

# First Doubletree by Hilton resort opens in Weerawila

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DoubleTree by Hilton Resort, Weerawila.

Hilton has announced the opening of DoubleTree by Hilton Weerawila Rajawarna Resort, a new three-story, 78-room modern resort in Weerawila, Sri Lanka. The newly-built resort is owned by KDU Adventures and joins Hilton Colombo and Hilton Colombo Residences as the third hotel to be managed by Hilton in the country. Located amongst bird sanctuaries and in the midst of three of Asia's most visited wildlife parks, the resort is set apart by an exquisite ballroom, nature-inspired meeting spaces, stunning restaurants and bars, which makes DoubleTree by Hilton Weerawila Rajawarna Resort a natural choice for business and leisure travellers alike.

"We are thrilled to launch our first DoubleTree by Hilton resort in Sri Lanka with the opening of this stunning property, which joins our Hilton portfolio in the country. The unique features of the resort, coupled with its location in the heart of

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Weerawila, makes it a prime choice for domestic and international travellers alike. I am confident that DoubleTree by Hilton Weerawila Rajawarna Resort will be top of mind for those who are looking for an idyllic getaway while seeking the comfort of a well-recognized hotel brand that consistently delivers service that is authentic, reliable and straight from the heart," said Paul Hutton, Vice President Operations South East Asia for Hilton. DoubleTree by Hilton Weerawila Rajawarna Resort is located 25km from Mattala Rajapakse International Airport just over a half an hour drive from Hambantota Port district, an up and coming commercial zone in the south of the country.

The resort is also uniquely situated within the Weerawila Bird Sanctuary, which is home to over 400 species of birds and just minutes away from popular tourist attractions such as Kataragama Sacred City, Bundala and Yala National Parks. "DoubleTree by Hilton is one of our fastest growing brands with a presence of more than 600 upscale hotels across 47 countries. Over the past decade, the brand has experienced exponential growth, close to quadrupling in size to accommodate the world's thriving economic and business centers and growing tourism industries," said Shawn McAteer, Global Brand Head, DoubleTree by Hilton. "We are delighted to welcome this great new addition to our portfolio, which is ideal for travellers seeking an unrivaled retreat underscored by superior service and hospitality." The Resort offers exceptional dining experiences through its two restaurants and three bars featuring panoramic views of the tranquil lake Weerawila along with diverse menus. Guests can savor a wide variety of cuisines made from local and seasonal produce at Spoonbill, the resort's all-day dining restaurant, tea lounge and barbecue grill. The restaurant serves a creative blend of international and continental specialities and features international wines to complement the meal. Guests can also dine at Redshank, located on the rooftop, overlooking the serene lake, which offers a wide selection of seafood, from Sri Lanka's famed crabs, shrimps, and lobsters to the freshest 'catch of the day'. Guests can enjoy a round of eight ball pool at Turnstone, the resort's main bar, which offers plush, cosy indoor and outdoor seating; raise a glass after a long day of travel at Hornbill, the resort's enchanting pool bar and lounge, or sip on a signature cocktail and enjoy the view from the Nightjar, the resort's rooftop bar. Featuring over 10,000 square feet of meeting space, the Resort is an ideal venue for weddings, business meetings and other social gatherings. The stunning pillarless Grand Ballroom, measuring 7,788 square feet, can accommodate up to 600 guests in a wedding setting. The ballroom and the Weaver Meeting room are equipped with state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, and floor to ceiling windows that overlook tranquil Lake Weerawila. To celebrate the hotel's opening,

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