# For a Feel of Zest

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A tranquil getaway

**Citrus Waskaduwa exudes a sense and feel of grandeur as a tranquil haven for all those who step in through its doors.**

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Overlooking a beautiful beach strip of the Island, Citrus Waskaduwa, located a mere 36km from Colombo (just a 30 to 40 minute drive from the city), is in perfect harmony with its serene southern surroundings. The approximately 500m long green stretch and the pristine beach merge seamlessly with the turquoise ocean thereby enchanting holidaymakers who seek quiet bliss in a tropical haven.

With 150 rooms spread across the capacious premises, the hotel has a Presidential Suite, Executive Suites and Superior Rooms for guests to select from. All rooms have been furnished exquisitely to create unique interiors that are equipped with modern amenities. The highlight is that all rooms overlook the beautiful aquamarine waters of the Indian Ocean, creating an ambience that stays true to the Citrus brand. The hotel has open and breezy corridors along with spaces that are furnished with the signature orange hues of Citrus. Cement plates laden with Citrus

fruits—oranges, limes and lemons are a special feature that adds a sense of familiarity to the property.

The main restaurant ‘Lemon Sun’, which serves buffet throughout the day includes an extensive menu of signature dishes with a Sri Lankan twist. An a la Carte menu is also available with a wide variety to choose from, whether it is beverages or Sri Lankan and international cuisine. Exciting new additions to the dessert menu such as durian, *karapincha* (curry leaves), pomegranate and black sesame ice cream, which are a perfect blend of fresh ingredients provide a novel experience. Sky Lime, the open-air restaurant overlooks the serene beach, complimenting the dining experience with the soothing sea breeze that blows across the space. ‘Pomelo Hi’, the bar, with its walls decorated with enchanting water features is lit up in the evenings and is a perfect place to relax and hangout, enjoying flavoursome finger foods and standard or signature cocktails. The signature mocktail—‘Waskaduwa Beauty’ is a chilled burst of tangs, just what is needed after a long day of travelling. Functioning as an extension of the main bar, the resto-bar on wheels, ‘Happy Bug’ adds a zesty feel to the environment. The coffee shop ‘Pips n’ Sips is open throughout the day and serves light food and beverages. Guests can also opt to lounge at the poolside, leisurely sipping a drink from the Aqua Pool bar.

Set in the perfect backdrop of the serene waters and the palm fringed sandy stretch, and boasting of star class hospitality, Citrus Waskaduwa is a sought after location for international events, weddings and cooperate functions. The spacious pillarless grand ballroom—‘Mandarine Shore’ can accommodate between 800-1000 guests and is the only ballroom in the area with stunning views of the crashing turquoise waves. Blue Orchard can also accommodate 100-120 guests and is a perfect setting for family functions.

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For the fun and the active, the hotel offers activities such as beach volleyball, water aerobics and horse riding. You can even play a game of billiard at the ‘Tangi Blue’ or have a good workout at the well-equipped gym, which also offers yoga lessons. Excursions to historical places are organised as well, to add to a memorable holiday experience.

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‘Creating happy moments’ by delivering the true essence of a trusted hospitality brand, Citrus Waskaduwa takes one towards a true escape in the peaceful realms of the serene coast. An all-rounder, the hotel is an ideal vacation spot.

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