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Culture came alive on the shores of Pasikuda as Browns Hotels and Resorts presented the Calm Culture Collective at The Calm Resort and Spa—an immersive evening that celebrated the traditions, flavors, artistry, and stories that make Sri Lanka truly unique.

Created as an experience beyond the traditional resort stay, the Calm Culture Collective invited guests to discover another side of the East Coast—one shaped not

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only by its breathtaking coastline, calm waters, and spectacular sunrises, but also by its vibrant communities, heritage, and cultural diversity.



Kandyan dance celebrates Sri Lanka's rich cultural heritage.

Bringing together resort guests, local community members, tourism partners, neighboring hotels, and distinguished invitees, the evening transformed The Calm Resort and Spa into a celebration of Sri Lanka's living heritage.

Guests were taken on a journey through Sri Lanka's diverse cultural traditions, with each performance introduced through insights into its origins, history, and cultural significance, allowing audiences to better understand the heritage and stories behind every art form.

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Grace, rhythm, and vibrant tradition come together.

The evening featured a captivating showcase of Sri Lanka's traditional and cultural performances, including the elegance and grandeur of Kandyan Dance, the vibrant rhythms of Thelme (Low Country Dance), the expressive beauty of Bharatha Natyam, the graceful Mayura (Peacock) Dance, the Portuguese-influenced Kapiyigna, the colorful Salu Paliya, and the dramatic Mask and Pandam Paaliya rooted in Sri Lanka's ancient ritual traditions.



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Guests experience Sri Lanka's living heritage through culture, community, and hospitality.

One of the highlights of the evening was the re-enactment of the Kandy Esala Perahera, bringing the magnificence and spiritual significance of one of Sri Lanka's most revered cultural festivals to life on stage. Through traditional drumming, movement, and storytelling, guests gained insight into the history and symbolism of this centuries-old celebration.



The Mask Dance brings Sri Lanka's ancient folklore to life.

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A fire dance highlights the island's vibrant heritage.

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A Salu Paliya performer showcases Sri Lanka's lively folk dance.

Adding to the cultural experience was a specially curated East Coast-inspired dining journey featuring authentic regional flavors and culinary highlights. The dinner buffet showcased Batticaloa and East Coast specialties, offering guests the opportunity to explore the area's unique tastes and culinary traditions. Complementing the evening was a signature beverage crafted exclusively for the occasion, inspired by the colors, flavors, and character of the East Coast.

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Guests of all ages enjoy an interactive Salu Paliya performance.

The celebration also featured local artisans and craftspeople from the region, showcasing traditional arts, handmade creations, and cultural expressions, while fostering meaningful connections between guests and the communities that continue to preserve these traditions. The success of the evening was brought to life through the dedication and efforts of Sujeewa Basnayake, General Manager, The Calm Resort and Spa, and the entire resort team, who curated a memorable experience that reflected the warmth, creativity, and hospitality of the East Coast.

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Sri Lanka's performing arts take center stage at the Calm Culture Collective.

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Little guests enjoy authentic East Coast cuisine.