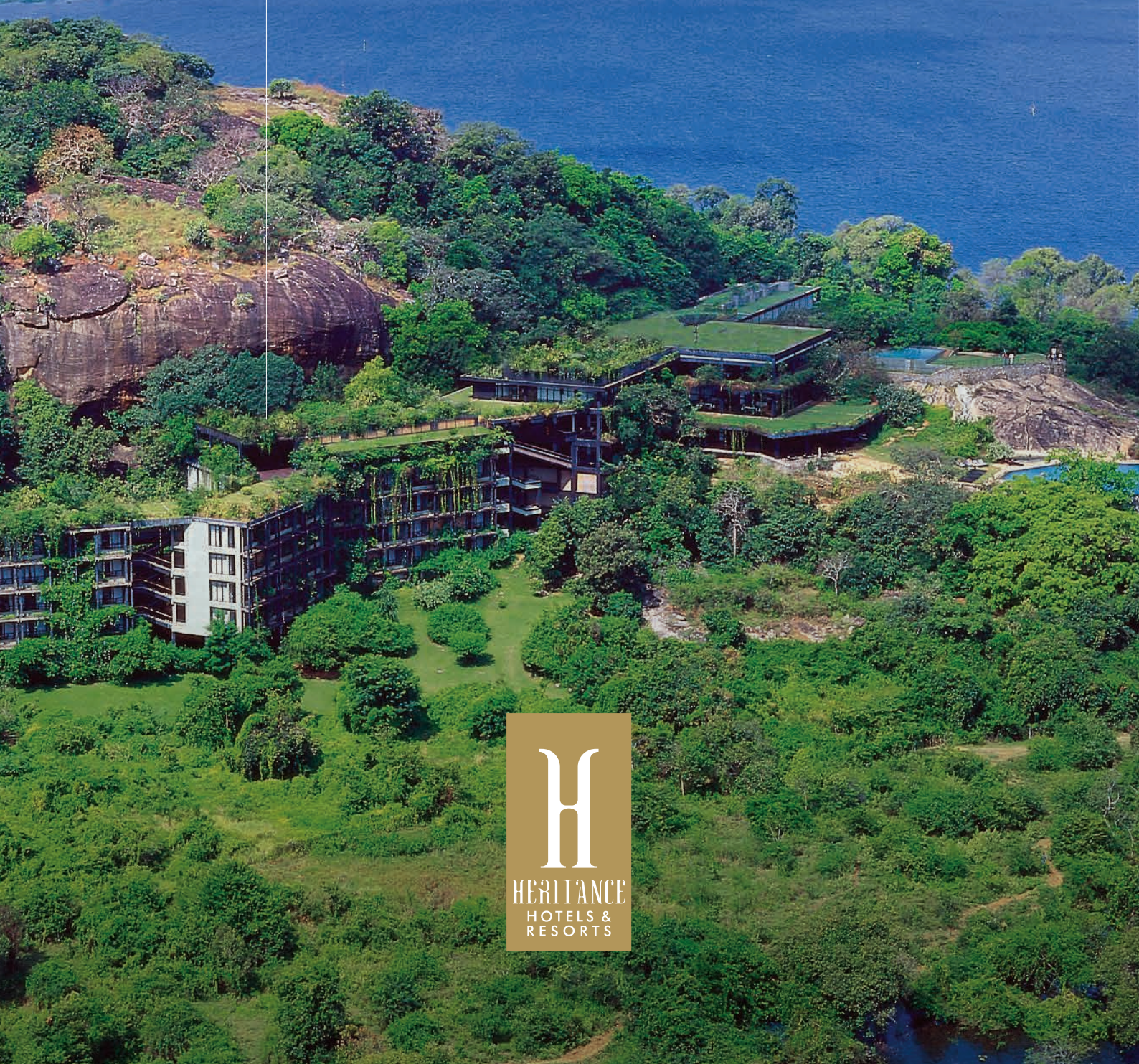


Trails of BAWA



Day 01 | Airport – Dambulla



You will be met by an Aitken Spence Travels Representative at the Bandaranaike International Airport and will be escorted to the vehicle for the transfer to Heritance Kandalama.
(Approximately 4 hours drive)

Overnight stay at Heritance Kandalama **Room category: Superior**

Heritance Kandalama: Envisioned and created by Deshamanya Geoffrey Bawa, Heritance Kandalama is an architectural wonder stretching a remarkable 1 km and is almost invisible amidst the greenery that surrounds. Promising panoramic views from wherever you stand, the hotel itself is a unique Sri Lankan tourist destination which doesn't just sit on the landscape but is naturally, a part of it. From the inception of the hotel, the theme of sustainability was ingrained into its DNA and follows international conservation practices to date. With hospitality at heart, the eco resort denotes originality in every guest's experience.

Afternoon: Witness a Sri Lankan cultural show in Habarana



Overnight stay at Heritage Kandalama
Room Category: Superior

Meals: Breakfast, Village Lunch & Bawa Dinner or Cave Dinner

Visit Sigiriya, Known as the Eighth Wonder of the World, this ancient palace and fortress complex has significant archaeological importance standing 370 meters above sea level. Used as a monastery in the 3rd Century BC, the rocky plateau of Sigiriya was developed in to a complex fortress by King Kasyapa in the 5th Century and is considered to be one of the most important urban planning sites of the first millennium, given its elaborate and imaginative design. (Approximately 20 minutes from the hotel)

OR

Visit Rangiri Dambulla Cave Temple, a sacred pilgrimage site for 22 centuries, this cave monastery, with its five sanctuaries is the largest, best-preserved cave-temple complex in Sri Lanka. The Buddhist mural paintings (covering an area of 2,100 m²) are of particular importance, as are the 157 statues. (Approximately 25 minutes from the hotel)

Evening: Return to the hotel to enjoy **a curated tour of the property**

Wind down with a Special Dinner: Delight in and partake in an extraordinary seven-course cave dinner while listening to the beautiful soft sounds of the ancient flute, or indulge in an extravagant and delectable culinary spread with our special Bawa Dinner.



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Overnight stay at Heritance Ahungalla - 02 Night

Room Category: Deluxe

After enjoying a delectable breakfast created by our Heritance Kandalama chefs, pick your own adventure!

Please choose between option 1 and 2.

Option 1:

Drive towards the vibrant capital of the island, Colombo, which is a main portal to Deshamanya Geoffrey Bawa's legacy in the island.

Colombo: Once known in the 19th century as the 'the garden city of the East', Colombo has emerged as a must-see stop in Sri Lanka. Colombo's cosmopolitan side supports ever-more stylish eateries, galleries and shops.

Later in the afternoon you will be accompanied by a curator of the Geoffrey Bawa Trust for an insightful tour of Number 11: The Geoffrey Bawa Residence which is considered a special architectural marvel and houses art and artifacts from the collection of the late architect.

Optional: Enjoy a meal at Paradise Road, The Gallery Café, previously used by Bawa as his office, it now serves as one of Colombo's best places to eat in an atmosphere full of art.

(Approximately 10 min)

Journey to the next experience and enjoy a picturesque drive to Heritance Ahungalla, prominently situated within the lively beach town of the south.

(Approximately 2 hours drive)



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Option 2:

En route to Ahungalla, visit Lunuganga Garden in Aluthgama : Upon seeing the neglected rubber land, Bawa at once knew that with some enhancement, it could be transformed as he envisioned. Much later, in the process of working on the monograph 'Lunuganga' published by Bawa with Christoph Bon and Dominic Sansoni in the late 1980s, he wrote of the effort, "When I had first seen Lunuganga I had known that with a first few clearings of trees and opening up of obvious vistas an inevitable basic pattern would emerge. It was enormously exciting, and the morning after the dramatic breaking of walls and the feel of possession the adventure began—and(sic) adventure that has lasted 40 years and the pleasure of which has never palled."

The salt water of the lake, which is actually a lagoon branching from the Bentota River, explains Bawa's name for the garden; 'lunu-ganga' or 'salt-river'.

Optional: Enjoy an al fresco meal at Boutique 87 Bentota a lovely 3-bedroom property and mini garden Bawa exclusively helped design for his friend.

After your adventurous experience, continue your drive to Heritance Ahungalla. Check-in and relax by the beach.

Evening: Enjoy **a curated tour of the property** and be guided through the most interesting corners of Heritance Ahungalla.

Bawa's open design concept is evident from the moment you driven in from the main road as the four blues meet your eye: blue of the pond, blue of the pool, blues of the ocean and the blue skies above. The first-five star beach resort in the country, **Heritance Ahungalla** is a idyllic seaside escape as it fuses site, climate and tradition to unveil a property that invites relaxation. Catering to a clientele that yearns for the infinite views of the sea, alongside superior facilities and amenities, the hotel is also well-known for their exceptional cuisine and outstanding service.

Day 04 Ahungalla – Galle



Overnight stay at Heritance Ahungalla **Room Category: Deluxe**

Meals: Breakfast

Wake up to the sound of breaking waves and treat yourself to a delicious breakfast. Enjoy a curated property tour at Heritance Ahungalla and learn about how the magic touch of Bawa has shaped the resort to what it is today.

Afternoon: Visit Heritance Ayurveda (formerly the Neptune), the first timeless resort designed by Geoffrey Bawa for Aitken Spence Hotels and built during 1973-1976. The resort is set amidst sprawling six-acre gardens scattered with swaying palms and lush tropical foliage overlooking the ocean. It is a blend of contemporary and traditional architecture, a fusion creating a tropical haven which is one with nature.

Optional: Drive to the Dutch Fort in Galle and enjoy a walking tour with a local who was born & raised in Galle. Built by the Portuguese and later fortified by the Dutch and British, the Galle Fort is a UNESCO World Heritage Site offering travelers a plethora of things to explore from a bygone era. This old, culturally harmonious town resembles a quaint European village with cobblestoned streets lined with cafes, bistros, restaurants, boutique retail outlets and more.

Optional: If you were unable to previously visit Bawa's Lunuganga Garden, it is an alternative which can be substituted with The Dutch Fort. Drive back to Heritance Ahungalla.

Day 05 Ahungalla – Airport



Enjoy a leisurely breakfast, relax at the hotel and say goodbye for now to this magical island.

Your chauffeur will safely drive you to Colombo airport for your departure
(Approximately 2 hours drive)

END OF SERVICES

RATES

Below rates are based on above mentioned itinerary & resort details

City	Hotel	Room Category	Meal Plan	No. of Nights
Kandalama	Heritage Kandalama	Suite	Bed & Breakfast	2
Ahungalla	Heritage Ahungalla	Suite	Bed & Breakfast	2

USD 2,210 for adults on double sharing basis

This rate is valid till 30 April 2024.

Inclusions

- Welcome pack on arrival
- Accommodation for 04 nights as per the above-mentioned hotels & room categories.
- Meal plan: as per the above plan. Additionally,
 - Village lunch at Dambulla
 - Bawa dinner at Heritage Kandalama
- Transportation by air-conditioned private car (sedan) as per the above itinerary (from arrival to departure).
- Services of an English-speaking Chauffeur Guide throughout the tour
- Entrance fees to the sites & activities mentioned below,
 - Sigiriya
 - Cultural dance show in Habarana
 - Number 11 Colombo House Tour with a curator from Bawa Trust
 - Lunuganga Garden Tour
- Mineral water bottles in the vehicle
- Departure gift
- Currently applicable government taxes.

Exclusions

- International or domestic flights (unless specified)
- Expenses of personal nature
- Meals on day1- USD 20
- Entrance fees to the sites not mentioned above
- Cost for optional visits
- Video and camera permits (where necessary)
- Any other services not specified above
- Online card payment fee (2.5%)/ Bank transfer charges

ATTIRE

Visitors of both genders must wear decent clothing to cover the body appropriately when visiting religious places. Shorts and sleeveless tops are not acceptable. This rule is strictly adhered to at all religious sites.

Visitors should remove hats, caps, shoes and slippers when entering buildings and sites with religious monuments.

CHECK-IN/OUT

- + Standard check-in: 14:00hrs
- + Standard checkout: 11:00hrs
- + If an early arrival is anticipated and you wish to have immediate access to your room on arrival, please inform ahead of time; as this is based on availability..
- + If a late departure is anticipated and you wish to have your room available until your departure, please inform ahead of time; as this is based on availability..

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- + We recommend that you discuss any special requirements such as adjacent or connecting rooms, types of beds, smoking/nonsmoking rooms, rooms with views and any special dietary needs with us at the preliminary stages of the booking process.



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