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A LUST LIST | 10 LUXURY SRI LANKAN HOTELS | TRAVEL ASIA

Craving a spot of winter sun? So are we. So in the spirit of giving back, we have rounded up 10 luxury Sri-Lankan hotels for you to visit, or perhaps like us- lust over.

These hotels are all Aitken Spence, who operate 21 hotels and resorts across Sri Lanka, Maldives, Oman and India. The Company's owned hotels are reflected under the Heritance, Adaaran and Turyaa brands, popular around the world for its exceptional service and undisputed product and curated lifestyle experiences.

From secluded colonial retreats in the mountains to beachfront resorts, each property owned by Aitken Spence Hotels offer guests world-class service and unique hospitality. Among others, the group's portfolio also includes urban retreats and an Ayurveda retreat, which offers traditional treatments and herbal remedies.

1.For Tea Lovers: Heritance Tea Factory

Situated in the mountainous tea picking plantations of Nuwara Eliya, the stately four-star Heritance Tea Factory is a converted tea factory and the world's only hotel of its kind. The 50-roomed hotel offers stays and meals at the highest elevation in Sri Lanka. Guests can pick their own Ceylon tea and enjoy tea infused menus and tasting sessions or take advantage of the nearby 18-hole golf course. The hotel's Misty Mountain Spa offers tea-themed rituals, as well as massage therapies and body treatments. For more information, [click here](#).



2.For The Ultimate Wellness Retreat: Heritance Ayurveda

Situated on the south coast of Sri Lanka, Heritance Ayurveda allows guests to relax, rejuvenate and detoxify with traditional, tailor-made ayurvedic treatment plans. Ayurveda is a holistic healthcare system that originated in India and is considered one of the oldest healing sciences. Along with qualified resident doctors and treatment rooms, the hotel also includes a spacious yoga and meditation hall plus 64 rooms and a spacious restaurant that overlooks the swimming pool and gardens. For more information, [click here](#).

3.For Wildlife Fans: Heritance Kandalama

The five-star Heritance Kandalama is located on the Kandalama Lake front and has 152 rooms, including a Royal Suite. Since the eco-friendly hotel has been built to blend with its rock face surroundings, visitors with a love for wildlife can marvel at monkeys that climb the hotel's balcony pillars and the resident swifts, which nest in the corners of corridors as if they were cliffs. Guests can also float in the hotel's infinity pool while gazing across at the Sigiriya Rock Fortress, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the best-preserved examples of ancient urban planning. For more information, [click here](#).

4.For Indian Ocean Excellence: Heritance Ahungalla

The luxurious 152-roomed beachfront resort of Heritance Ahungalla combines style and substance to deliver a sensational holiday experience. Located on the southern coastal line of Sri Lanka, the five-star resort includes an infinity pool overlooking the Indian Ocean, plus the on-site Diviyan Spa, two restaurants, a coffee shop, four bars and a karaoke night club. The resort is famed for its 'endless blues' since the property has been designed to serenade guests with the blues of the pond, hotel pool, sea and the sky. For more information, [click here](#).



5.For A Convenient Oceanside Retreat: Heritance Negombo

Just 40 minutes away from Sri Lanka's capital city of Colombo and 20 minutes away from Bandaranaike International Airport, is the beach resort of Heritance Negombo. A contemporary haven on the south coast of the island. All 139 of the hotel's rooms face the ocean and each includes a private balcony or terrace for relaxation. The hotel also has two restaurants and a poolside bar, plus a rooftop spa with six treatment rooms and ocean views. It also enjoys the widest beachfront among the hotels and resorts in Negombo. For more information, [click here](#).

6.For Exploring the South of Sri Lanka: Turyaa Kalutara

Sprawled across six acres of ocean-front land, the coconut-palm fringed Turyaa Kalutara features sea view rooms all complete with their own balcony overlooking the Indian Ocean. Situated in the south of the island, the hotel is nearby to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Galle Fort and includes ample dining and drinking spaces, a large pool, a spa and a gym. For more information, [click here](#).

7.For Snorkelling and Seafood: Amethyst Resort Passikudah

Nestled on the shores of one of the longest stretches of shallow coastline in the world is the 38-roomed Amethyst Resort Passikudah. Guests staying can choose to explore the untouched bay and coral reef or simply absorb the tranquillity of the turquoise waters as they relax by the shore. The resort's Taprobane Restaurant serves a wide range of seafood dishes and the two on-site bars offer a range of drinks. For more information, [click here](#).

8.For Exploring Kandy: Earl's Regency

The five-star Earl's Regency is located in the heart of the cultural capital of Kandy, which is where the sacred tooth relic of Lord Buddha is located. Encased by incredible views of mountains and the Mahaweli river that surrounds the property, the resort has 126 rooms, two restaurants and three bars, plus an Ayu Spa that offers a range of relaxing and rejuvenating treatments. For more information, [click here](#).

9.For A Peaceful Escape: Earl's Regent

Situated within the lush green surroundings of Kandy, the 87-roomed Earl's Regent showcases the essence of authentic Kandyan heritage. Providing guests with warm hospitality and luxurious creature comforts. The hotel includes a swimming pool, spa, Flavors Restaurant and Mix Bar. For more information, [click here](#).

10.For Old World Charm: Bandarawela Hotel

Travellers can experience old-world charm and a colonial take on hospitality at Bandarawela Hotel. It is situated over 1,230m above sea level and was Sri Lanka's first mountain resort. The century-old 33-roomed hotel provides guests with breath-taking views and easy access to several historic sites, such as the Demodara railway loop and the Dhowa Rock Temple. For more information, [click here](#).

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