of Mirissa
- Turtle night safari in Rekawa



South Coast

Accommodation

Luxury & Boutique



The Last House

Bawa's architectural swansong is positioned on an idyllic strip of land - lagoon on one side, beach on the other - on the outskirts of Tangalle. Few villas have a better beach.



Maya Villa

Maya Villa is a fully refurbished manor house, dating back to the end of the 19C, in an enchanting rural setting, 7kms inland from the beaches of Tangalle. Five rooms can be rented in part or whole.



Amanwella

Set in a mature coconut grove fronting a crescent shaped beach near Tangalle - this is a super-luxurious and chic escape, and already recognized as one of Sri Lanka's leading beach properties.



Mount Cinnamon

Mount Cinnamon is a tranquil four-bedroom boutique hotel perched on a hill overlooking the gorgeous south coast bay of Mirissa. Mount Cinnamon is contemporary in style with open-plan living and dining areas, spacious bedrooms with private verandahs, and interiors with dramatic local art and sculptures.

Mid Range



Talalla Retreat

Talalla Retreat is a 32-bedroom property situated on one of the most beautiful bays on the south coast in the village of Gandara. Themed as a retreat centre offering yoga, tai chi, spa and ayurveda escapes, this will delight the arty sun-worshippers among you.



Buckingham Place

Buckingham Place is an appealing boutique hotel on a five-acre estate overlooking the tranquil Rekawa lagoon in Tangalle. This is a peaceful spot in a relatively undiscovered part of Sri Lanka, a stylish 11-roomed hotel contemporary in design with tasteful interiors.



Turtle Bay

Turtle Bay is a beachside boutique hotel with seven bedrooms perched on a hillock with sweeping views of the Indian Ocean. It is reached through the Kalametiya Bird Sanctuary and is about half-an-hour from Tangalle.



Coco Tangalla

Coco Tangalla is a six-bedroom, colonial-period villa overlooking the south-coast beaches of Tangalle. The Main House and an adjoining annex lie at the highest point with the infinity swimming pool and gardens at lower levels.

South Coast

Accommodation

Guest House & Eco-Retreat



Amanwella

Mangrove Garden

This deliberately rustic settlement has been an instant hit with independent travellers yearning for tranquil and natural surroundings. Marine Turtles often come ashore here at nights to nest.



Back of Beyond Kahandamodora

Situated on acres of wilderness where peacock, monkeys and mongoose roam free, take a short catamaran ride from the secluded southern beaches. A good location for nature walks, cycle trails, river fishing, and boating.



Amanwella

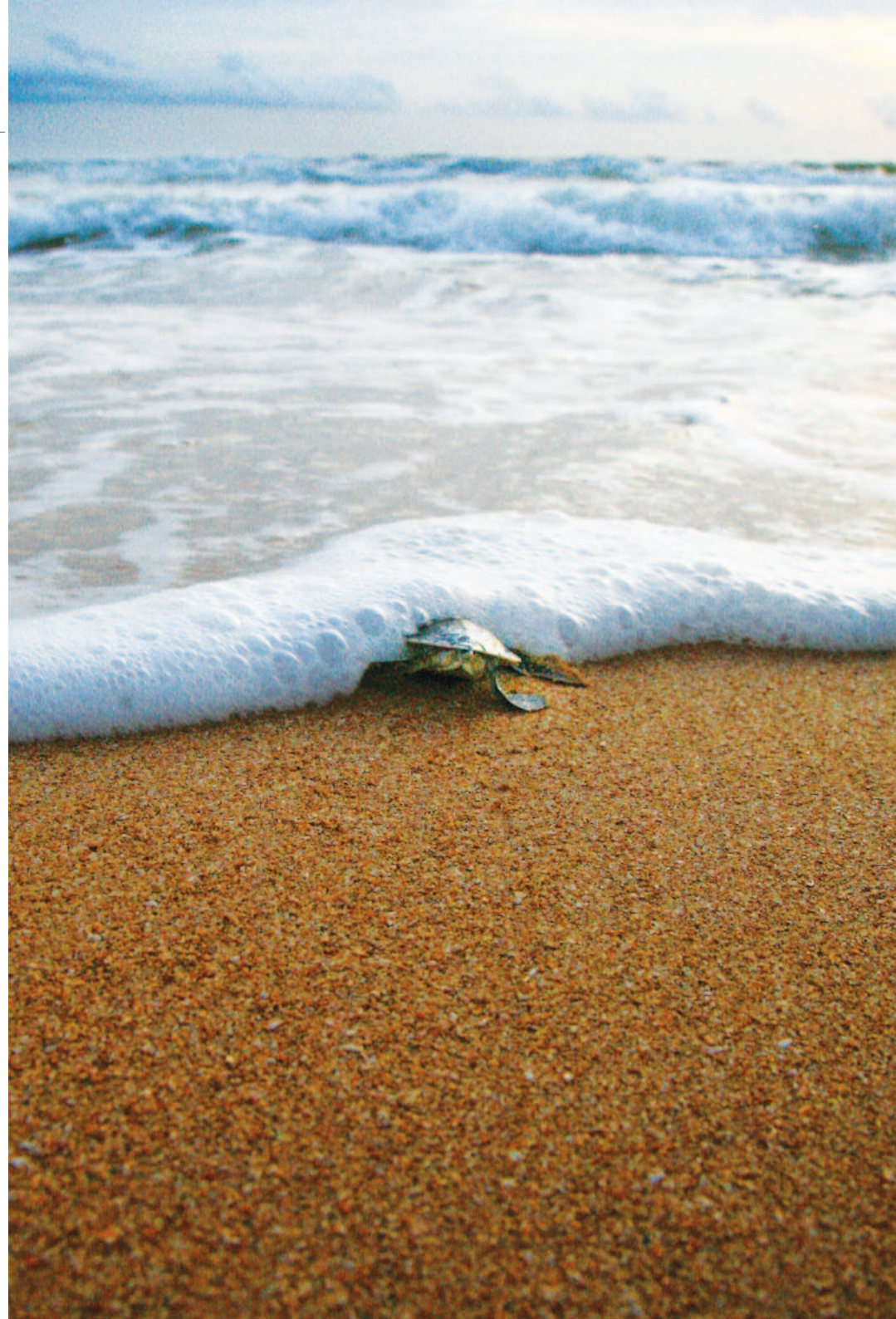
Paradise Beach Club

Paradise Beach Club is one of Sri Lanka's most enduringly popular budget hotels. It has a wonderful beach frontage facing the spectacular Mirissa Bay. Its laid-back atmosphere and idyllic location has won the hearts of many.



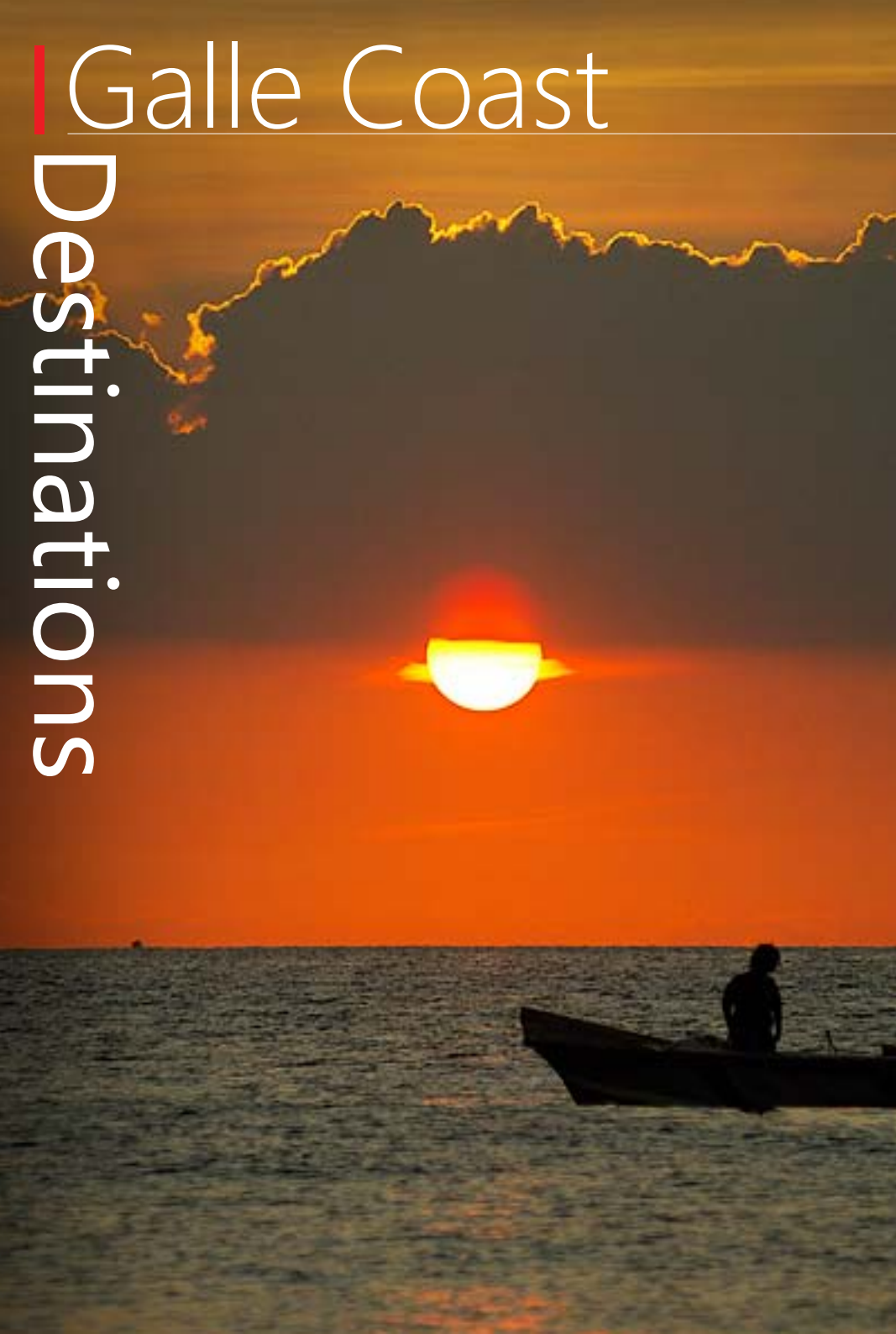
Lagoon Paradise

Lagoon Paradise is a guesthouse set on a sparsely-populated area in Tangalle near Rekuwa where the endangered marine turtles come to nest. It covers a three-acre plot of fairly rocky terrain under a canopy of coconut trees which lead down to an open grassland, lagoon and the sea beyond.



Galle Coast

Destinations



Galle Coast

Galle is thriving. The fortified old town is enjoying an artistic renaissance and the beautiful beaches around it are dotted with luxurious villas and classy boutique hotels. The revival of Galle, in fact, has quietly influenced its coastline, which has regained its confidence and has become a favoured retreat for intelligent, independent travellers. Galle's main attraction is the 17th century Dutch Fort, a UNESCO protected World Heritage site. But Galle is also the gateway to seductive sandy coves and the coastal villages of Unawatuna, Thalpe, Koggala, Habaraduwa and Ahangama.

Don't Miss

- Wander along the ramparts of Galle Fort
- Visit Galle's museums, arts and craft shops
- Surfing and sunset cocktails at Wijaya Beach
- Dawn hot air balloon ride



Galle Coast

Accommodation

Luxury & Boutique



Amangalla

Lying within the walls of the 17th century Dutch Fort, Amangalla offers a wonderful escape in intimate, historic surroundings - offering excellent old-world luxury, superb food, and arguably the best spa on the island.



Galle Fort Hotel

Galle Fort Hotel evokes a subtle sense of colonial grandeur. Enter through the unassuming doors, and a dramatic interior unfolds - verandahs and courtmetres, columns and arches, carefully restored to its original grandeur.



Kahanda Kanda

Set amidst a working tea estate which slopes down to the Koggala Lake at one end, this stylish villa was built as a private villa and is now an award winning boutique hotel.



Dutch House

First build in the 1860s, this stylish hotel glows with lightness and subtle style, and overlooks the harbour of Galle, the Sri Lankan south-coast town that has become a haven for the discerning traveller



The Fortress

The Fortress is a new boutique hotel with a prime location on the broad sands of Koggala, only a few miles south of the historic city of Galle.



Illuketia

Illuketiya is set in a botanical wonderland: a secluded haven of colourful flowerbeds, undulating lawns, mazy paths and tranquil waterways, with plantations all around - true rural charm.



Jetwing Lighthouse

Jetwing Lighthouse is inspired by Geoffrey Bawa - a haven of style, and barely a mile from the historic Galle - built tight to the coastline, with understated interiors showing Moroccan, Chinese and Dutch influences.



Aditya

This 12-suite hotel sits on a secluded stretch of beach in Rathgama, midway between the hedonistic beach resort of Hikkaduwa and the historic old town of Galle, and oozes class and style. Its suites are so impressive some guests never leave them.

Galle Coast

Accommodation

Mid Range



Sun House

This historic mansion reeks of old colonial elegance in its private and public rooms. Four luxury suites combine grandeur with comfort. A large garden leads down to an infinity pool with fine views over Galle.



Tisara Villas

Tisara Villas offers an unhurried holiday in an atmosphere of peace and tranquility. Nine villas, each with two bedrooms, are set within walled gardens. These eco-friendly villas with mud-coloured exterior walls, terracotta flooring, and clay-tiled roofs blend beautifully into landscaped gardens.

Mid Range



Frangipani Tree

A stylish boutique hotel with 10 suites set at the edge of a secluded beach in Thalpe.



Fort Printers

Fort Printers lies in the heart of the Dutch Fort and combines a wealth of Asian, European and Oriental styles. A small property with an aglamorous feel, whilst retaining a vital sense of simplicity and warmth.

Guest House & Eco-Retreat



Coco Bay

A modern hotel, blessed by a quieter aspect than the main beach strip of Unawatuna, has well equipped rooms with sea views.



Why House

Why House, inland from Galle's upmarket beach resort of Thalpe, consists of a spacious main house, a garden villa, and two cottages in three acres of tropical gardens. The architecture is typical of Sri Lanka's south with courtyards and verandahs.



Forteleza

Forteleza is a welcoming three-bedroom boutique hotel and restaurant housed in a refurbished, 200 year old Dutch period building. This was originally owned by a Dutch merchant who used it as a warehouse to store spices from old Ceylon.



Fort Bliss

A refurbished colonial-period villa within Galle's 17C Dutch Fort situated at the edge of the ramparts.

West Coast

Destinations



West Coast

The west coast is more frequented by holidaymakers due to its closer proximity to the island's capital and the main airport, and offers tropical beaches and mangrove-lined lagoons. The sandy beaches are the main attraction in the string of small towns such as Kalutara, Beruwela, Bentota, Ambalangoda, Ahungalla and Hikkaduwa, but they also share a vibrant cultural heritage including folklore, music and dance as well as architectural influences from the Dutch period. Many temples, kovils, churches and mosques are situated along the coast. Cottage industries such as basket-weaving, mask-carving and antique restoration provide for interesting shopping.

Don't Miss

- Water skiing in Bentota
- Dancing the night away in Hikkaduwa
- Stroll through Bevis Bawa's Brief gardens
- Kosgoda's marine turtles



West Coast

Accommodation

Luxury & Boutique



Villa Bentota

Villa Bentota was one of the hottest west-coast properties in 2010. This chic beachside boutique villa is set amidst extensive gardens scattered with coconut palms and only a stroll away from the Indian Ocean.



Serene Pavilions

Serene Pavilions is a Balinese-style boutique hotel, designed by an Italian architect, and has 12 individual villas each with its own plunge pool.



Cinnamon Bey

Cinnamon Bey is a luxurious 200-room beach hotel owned by the highly-regarded John Keells group and fronting the turquoise seas of Beruwala. Moorish architectural influences pay tribute to early Arab settlers who lived in the area dating back to the 10th century.



Sri Villas

Sri Villas situated in Induruwa, consists of three elegant two-storey villas that can be booked separately. Sri Villas offers refined luxury and is popular with couples and small families wanting stylish accommodation with direct sea views on a safe swimming beach.

Mid Range



Lunuganga

Opened as an exclusive boutique hotel in December 2005, Lunuganga offers guests a rare opportunity to step inside the private life of one of the world's most celebrated architects, a man dubbed "the father of Asian architecture".



Heritage Ahungalla

Heritage Ahungalla is a large five-star beach property with views of a quiet beach and the Indian Ocean beyond. This is an early creation of Sri Lanka's famous architect, Geoffrey Bawa.



Club Villa

Club Villa, a large yet elegant 19C villa, sells its 17 bedrooms individually and has a loyal clientele. It rests in a small coconut plantation, close to the broad, sandy beach of Bentota. It has a refined atmosphere and offers a calm and intelligent base from which to enjoy the golden west coast beaches.



Avani Bentota

Avani Bentota is a beach hotel of excellent quality fronting the turquoise seas of Bentota, a much-loved family resort on Sri Lanka's popular south-west coast. It was originally designed by Geoffrey Bawa, Sri Lanka's iconic architect, and was refurbished and rebranded in 2011.

West Coast

Accommodation

Mid Range



Chaaya Tranz

Chaaya Tranz offers a successful blend of 4-star comfort with a laid back, informal feel. Inspired by the 'Trance' genre of music that is popular in this youthful beachside town, this old hotel has come alive once more with the spirit of Hikka.



Max Wadiya

Max Wadiya consists of two gleaming beach villas on a beautiful stretch of sandy beach in Ambalangoda. Two villas have a total of five bedrooms and are set in an extensive garden scattered with coconut trees and overlooking the turquoise Indian Ocean.

Guest House & Eco-Retreat



Nisala Arana

Aptly named Nisala Arana or 'abode of peace', this is truly a home away from home where the Australian and Sri Lankan owners have created a serene atmosphere ideal for the romantic among you. Many weddings and celebrations have taken place in the gardens.



Coral Rock by Amaya

Thaproban is one of the favourite eating spots for a largely youthful crowd that is attracted to Unawatuna's horseshoe bay. But this compact, colonial-style building also offers simple, good-value accommodation only metres from the beach.

Kitulgala

Destinations



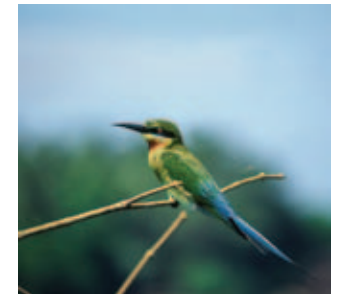
Kitulgala & Ratnapura

Kitulgala & Ratnapura

The towns of Kitulgala and Ratnapura are situated in the western foothills, sandwiched between the west coast and the central highlands. This is an area of rolling hills, tropical rainforests and winding rivers. The sleepy riverside village of Kitulgala owes its popularity to the Kelani River which offers exciting Grade 3 and 4 rapids for rafting. The breathtaking scenery here was used for the filming of David Lean's Oscar-winning classic *The Bridge over the River Kwai*. Ratnapura, the 'city of gems', is home to a long-established gem industry. The magnificent Sinharaja rainforest and the sacred Adam's Peak can also be accessed from here.

Don't Miss

- Whitewater rafting on Kelani River
- Trekking in Sinharaja's tropical rainforest
- Visiting gem mines in Ratnapura
- A magical night-time climb up the sacred Adam's Peak



Kitulgala & Ratnapura

Accommodation

Luxury & Boutique



Boulder Gardens

Immersed in the Sinharaja rainforest, you will feel enclosed in the depths of a damp and ancient forest - monkeys and wild squirrels make malarkey in the trees, and eagles and hornbills soar.



Rainforest Eco Lodge

Rainforest Eco Lodge is a tranquil eco-retreat set on the 500-acre Enselwatte tea plantation in Deniyaya which is about 3,500 ft above sea level. This working tea estate borders the southern end of the Sinharaja with small patches of rainforest even within the tea estate.

Mid Range



Paradise Farm

With fresh spring water and sweeping views, Paradise Farm is a working organic agricultural farm perched on a sleepy hamlet close to Kitulgala.



Rainforest Edge

This appealing eco and Ayurveda property offers one of the most restful panoramas in Sri Lanka. Gaze upon rolling tea plantations, studded with tea bungalows and factories.

Guest House & Eco-Retreat



Martin's Lodge

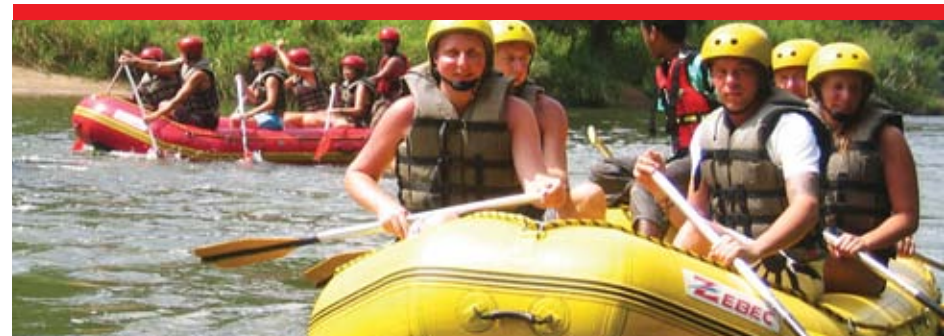
The basic Martin's Lodge is a timeless small guesthouse cut off from the rest of the world. Martin, the resident nature expert, will talk freely about a place he loves deeply.



Borderlands Camping

Borderlands camping is based in Kitulgala, a riverside village that offers Sri Lanka's best white-water rafting experience. Accommodation is in 10 tents with each set on a stilted platform that is built right over the river.

White Water Rafting



Experience the thrills and spills of an exciting rafting adventure in a jungle paradise. Rafting mixes the ups and downs of rapids with calm sections perfect for looking at the tea and rubber plantations or mountains covered in jungle rainforest. Rafting options range from a one-hour ride in the Kelani River at Kitulgala, an ideal spot for beginners, to the "experienced paddlers only" rivers of Kotmale, Mahaweli and Kalu Ganga.

Beach Villas

Accommodation

Villas in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's south coast is dotted with beautiful beach villas ideal for families or groups wanting to avoid traditional beach hotels – or even couples after somewhere private. The majority of the best villas are grouped around Galle but there are also some beautiful properties on the more escapist southern beaches around Dickwella and Tangalle as well as closer to Colombo in Bentota and Induruwa.

Villa Location

Red Dot promotes a wide selection of Sri Lankan villas, including some stunning private houses inside Galle Fort and on Koggala Lake. We have in-depth knowledge of what is available and can help you select the right villa as well as guaranteeing you the best price. All bookings also come with the added protection of our fair booking conditions and refund policy giving you peace of mind.

Booking Info

Sri Lanka villas are typically sold on a daily rate for exclusive use of the property. Some villas offer discounts for couples or small groups by selling by the room – ask your Red Dot consultant for more details. Some villas will require a confirmation deposit and may apply minimum stays during peak periods like Christmas. Villas usually come fully staffed although all are open to self-catering.

Galle Coast



Victoria

Built as a contemporary interpretation of a traditional Sri Lankan house and with antique furnishing, Victoria is set in a coconut grove on the beach, with landscaped gardens falling into the Indian Ocean.



South Point Villa

South Point has three bedrooms and smart, modern interiors as well as a wonderful mini-headland location that sees the property poke out into the turquoise waters of the bay.



If Villa

With columns, verandas, a central courtyard, and sprawling gardens, this magnificent colonial Dutch house-cum-ancestral home looks over a beautiful stretch of sandy southern coastline.



Iyla Villa

A luxurious contemporary beach villa in Kabalana with well designed room and swimming pool.

Beach Villas

Accommodation

South Coast



Redcliffs

A magnificent four-bedroom villa set on a cliff top above Weligama Bay and designed by Sri Lanka's architecture guru, the late Geoffrey Bawa.



Pointe Sud

One of the finest villas on the island of Sri Lanka. This exquisite villa sits on a cliff top overlooking the picturesque beaches of Mirissa on the South Coast.



Aaloka Villa

Kahandamodara - Aaloka is a three-bedroom beach villa fronting a 40-metre secluded stretch of beach close to the Kalametiya Bird Sanctuary in Sri Lanka's deep south. Aaloka means 'light' in Sinhalese and the villa is bright and airy and designed to let the tropical sun and ocean breeze flow through.



Cove House

Cove House is a refurbished, old southern home which has been brought back to life by its current American owner. The three-bedroom villa and the gardens spread across two acres and have spectacular sea views from a hillock just above the village.



Mawella

Mawella consists of two separate villas located on a secluded stretch of beach near Tangalle. Two self-contained villas, Main House and Pool House, can be rented either separately or as a whole.



Talaramba Reef Villas

Talaramba Reef consists of two spacious villas set in sprawling gardens edged by turquoise seas. Talaramba is located near the gorgeous south-coast bay of Mirissa. Each villa has separate facilities including swimming pools.



Taprobane Island

Taprobane Island is not just an iconic Sri Lanka photograph – it is also an island paradise. This famous octagonal villa occupies a tiny rocky island in Weligama Bay, about 200m from shore. Built in the 1920s by the eccentric Count de Mauny, its sense of history, elegant colonial furnishings and stunning swimming pool transport you back in time.



Lansiya

Situated two miles west of Tangalle, on a palm-strewn hillside which runs down to the beautiful and largely deserted beach of Sugar Bay.

Beach Villas

Accommodation



West Coast



Sri Villas

This property has three elegant two-storey villas, based on a traditional Sri Lankan home with high vaulted ceilings, tall louvers doors and windows shading large open spaces.



Saffron & Blue

This exquisite four-bedroom 'Tropical Modern' beach villa, which took five years to complete, will appeal most to those that like modern minimalism, clean lines, and refined luxury.

North West Coast



Apsara

A modern three-bedroom holiday villa with a scenic river frontage inland in Bentota. A 10-minute boat ride takes you to the sandy beaches of Bentota. Ideal for those seeking a peaceful riverside setting.



Khomba House

A well designed beach villa fronting a secluded stretch of beach in Alankuda. The house is furnished with Dutch-period antiques and colourful soft furnishings. Dolphin spotting off the coast of Alankuda is utterly rewarding during the season from December to April.

Adventurous Sri Lanka

Itineraries



Adventurous Sri Lanka is an exciting journey through Sri Lanka's wonderful landscapes and will satisfy those wanting something more active than just a beach holiday. Trek through mountainous villages, cycle past ancient ruins, camp in the wilderness, climb a sacred mountain at night, raft down the white water rapids of the Kelani River and challenge the waves of the Indian ocean.



Day 1 & 2 : KALPITIYA

Arrive. Transfer directly to the fishing village of Alankuda. Take in the sun and surf. Go Kitesurfing, scuba diving, and dolphin spotting off the coast of Kalpitiya. Stay at Dolphin Beach with comfortable accommodation in tented chalets.

Day 3 & 4 : CULTURAL TRIANGLE

Cycle around the UNESCO world heritage sites of Polonnaruwa, clamber up Sigiriya rock and visit Dambulla cave temple. Consider a safari at Minneriya or an elephant safari at Habarana. Stay at Chaya Village in Habarana.

Day 5 & 6 : KNUCKLES CONSERVATION RANGE

Journey to the Knuckles Mountains where you will spend two nights at Sir John's bungalow - a guesthouse situated about 1,000 metres above sea level. Trek through dense forests, along rivers and waterfalls, and visit some of the small rural village communities.

Day 7 & 8 : ADAM'S PEAK

Take one of the world's great train journeys into the highlands. Then follow in the pilgrim's footsteps with an all-night climb up Adam's Peak in search of a mystical sunrise. Upper Glencairn, a colonial period guesthouse set on an extensive tea plantation in Dickoya.

Day 9 : KITULGALA

Head to Kitulgala famous for white water rafting. Stay overnight at the Borderlands camp overlooking the Kelani River. Go rafting, canyoning or hiking in the surrounding wilderness.

Day 10 : UDA WALAWE NATIONAL PARK

Travel to Uda Walawe to seek elephants, leopards, buffalo and crocodiles. Master Campers provide a memorable night under the stars.

Day 11, 12 & 13 : GALLE COAST

Head south to Ahangama for your final three nights stay at Easy Beach, a laidback beachside guesthouse set on a secluded, palm fringed beach. Go surfing, stilt fishing, dolphin and whale watching off Dondra. Explore Galle's 17C Dutch Fort. Head to the airport directly from Galle.



Bawa Gems

Itineraries



Few countries can point to such an influential figure in the development of a stylish and successful tourist sector than can Sri Lanka with Geoffrey Bawa. Even now after his death his traditions are revered and provide further inspiration. This specialist holiday has been put together to enable those interested in architectural design to experience the works of Bawa, as well as this island's ancient architectural heritage and natural landscapes that influenced his creations.



Day 1 : NEGOMBO

Arrive. Transfer to the Wallawwa, a classy, colonial-style boutique hotel, and unwind after your flight.

Day 2 & 3 : DAMBULLA

From Heritance Kandalama, conceived by Bawa as an austere jungle palace, explore the temples of Polonnaruwa and Yapahuwa, the rocks of Sigiriya and Mihantale, and Dambulla's caves.

Day 4 & 5 : KANDY

Play Victoria golf club and visit the Temple of the Tooth. Catch the religious services (pooja) - with traditional Kandyan drumming. Stay at Kandy House.

Day 6 & 7 : HILL COUNTRY

Travel into tea-growing highlands and stay at a bungalow in the acclaimed Tea trails collection. Kayak and mountain bike around the reservoirs of Castereagh and Maskeliya. Trek Adam's Peak.

Day 8 & 9 : TANGALLE

Head to the secluded south-coast beaches of Tangalle for Bawa's swansong – The Last House. Take a day's excursion perhaps, on a Yala wildlife safari.

Day 10 , 11 & 12 : GALLE

Enjoy more Bawa-inspired accommodation – The Lighthouse – on the edge of the fortified town of Galle. Visit the beaches, watch cricket and explore the famed Galle Fort.

Day 13 & 14 : BENTOTA

Stay at Lunuganga - originally an old rubber plantation that Bawa single-handedly transformed over 50 years into his garden idyll.

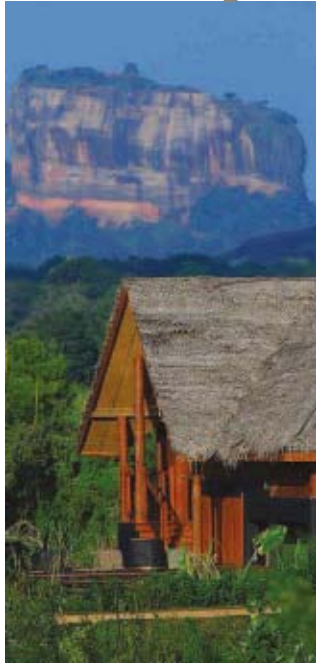
Day 15 : COLOMBO

Tintagel is your final stay in Colombo, an imposing boutique hotel conceived by Shanth Fernando, owner of the Gallery café restaurant where Bawa disciples flock. Also consider a look at Sri Lanka's parliament building in Kotte.



Boutique Ceylon

Itineraries



Boutique Ceylon is a classic but leisurely journey around the most interesting and beautiful parts of the island. Experience the ancient heritage of the cultural triangle, the tea plantations and misty mountains of the southern highlands, and finally the glorious beaches of the south coast. We have selected stylish accommodation including lifestyle boutique hotels, colonial bungalows, and a beachside villa – all of which will make this a truly unforgettable holiday.



Day 1 & 2 : ARRIVAL

The quality of your accommodation is immediately apparent. The Wallawwa might be an 'airport hotel' in that it is close to the airport, but this converted manor house has immediately been hailed for its refinement and tranquility.

Day 3,4 & 5 : CULTURAL TRIANGLE

Discover the fascinating ruins of Anuradhapura - Sri Lanka's first capital and the greatest monastic city of the ancient world. Stay at Ulagalla Resort set amidst 58 acres of lush woodland, paddy fields and the Ulagalla reservoir.

Day 6 & 7 : KANDY

The Kandy House is a brilliant small boutique hotel capable of offering stylish and private accommodation, personal service, and delicious food - all in a stunning natural setting. It is a tasteful base for a look around Kandy. Play Victoria golf club and visit the Temple of the Tooth.

Day 8 & 9 : HILL COUNTRY

Travel into the southern highlands and stay at a bungalow in the acclaimed Tea trails collection. Though the quality service may remove your ambitions to move further afield, you could kayak and mountain bike around the reservoirs of Castlereagh and Maskeliya.

Day 10, 11 & 12 : SOUTH COAST

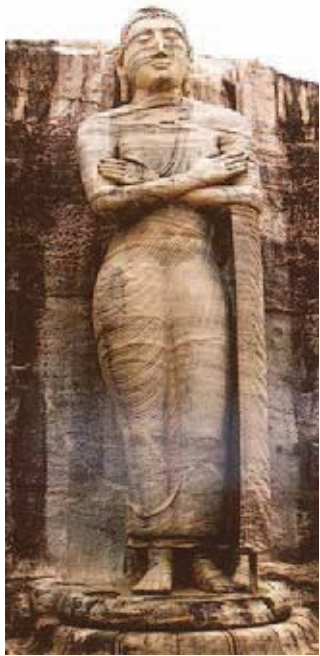
Leave the cool highlands and twist your way down to the Deep South to Tangalle. Road travel can be a long and tiring. You have the option of hopping on board a helicopter directly from the Tea Trails to Tangalle. Stay at the Last House, an exquisite boutique hotel fronting Tangalle Bay.

Day 13 & 14 : GALLE COAST

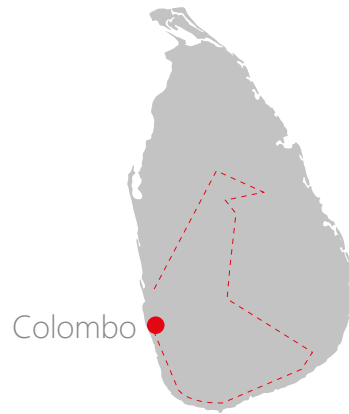
Stay your final two nights at the Galle Fort hotel set within Galle's 17C Dutch Fort. Explore this historic walled city and enjoy the turquoise seas off the Galle Coast. Head directly to the airport from Galle.



Buddhism & Ancient Kingdoms



Buddhism was introduced to Sri Lanka in the 3rd century B.C. and continues to play a central role in the lives of the majority of Sri Lankans. This journey gives you an insight into the Buddhist heritage and ruined ancient kingdoms of this island. This holiday concludes with four nights in an Ayurveda hotel for mind and body wellness through ayurveda, yoga and meditation.



Day 1 : NORTH WEST

Transfer directly to Horathapola Estate, a tranquil colonial-style plantation bungalow set amidst a fruit and spice estate located just 45 minutes north of the international airport. Relax and unwind here after your long flight.

Day 2 & 3 : ANURADHAPURA

Head to Anuradhapura Sri Lanka's first capital, which was the greatest monastic city of the ancient world and which was ruled from the 4th century BC to 11th century AD by more than 100 Sri Lankan kings. En route you will visit the ruins of Yapahuwa, a 13C temple and palace built on a rock. Stay at Water's Edge Tisawewa overlooking a tranquil lake.

Day 4 & 5 : SIGIRIYA

Explore the ruins of Polonnaruwa - the famous medieval capital, the Dambulla cave temple and the magnificent Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Stay two nights at Sigiriya Village situated just minutes from the rock fortress.

Day 6 & 7 : KANDY

Head to Kandy in the central hills. Visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth and travel another 45 mnts to the Samadhi Centre, a tranquil holiday retreat set amidst 20 acres of wilderness edged by a river. Explore your peaceful surroundings, go bird watching, do yoga or meditate under the shade of a tropical tree.

Day 8 & 9 : SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Journey to the southern highlands, a stirring land of lush tea plantations, majestic peaks and rushing waterfalls. At Haputale, Kelbourne Mountain View Cottages have timeless appeal.

Day 10 & 11 : TISSA & KATARAGAMA

Head south east to Tissa, the ancient capital of the Ruhunu Kingdom which is dominated by lakes and gigantic semi-circle shaped Buddhist temples. Visit the jungle shrine of Kataragama. Stay at the Priyankara Hotel.

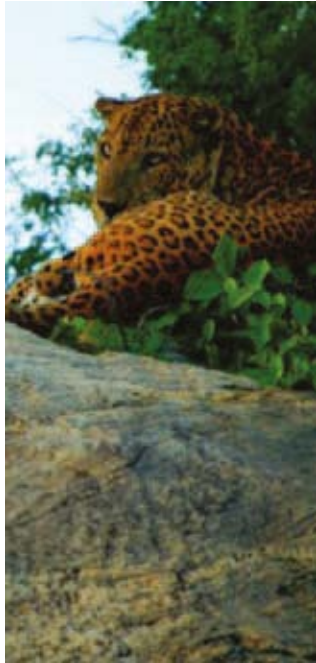
Day 12, 13, 14 & 15 : WEST COAST

Travel on to Beruwala on the south west coast for an experience of Ayurvedic wellness at the Muthumuni Ayurveda Beach Resort. Immerse in holistic wellness through the ancient healing wisdom of Ayurveda, Yoga and meditation. Head to the airport directly from Beruwala.



Classic Island Tour

Itineraries



The Classic Island Tour includes the best that Sri Lanka can offer - ancient cities, tea-growing hills, wildlife parks and Indian Ocean beaches and the finest hotels. This tour does not lock you into large group on a pre-arranged coach tour. You can explore the island at your own pace, in a car or minivan, with your personal driver-cum-guide.



Day 1 : ARRIVAL

Arrive. Transfer to the Wallawwa, a boutique villa housed in a refurbished colonial bungalow just 15 minutes from the international airport. Relax and unwind after your flight.

Day 2, 3 & 4 : CULTURAL TRIANGLE

Wander the famous heritage sites of Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya and Dambulla. Consider a safari at Minneriya or an elephant safari at Habarana. Stay in the acclaimed Jetwing Vil Uyana.

Day 5 & 6 : KANDY

Switch to the lakeside hill country capital of Kandy, where the tooth relic of the Buddha has pride of place in the Temple of the Tooth. Stay at Ellerton, a plantation bungalow on the outskirts of Kandy.

Day 7 & 8 : HILL COUNTRY

Nowhere in the Sri Lankan highlands is more acclaimed than Tea Trails, a collection of tea planters' bungalows offering sumptuous standards. If you can bear to depart from this blissful setting, trek, kayak and go cycling around the reservoirs of Castlereagh and Maskeliya.

Day 9 & 10 : YALA NATIONAL PARK

Explore the jungle of Yala in search of elephants and the elusive leopard. En route visit the tallest rock-cut Buddha statue at Buduruvagala. Stay at Chaaya Wild bordering the national park.

Day 11, 12, 13 & 14 : GALLE COAST

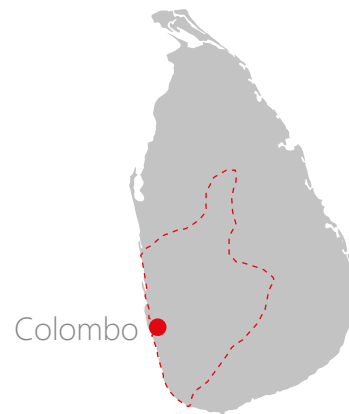
Experience the beautiful southern beaches and scattering of fishing villages from your boutique-hotel base at the Fortress. Head to the airport directly from Galle.



Children's Southern Explorer



The Children's Southern Explorer is a memorable experience of Sri Lanka's spectacular southern beaches, fascinating elephants and marine turtles, and the ancient cultural heritage. This tour is recommended for families with young children who will enjoy fun-filled activities within a safe and friendly environment. We have designed an easy-paced holiday that allows families to experience real Sri Lanka and stay in high-quality accommodation with character. Quirker or boutique-style accommodation is available on request.



Day 1 & 2 : NEGOMBO

Arrive and transfer to Jetwing Beach in the nearby beach resort of Negombo where you can relax after the flight in the quickest possible time.

Day 3 & 4 : CULTURAL TRIANGLE

Travel to the Cultural Triangle via the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, a remarkable project that protects the island's abandoned or orphaned wild elephants. Continue on to Habarana and stay at Chaaya Village. Consider an elephant back safari in Habarana.

Day 6 & 7 : KANDY

Head to Kandy and stop by at the ancient Temple of the Tooth where a tooth relic of Lord Buddha is enshrined. Continue on to the magnificent Victoria Golf and Country Resort. Check into the Victoria Golf Chalets surrounded by the Kandyan Hills, Victoria Reservoir and overlooking the golf course. While the adults enjoy a round of golf, children have a swim or go horse back riding.

Day 8 : KITULGALA

Journey to the western foothills of the central highlands for your overnight stay at the Borderlands riverside camp in Kitulgala. Rise to the sound of bird call and the gushing waters of the mighty Kelani; go white water rafting or canoeing.

Day 9,10,11,12 & 13 : BENTOTA

Avani Bentota is a long-standing family favourite. The west-coast beaches are at their best here and water sports abound. Visit the Kosgoda Turtle Conservation Project, and travel south to explore the famous Galle Fort. Head to the airport directly from Bentota.



Elephant Pilgrimage

Itineraries



'Elephant Pilgrimage' has been designed for nature-loving families. The Asian elephant has been an important part of Sri Lanka's culture and ecology for thousands of years. This fascinating animal provides the central focus of this holiday, but there is plenty more packed in besides including exploration of the island's rich history and the palm-fringed south coast.



Day 1 : AIRPORT

Arrive. Transfer to the Wallawwa - a boutique villa housed in a refurbished colonial bungalow situated just 15 minutes from the airport. Relax and unwind after your flight, preparing yourself for the adventure ahead.

Day 2, 3 & 4 : CULTURAL TRIANGLE

Head to the Cultural Triangle via the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, a remarkable project that protects the island's abandoned or orphaned wild elephants. Explore the jungles of Minneriya National Park where large herds of wild elephants roam free. Stay at Cinnamon Lodge in Habarana.

Day 5 & 6 : KANDY

Rise early and head to Kandy in the central hills. En route, do an early morning climb to the summit of the Sigiriya Rock Fortress; spot dry zone birds in the Sigiriya sanctuary, and visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth in Kandy. Continue on to Kotmale for a two nights stay at Mas Villa overlooking the scenic Kotmale reservoir.

Day 7 & 8 : UDA WALAWE NATIONAL PARK

Travel to Uda Walawe to seek elephants, buffalo and crocodiles. Master Campers will provide a memorable night under the stars.

Day 9 & 10 : YALA NATIONAL PARK

Explore the jungle of Yala in search of elephants, sloth bear and the elusive leopard. Stay at Chaaya Wild bordering the jungles of Yala.

Day 11, 12 & 13 : SOUTH COAST

Journey along the south coast to Number One Mirissa fronting the picturesque Mirissa Bay. Bask in the sun. Observe the endangered marine turtles of Rakuwa. Go whale and dolphin spotting off the coast of Mirissa.

Day 14 : COLOMBO

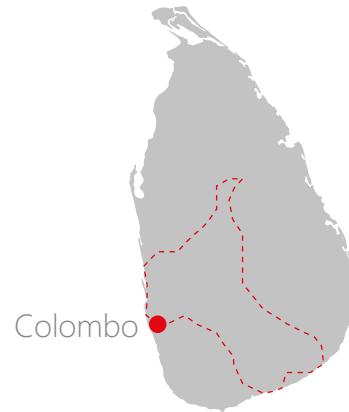
Head to the Mount Lavinia hotel set in the suburbs of Colombo for your final nights stay. Rest by the beachside before your flight back home.



Luxurious Wildlife Retreat



The Luxurious Wildlife Retreat allows you to experience Sri Lanka's beautiful wilderness and provides ample opportunities for rest and rejuvenation in luxurious and inspirational accommodation. This holiday steers away from the well-trodden tourist trail to allow you to see Sri Lanka at its best.



Day 1 & 2 : ARRIVAL

On arrival, transfer directly to the luxurious Wallawwa, a boutique hotel set within a refurbished manor house and just 15 minutes from the airport. This is an ideal haven for acclimatising to Sri Lanka's tropical climes.

Day 3, 4 & 5 : CULTURAL TRIANGLE

Wander the famous heritage sites of Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya and Dambulla. Go on a jeep safari into Minneriya National Park. Stay in the acclaimed Jetwing Vil Uyana, an up market eco hotel with a sprawling natural setting.

Day 6 & 7 : HILL COUNTRY

Journey to the central highlands – a stirring land of tea covered hills, majestic peaks and rushing waterfalls. Explore Horton Plains National Park, more than 7,000 feet above sea level and home to numerous birds and other fauna and flora. Stay at Warwick Gardens, a colonial-style home, in Ambewala.

Day 8 & 9 : UDA WALAWE NATIONAL PARK

Travel to Uda Walawe to seek elephants, buffalo and crocodiles. Stay at Kalu's Hideaway just minutes away from the park entrance.

Day 10 & 11 : YALA NATIONAL PARK

Explore the jungle of Yala in search of elephants, sloth bear and the elusive leopard. Stay at Leopard Trails – an adventurous camping experience surrounded by nature.

Day 12 & 13 : SINHARAJA RAINFOREST

Journey along the southern coast up to Galle and travel inland to Deniyaya situated about 3,500 ft above sea level. Stay at the Rainforest Eco Lodge bordering the Sinharaja Rainforest renowned as a hotspot for birdlife.

Day 14, 15 & 16 : GALLE COAST

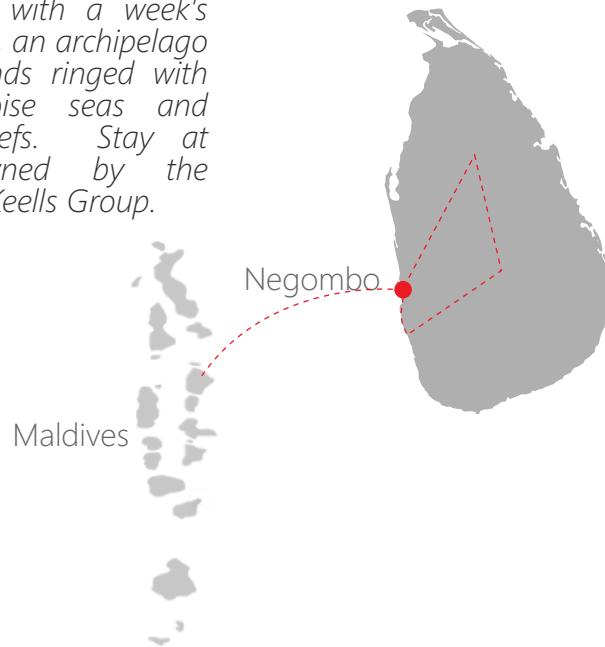
Journey further south to Galle and check into Kahanda Kanda, a luxurious boutique hotel set on a tea estate, located about 15 minutes inland. Swimming, surfing and snorkelling is possible in Unawatuna and Mirissa. Go whale and dolphin spotting off the coast of Mirissa. Explore Galle's 17C Dutch Fort. Head to the airport directly from Galle.

Itineraries

Chaaya Sri Lanka & Maldives



Chaaya Sri Lanka and Maldives is an experience of Sri Lanka's ancient cultural heritage and beautiful landscapes combined with a week's escape to the Maldives, an archipelago of small tropical islands ringed with white sands, turquoise seas and magnificent coral reefs. Stay at Chaaya hotels owned by the highly-regarded John Keells Group.



Day 1, 2 & 3 : CULTURAL TRIANGLE

Transfer directly to Habarana in the heart of the cultural triangle. Check-in to Chaaya Village, set amidst tropical gardens and nature right at your doorstep. Explore Polonnaruwa's ancient ruins, Dambulla's cave temple and climb up to the magnificent Sigiriya Rock Fortress - all UNESCO protected World Heritage Sites. Consider an elephant safari where you are taken on elephant back along a jungle path and across shallow rivers.

Day 4 & 5 : KANDY

Visit the Temple of the Tooth where a sacred tooth relic of the Lord Buddha is enshrined since 4C AD. The temple has decorative walls, a golden roof and fine woodwork. A religious pooja accompanied with traditional Kandyan music and drumming is an interesting experience.

Day 6 : COLOMBO

Spend your final night in Sri Lanka at Colombo's Cinnamon Grand, a luxurious city hotel owned by John Keells. Do some quick shopping at the adjoining Crescat mall, Paradise Road, Barefoot or ODEL. End the evening with a candlelit dinner at one of many good restaurants at Cinnamon. Transfer to the airport for your onward flight to the Maldives.

Day 7 - 13 : MALDIVES

Enjoy the white sands and turquoise waters surrounding Chaaya Island Dhonveli in the Maldives. Bask in the sun, go snorkelling, scuba diving windsurfing or island hopping. Dine under the stars or in the privacy of your own romantic beach villa. Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.



Package Price Includes:

- 13 night's accommodation on double-sharing BB basis.
- Maldivian speedboat transfers to Chaaya Maldives.
- A/c car and English-speaking driver for Sri Lanka tour and transfers.
- Entrance tickets to: Sigiriya rock fortress, Dambulla's cave temples, Kandy's Temple of the Tooth.

High Peak (Double) : US\$ 00

Peak (Double) : US\$ 00

Offpeak (Double) : US\$ 00

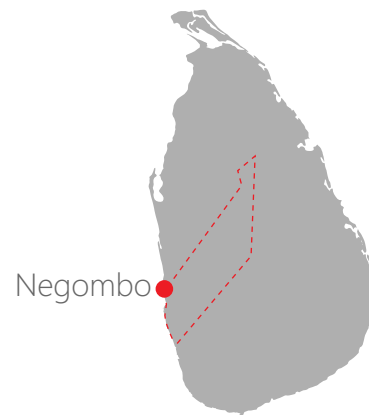
From US\$ 00

Taste of Paradise

Itineraries



This short break really does give you a taste of a tropical paradise. Explore ruins of ancient cities, wind through tea-laden hills and see wild elephants roaming free in the jungles.



Day 1 & 2 : CULTURAL TRIANGLE

Wander the famous heritage sites of Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya and Dambulla. Consider a jeep safari at Minneriya National Park or an elephant back safari at Habarana. Stay in Heritence Kandalama, conceived as a jungle palace.

Day 3 & 4 : KANDY

Travel to the tea country and have a charming stay at Lavender House, a refurbished colonial-period planters' bungalow on a working tea plantation. Relax by the poolside or stroll and cycle through the villages.

Day 5 : COLOMBO

A quick look at Colombo. Relax at Galle Face Regency, old colonial by the Indian Ocean. Transfer to the airport to catch your return flight home.



Package Price Includes:

- 5 night's accommodation on twin-sharing basis
- Breakfast at all hotels
- Air-conditioned car and English-speaking driver for tour and transfers
- Entrance fees: Sigiriya rock fortress, Dambulla cave temple, Temple of the Tooth

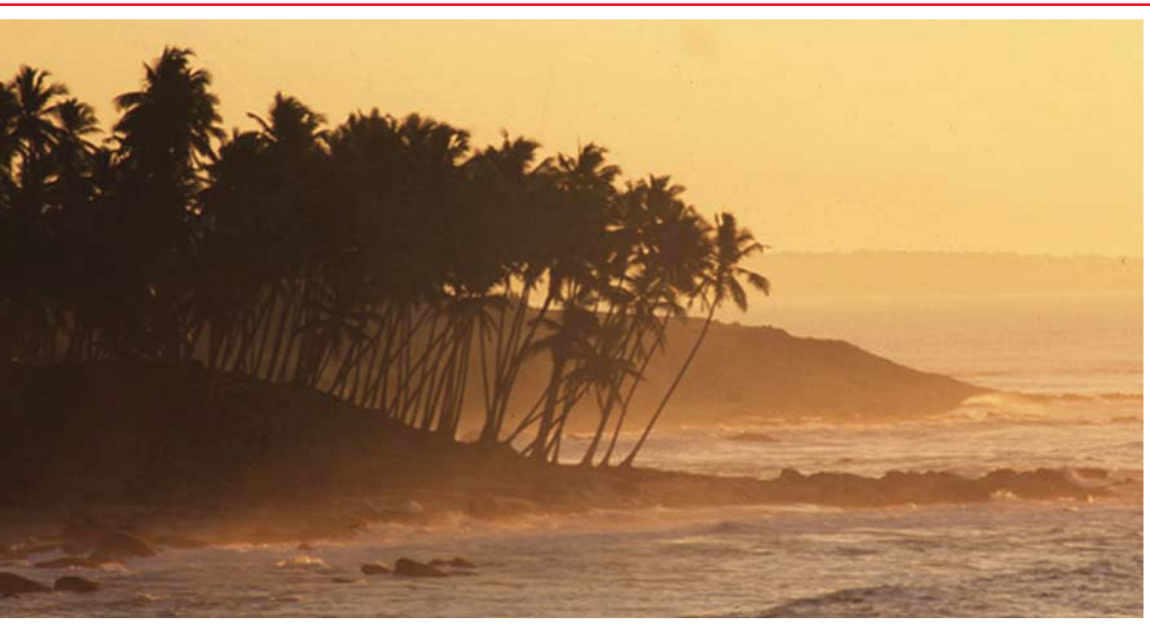
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Peak (Double) : US\$: 661.00

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