Carolina Beach Hotel: A Sanctuary Of Freedom

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The poolside—perfect for a cooling dip

Nestled in the coastal paradise of Chilaw is Carolina Beach Hotel, an oasis of tranquillity and a perfect getaway from the city's hustle and bustle.

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Passing through numerous fishing villages, we caught glimpses of fishermen sorting out their day's catch. And through this enchanting scenery, emerging out of the palm fringed coast was a whitewashed edifice, which stood out distinctively. We had arrived at our destination, the Carolina Beach Hotel. Upon being greeted by a warm 'Ayubowan', we were escorted into the spacious lobby. Situated on the beach front, the hotel enjoys beautiful vistas of the aquamarine ocean and the accompanying white shores. From the lobby, guests could leisurely sip a drink while waiting until check-in arrangements are finalised and delighting in this picturesque setting.

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Passing the lobby is a corridor that runs by the Hotel’s main restaurant, which leads to the highlight of the hotel, the poolside and the garden area. Here, one could unwind with a good book or take a refreshing dip in the pool with the sun rays offering a warm respite. When hunger pangs arise, guests can indulge in a range of cuisines from fusion, continental, Indian, Chinese to authentic Sri Lankan to suite their palates at the restaurant. A dish that is well liked by frequent visitors to the hotel is the seafood platter for its zesty and scrumptious flavours.

The hotel is also a popular venue for functions owing to its spacious banquet hall that is equipped with state-of-the-art audio and visual facilities. Able to accommodate 900 guests, the hall can be partitioned into three separate areas and presents a great place for any event, be it business or private gathering.

However, the perfect place to unwind and relax is the beach where seashells are scattered along honey coloured sand. Taking a leisurely stroll, losing yourself in your own thoughts as you lounge around or even having fun sea bathing, the beach provides a treat to revel in as you enjoy your time away from home.

Carolina Beach Hotel has 86 rooms, divided as Delux and Superior rooms and suites. And all rooms are arrayed with amenities, which have been provided to accommodate the needs of modern day travellers. As such, Wi-Fi, international direct dial, cable tv and many other facilities are made available to offer seamless connectivity.

With the warmth of Sri Lankan hospitality, the hotel offers a joyful escape from the city’s noise and rush, to a sublime paradise. It is truly a home away from home and an oasis of tranquillity.

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