

# Create unforgettable memories at Laya Hotels



Laya Beach is ideal to enjoy water sports in the tropical southern coast.

**Luxuriously and elegantly designed, Laya Hotels embody the definition of the Sanskrit term 'Laya' - tranquility and repose. The hotels, located at popular tourist destinations around the island, focus on creating havens where the guests can rest and rejuvenate before returning to the bustle of everyday life.**

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A hospitality signature of the Sri Lanka Army, the chain of hotels under the Laya brand offers unique experiences. Comprising four hotels, Laya Beach Wadduwa, Laya Leisure Kukuleganga, Laya Safari Yala and Laya Waves Kalkudah, each one

with an identity of its own, guests are treated with the best of Sri Lankan hospitality, delectable cuisine and a plethora of excursions to create a memorable vacation.

### **Laya Beach, Wadduwa**

The laidback coastal town of Wadduwa is located less than an hour's drive away from Colombo. Hence, Laya Beach is an ideal holiday resort to enjoy a vacation in the tropical southern coast. Fanned by the breeze coming in from the Indian Ocean, guests can enjoy many water sports in addition to a refreshing swim in the shallow sea. 20 deluxe rooms with modern amenities and private balconies, create the ideal spaces to relax.

Wadduwa is a convenient gateway to attractions; Kalutara Bodhiya, Calido Beach, Richmond Castle, Brief Garden by Bevis Bawa and Bentota River, where a river safari is ideal for spotting monitor lizards, elusive crocodiles, birds and thriving mangroves. A few hours' drive away, guests can also embark on a river cruise along the Madhu River, visit Hikkaduwa or explore the historic Galle Fort. Guests can enhance their vacation by visiting a nearby village and witnessing their lifestyles. The hotel is also a popular wedding venue and offers two banquet halls. For those who wish for a wedding surrounded by the scenic beauty of seascapes, Laya Beach will cater to all requirements to ensure that their special day is perfect.

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### **Laya Leisure, Kukuleganga**

Travelers in search of adventure and thrill are drawn to Kukuleganga area, which offers water sports and opportunities to explore the tropical beauty of the island. Nestled amidst cool and refreshing climes, Laya Leisure focuses on adventure tourism. The family-oriented hotel consists of 50 luxury cabanas, occupying their own space within a large property. Guests can enjoy facilities such as the swimming pool and the gymnasium or explore the tropical Sinharaja rainforest. They can also engage in many water sports, enjoy a leisurely walk or hike or go for a horse ride. It is also a popular venue with corporates who spend the day participating in various outdoor activities and games.

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### **Laya Safari, Yala**

The resort borders the famous Yala National Park. The four-star property consists of 30 rooms - two standard and 28 deluxe rooms. Situated close to the Indian Ocean, guests can stroll along the beach, sunbathe, play a game of beach volleyball or enjoy a swim in the sea or the infinity pool.



From Laya Safari, guests can access the Yala National Park and historical sites.

Due to its proximity to the National Park, guests can easily embark on a safari, witnessing the wild in their natural habitat. Besides, ancient sites such as Sithulpawwa are within easy distance, giving the opportunity to enjoy exploring the history of the area.

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**Laya Waves, Kalkudah**

The boutique style hotel offers four chalets consisting of eight rooms separated into four suites, two deluxe rooms, and two standard rooms, which feature balconies and terraces facing the east coast. Easily accessible via road, railway, and even air, the hotel is located in a quiet area facing the ocean where guests can soak in the warmth of the sun and turquoise waters. Guests can indulge in rejuvenating spa treatments, or enjoy dipping into the infinity pool and pool bar or participate in the guided tour hosted by the hotel, which takes them to the places of interest.

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