

Banana Retreat

Region: Sri Lanka **Sleeps:** 2

Overview

Nestled within the embrace of lush rice paddies, Banana Retreat is a charming haven that seamlessly blends history, comfort, and natural beauty. This Dutch colonial-style cottage, with its historic allure, offers an intimate escape perfect for couples or families with one child.

The cottage, though petite, is meticulously designed to encompass all modern amenities. From the convenience of Wi-Fi to the comfort of air-conditioning, every detail has been carefully considered. The living area, a sunlit haven adorned with decorative details and charming trinkets, exudes a warmth that transcends the typical holiday rental. Antique furnishings and plush sofas create a cosy ambiance, while the pitched roof adds an expansive touch to the space. The adjoining kitchen is equipped with everything needed for a delightful home-cooked meal. Whether dining at the breakfast bar or on the sun-soaked terrace, the options for relishing meals are as diverse as the surroundings.

The bedroom, a retreat within a retreat, is adorned with vibrant pink wallpaper and tropical-inspired bedding. A king-sized bed and a versatile daybed cater to comfort and functionality, providing a snug space for both relaxation and for a young child to sleep. The bedroom connects to a delightful bathroom adorned with blue tiles, a walk-in shower, and twin sinks.

Stepping outdoors reveals an expansive garden enveloped by tropical greenery. Mangosteen, banana and coconut trees grace the landscape, alongside sweeping lawns that invite leisurely strolls and yoga practice. The outdoor space features a dining area, outdoor armchairs, and a circular pool that promises refreshing dips accompanied by breathtaking views.

For those seeking coastal adventures, numerous beaches can be found within 5km of the house. Bonavista Beach and Jungle Beach, just a short drive away, provide opportunities for sunbathing, sea swimming, and thrilling water sports. When a day of exploration calls, the vibrant city of Galle, a mere 7km drive, offers a perfect blend of shopping, sightseeing, and cultural immersion.

Banana Retreat, with its historic charm, modern comforts, and idyllic surroundings, promises an enchanting escape for those seeking true relaxation as well as days of adventure in the heart of Sri Lanka.

Facilities

Boat Trips • Scuba Diving • Cycling • Historical Sites • Watersports • Hairdryer • Romantic • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Villa • Surfing • Private Pool • Rural Location • Great Value • Chef/Cook Available • Maid Service Included • Cooking Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available •



Transfers Available • Breakfast Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site
Concierge • Laundry Service • Microwave • Safety Deposit Box • All
Bedrooms En-Suite • Satellite TV • Parking Space • Outstanding
Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

- Living room with doors on to garden, sofas, armchairs, coffee table and desk
- Adjoining kitchen with breakfast bar, oven, hob, fridge freezer, microwave, kettle and toaster
- Bedroom with king-sized double bed, day bed (can be used for a child) and en-suite bathroom with shower, double sinks and WC

Outside Grounds

- Circular swimming pool (26sqm, depth: 2.18m)
- Terrace overlooking rice paddies
- Large garden filled with fruit trees
- Al-fresco dining table
- Outdoor seating
- Yoga space
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Ceiling fans
- Satellite TV
- Hairdryers



Location & Local Information

Hidden away in the heart of the lush jungle near Galle, Sri Lanka, the Banana Retreat offers an idyllic escape in a landscape of rice paddies and ornate Buddhist temples. This haven of serenity provides a perfect blend of natural beauty and local charm, creating a memorable holiday experience for guests.

Step outside the retreat, and a world of exploration awaits. Wander through the verdant landscapes on enchanting walks or opt for a more adventurous exploration by hiring bikes to traverse the scenic surroundings. The region is a paradise for beach lovers, with countless pristine shores waiting to be discovered. Whether you're seeking thrilling water activities like surfing, diving, and snorkelling or simply yearning for a peaceful day of sunbathing, the nearby beaches, including The Beach of Bonavista (4km) and the beloved Jungle Beach (6km), cater to all preferences.

When the desire for urban exploration arises, the historic city of Galle, just 7km away, beckons with its rich cultural tapestry. There is plenty to see and do here, you can immerse yourself in the allure of the Dutch Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, boasting cobblestone streets, colonial architecture, and a fascinating history. The iconic lighthouse stands tall, offering panoramic views of the coastline. To learn more about local history, you can delve into maritime history at the Maritime Museum, explore the city's historic clock tower, and wander through the Historical Mansion Museum, each site telling a unique tale of Galle's past.

Galle's city centre is a vibrant hub for shopping and dining. Explore countless shops offering a mix of local handmade crafts, fresh produce and souvenirs. You can also shop at the markets such as the vast Dutch Market which is over 300 years old and packed with goods. As the sun sets, the city comes alive with a myriad of bars and restaurants catering to diverse tastes. From traditional Sri Lankan delicacies to international cuisines, Galle's dining scene ensures a culinary journey worth savouring.

In essence, a holiday at Banana Retreat in the jungle area near Galle promises a harmonious blend of natural exploration, cultural enrichment, and the simple pleasures of relaxation, ensuring an unforgettable experience for every traveller.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Colombo International Airport (110km)
Nearest Train Station	Galle (7km)
Nearest City	Galle (7km)
Nearest Restaurant	(<1km)



Nearest Supermarket	Galle (7km)
Nearest Beach	4km (Beach of Bonavista)

What we love

- The garden here is brimming with mango, coconut and avocado trees, creating a lush tropical landscape
- The round pool offers incredible views over the rice paddies and banana trees
- Banana Retreat is a lovely home away from home for a couple or a small family
- This house is the perfect escape from everyday life and yet the nearest beach is just 4km away, so you are not cut off

What you should know...

- The home is ideal for a couple, though one child can be accommodated on an extra bed.
- To see more of the nearby towns and villages, a car or driver will be needed, there is secure parking on-site.

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.
- **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 not allowed. An extra bed can accommodate one small child. Please enquire for full details. A cot and highchair are available on request.
- **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.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in peak season. 3-5 nights during all other seasons.
- **Tax:** Visitors Tax is included.