

Seaside Sanctuary

Region: Sri Lanka **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

Nestled on the shores of a sandy beach which is backed by tropical vegetation yet is just 10km away from the hustle and bustle of the historic city of Galle and its famous fort, Seaside Sanctuary is a beautiful place to stay for those wishing to explore all sides of Sri Lanka's Southern Province.

Seaside Sanctuary is a newly built home. However, looking at it, you would not know this due to the love and care taken to incorporate traditional Sri Lankan design and aspects of Dutch colonial architecture. Throughout the house, you will see hand-made tiles, custom-built teak furniture, and antique pieces that work harmoniously together to create a space brimming with modern luxury.

The home has plenty of room to accommodate up to eight guests over two floors, making it an ideal choice for friends or a family exploring the island. After passing through the lush green garden, you enter the home through the stunning façade, which resembles an old Dutch church. The living spaces are on the ground floor, while the bedrooms are on the first floor, offering panoramic views of the Indian Ocean.

The living spaces here are bright and airy, with large windows and doors opening onto the garden and gorgeous furnishings, including comfy sofas and a long dining table. A smaller TV lounge awaits those looking to relax and watch a film or flick through the library of books which line the walls. There is even a games room equipped with a pool table so you can play a few rounds of pool in the evenings. Also, on this floor, you will find a well-equipped kitchen, the domain of the home's brilliant chef, who can create many dishes, from breakfasts to Sri Lankan feasts.

Upstairs are four large bedrooms, each with access to a terrace that lines the whole building and overlooks the ocean below. The bedrooms are all the perfect place for a restful night's sleep as you can listen to the sounds of the crashing waves as you doze off on the comfortable beds. There is a master bedroom with a seating area and a feature bath in the en-suite bathroom, as well as three spacious double rooms with en-suites offering walk-in showers.

Enveloping the home is a vast, lawned garden which leads directly to a breathtaking sandy beach, which you will often have to yourselves. The garden is a lovely place to spend lazy afternoons lounging in the sun and swimming in the private pool as you gaze out to sea. Outside is a large, covered dining terrace with an outdoor kitchen area for dining outdoors on a balmy evening.

When you wish to explore some islands, there is plenty to see and do within easy reach of the villa. Just a stone's throw away from the house, there are beaches, a turtle hatchery and a selection of restaurants. Plus, within 10km, you have the amenities and attractions of the city of Galle, including the incredible Galle Fort historic area and the lighthouse.



Further afield, you can also take day trips to tea plantations or to one of the protected national parks for a safari, where you will see some of the island's animals, such as the Asian elephants.

Facilities

Indoor Games • Weddings • Villa • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Wow Factor • Walk to Village • Cots (Cribs) • DVD • Walk to Beach • Seafront • Beach Nearby • Air-Con • Wi-Fi/Internet • Maid Service Available • Chef/Cook Included • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Yoga Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Transfers Available • Catering Available • Board games • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Children's videos/DVDs • Children's books • Private Pool • Laundry Service • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Washing Machine • Microwave • Safety Deposit Box • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Satellite TV • TV • Pool/Snooker • Ceiling Fans • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Seaview • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Surfing • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (645m2)

Ground Floor

- Large open-plan living space with garden access, sofas and dining table seating 10
- Sitting room with sofas, TV and bookshelves
- Fully-fitted kitchen with breakfast bar, double oven, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, toaster, blender and kettle
- Games room with pool table
- Guest WC

First Floor

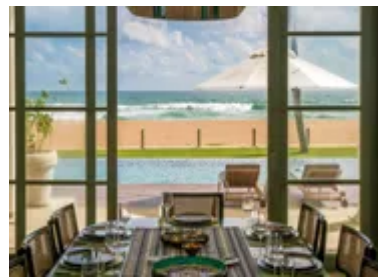
- Master bedroom with balcony, king-sized bed, seating area, desk and en-suite bathroom with bath, shower, double sink and WC
- 3 x bedroom with balcony, king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Outside Grounds

- Private swimming pool (104m2, max depth: 1.6m)
- Large garden with lawns, palm trees and beach access
- Covered terrace with table seating 10
- Al-fresco kitchen area with barbecue
- Sun loungers and parasols
- Roof terrace
- Wraparound balcony
- Yoga Shala
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- Ceiling fans
- Satellite TV
- Pool table
- Yoga mats
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board



Location & Local Information

Seaside Sanctuary is a spacious, beachside villa which offers guests a superb base for exploring the coastline and beaches of Sri Lanka's Southern Province. Close to the villa, you can access an array of white sandy beaches and small towns. At the same time, cities packed with historic attractions are just a short drive away.

Within easy reach of the villa, there are two small towns, Boossa and Rathgama, which are less than 2km away, so many of the amenities are within walking distance. These towns are both coastal settlements, offering gorgeous beaches and a range of shops and eateries. Boossa is a laid-back place where you can hire cabanas on the beach by the day and sip drinks at local bars or grab lunch at the cafes which hug the shore. Rathgama is a slightly bigger town, with the stunning Hikkaduwa Beach at its heart. This beach is a great place to learn to surf, and as it is home to an impressive coral reef, you can also snorkel here. In town, you can also visit the ornate Shailabimbarama Maha Viharaya temple or take a tuk-tuk ride out to Rathgama lake, where you can take a scenic walk. In addition to the beaches within these two towns, guests can walk down to the end of the garden to visit a beach with incredible views, or you may prefer to drive to some of the area's most famous beaches, such as Jungle Beach which is just 15km away.

If you would like to learn more about the history of Sri Lanka and shop, why not take a day trip to the fascinating city of Galle, which is 10km away? The city is a perfect mix of old and new, with modern areas packed with shops and restaurants and the atmospheric old town. The old town lies within the walls of a historic fort, which was constructed by Portuguese settlers before being fortified later by Dutch colonisers. The beautiful architecture of the fort is a sight to behold, and inside the walls, you can see pretty, cobbled streets filled with boutique stores, ancient churches, old prisons and even a lighthouse. There is something here for everyone.

A must for any holiday to Sri Lanka is to visit a tea plantation. Tea is one of Sri Lanka's most famous exports, and growing such fine teas is an art. You can learn more by visiting one of the vast plantations, such as the Handunugoda Tea Estate, which is 34km away. The team at the estate offers free tours, and you can taste and purchase 25 varieties of tea here.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bandaranaike International Airport (145km)
Nearest Train Station	Rathgama (2km)



Nearest Town	Rathgama (2km)
Nearest City	Galle (10km)
Nearest Restaurant	Boossa (1km)
Nearest Supermarket	Rathgama (2km)
Nearest Beach	(On-site)

What we love

- Seaside Sanctuary is a recently-built two-storey home which looks out over a tropical sandy beach
- The four-bedroom house has been tastefully decorated with a combination of antique furnishings and contemporary décor to create a lovely place to stay
- Outdoors, the two-acre garden boasts a gorgeous private pool with sea views
- Guests can find a range of amenities in the small town of Boossa, which is under 2km away, or head to the historic city of Galle, which is packed with historic attractions and restaurants, 10km away

What you should know...

- The home is fully serviced and includes a fantastic private chef who will create a meal plan to suit your needs.
- 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 locally in cash - which we recommend taking out prior to your arrival.
- Due to the beachside setting, you will require a car, or you will need to hire a driver to visit nearby towns and attractions.

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
- **Departure time:** 11.00 a.m
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. 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 locally in cash - which we recommend taking out prior to your arrival.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in peak season. 3-5 nights during all other seasons.
- **Tax:** Visitors Tax is included.
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **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.