Villa Shala

Region: Sri Lanka **Sleeps:** 18

Overview

Recognised by The Times as one of the world's top ten villas, Villa Shala is a breathtaking beachfront retreat on Sri Lanka's southern coast. Just steps from the Indian Ocean, this elegant home welcomes up to eighteen guests, making it ideal for large families or groups of friends. Surrounded by lush tropical gardens of palms and vibrant blooms, the villa blends artisanal craftsmanship with colonial charm, featuring antique furnishings, original artwork, and open spaces designed for relaxation. A dedicated team, including a skilled local chef, ensures every stay is effortless and personalised, from daily meals to curated experiences.

Inside, the main villa spans two floors with inviting lounges, a children's TV room, and a private cinema. Six beautifully appointed bedrooms open to verandas or terraces, while the secluded Garden Room offers a romantic escape amid the greenery. Outside, a vast landscaped garden frames a sparkling pool, hammocks, and even a 20-metre water slide, perfect for both fun and tranquillity. Guests can dine alfresco, enjoy yoga sessions, or simply unwind in total privacy with 24-hour security. Just beyond the garden gate lies a pristine sandy beach, with Hiriketiya Bay and local temples, villages, and markets all within easy reach. Blending refined comfort with the natural splendour of Sri Lanka, Villa Shala offers a one-of-a-kind island experience where every moment feels extraordinary.

Facilities

Weddings • Surfing • Villa • Boat Trips • Historical Sites • Ideal for Kids • Air-Con • Private Pool • Maid Service Available • Special Offer • Has Offer • Has Discount • Wow Factor • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Included • Beach Nearby • Beachfront • Wheelchair Access • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Seaview • Rural Location • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • DVD • Microwave • Safety Deposit Box • Smart TV • Home Cinema • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Cooking Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Security guard • Laundry Service • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds

1. The 14-person capacity includes 5 bedrooms in the main villa only. The Garden Cottage will be closed.
2. The 18-person capacity includes 7 bedrooms across the main villa and the Garden Cottage.

Main Villa (511m2)

Ground Floor
- Entrance hall with feature staircase
- Living room with day beds, sofas, armchairs and desk
- Breakfast room with table seating 14
- Fully fitted kitchen for the use of staff
- Cinema room with projector and surround sound (can become a bedroom)
- Kids TV room
- Bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Guest WC

First Floor
- Master Suite with veranda access, king-sized bed and access to bathroom with bath, shower, double sink and WC
- Bedroom adjoining to master suite with twin beds and shares the ensuite bathroom
- 2 x Bedrooms with veranda access, king-sized beds and en-suite bathrooms with shower, double sink and WC
- Bedroom with balcony, king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, double-sink and WC
- Bunk room with twin double beds and 4 single beds and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Garden Cottage (21m2)
- Bedroom with king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bathroom for the pool
- Toy storage for pool

Exterior Grounds
- Private swimming pool with sloping access (137m2, max depth: 1.5m)
- Slide pool with 20m water slide
- Fenced garden with beach access and views of the Indian Ocean
- Large lawned spaces with palm trees
- Covered veranda with dining table seating 20 guests
- Yoga space
- Cricket pitch
- Cricket umpires hut
- Pool side sun loungers and parasols
- Rattan sofas
- Hammocks
- Barbecue
- Pool toys
- Outdoor toys
- Parking (2 spaces)

Additional Facilities
- Wi-Fi connection

- Air conditioning (in bedrooms only)
- TVs with Apple TV
- Film projector
- Sound system
- Iron and ironing board
- UK plug sockets
- Ping pong tabl
- Board games
- Children's toys
- Hairdryers

Location & Local Information

Sri Lanka's Southern Province is a vibrant blend of natural beauty, culture, and adventure—and Villa Shala is perfectly positioned to enjoy it all. Whether you're dreaming of long, lazy beach days or cultural explorations, this coastal retreat provides the ideal base. Within the villa's serene grounds, guests can spend their days swimming in the pool, practising yoga, playing cricket on the lawn, or watching a film in the private cinema. Surrounded by lush gardens and cared for by a dedicated staff, Villa Shala offers effortless comfort and endless ways to unwind with loved ones.

Just steps from the villa, the golden sands of the Indian Ocean await, with Hiriketiya Bay, a white-sand, horseshoe-shaped haven for surfers and sunbathers, only 5km away. For a glimpse of authentic Sri Lankan life, visit nearby Matara, where markets, temples, and the historic Star Fort showcase the region's charm. A little farther lies the city of Galle, famed for its UNESCO-listed fort, cobbled streets, and colonial heritage. Whether wandering through ancient temples, exploring tea plantations, or cruising on a safari, Villa Shala's location makes every adventure within easy reach, balancing relaxation, discovery, and the timeless magic of Sri Lanka.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bandaranaike International Airport (196km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Bambaranda (2km)**
Nearest Village	**Maaliyadda (1km)**
Nearest Town	**Dikwella (5km)**
Nearest City	**Matara (17km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Dikwella (3km)**
Nearest Beach	**(On-site)**

What we love

- This beautiful sea-front home has been lovingly designed to accommodate larger groups and families of up to eighteen guests.
- While staying at Villa Shala, you can simply relax as the fantastic team of staff are on hand to help with everything you need and to prepare exquisite dishes for your meals.
- Outdoors, you have a lush, green garden which overlooks the Indian Ocean. The incredible pool takes centre stage here and there is even a water slide for the kids.
- Within 5km of the home, you can visit local villages, some of the best beaches on the island and an ornate Buddhist Temple.

What you should know...

- The house is staffed by a helpful team, including security, an acclaimed chef and six additional catering staff.
- While the staff and chef are included in your booking, the cost of meals will be charged separately based on your menu choices. This is to be paid before arrival.
- Villa Shala sleeps 18 guests across 7 bedrooms, one bedroom is located in the separate garden cottage. Please note one twin bedroom and the bunk bed bedroom in the main villa are recommended for children. Please see the 'Features tab' for more information.
- One of the bedrooms is set within a separate garden cottage, offering peace and privacy the occupants.
- Please note when booking for the lower 14-person capacity, the garden cottage will be closed and not accessible.
- To see more of the Southern Province of Sri Lanka, you should hire a car or book transportation through the villa owners, there is plenty to see and do within a short drive of the home.
- Please note air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** A deposit equivalent to the price for 1 night is paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 2.30 p.m - 8.00 p.m. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.

- **Departure time:** 11.00 a.m. Check-out outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in rental price.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in rental price.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement may apply (payable locally).

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- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 3 - 7 nights, depending of season. All other duration on request.

- **Tax:** Visitors Tax is included.

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes, included in rental price.

- **Pool opening dates?:** Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.

- **Stag & Hen Do Allowed? :** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.