

The Getaway of Your Own Pigeon Island Resort



Relax on the tranquil and breezy beach overlooking the Pigeon Island

“The turquoise beach is serene, the breeze calming, and the whole world is yours. Welcome to the exotic Pigeon Island resort.” The moment one walks through the ornately decorated doorway this is the vibe that is felt. Indeed, for a getaway with bliss and tranquil, there could be only very few alternatives to match this experience.

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Head to Trincomalee, and just before entering the town, one would not miss the turn off to the Uppuveli road. Take it, which will lead to the Nilaveli road. A drive of 20 - 30 minutes past the isolated mangroves in the calm fresh water lagoons, the occasional tea kiosk and the casual rider waving by one could not miss the turn off to the resort.

Nestled in its own nook, along the picturesque Nilaveli beach, the resort is the dream location for a beachfront getaway. The turquoise blue waters of the Eastern shores offer a soothing and inviting view. Pigeon Island, Sri Lanka’s only island based national park, lay right in the centre of the view which makes a sea side lounge something more than the ordinary.

Luxury and serenity starts from the word go - and as you step into the rooms, you will find out why. A thematically decorated room with all modern facilities ensures that nothing is left unattended. The more spacious ocean front rooms offer the added advantage of a balcony where an evening could be spent enjoying the mild sea breeze blowing across. The luxury suites takes serenity into a new level with a jacuzzi meant to keep the experience resplendent.



Take a cooling dip in the pool

Whilst the option of the salt water dip is always there with the endless ocean right at your doorstep, there is also the option to dip into the pool at the resort for those who would like otherwise. If the choice is to enjoy the pool but stay dry, why not try the lounging chairs by the side and sip a cocktail! It still will be mesmerising.

The resort offers a wide range of seafood, European and local cuisine. An option-filled menu will always keep you guessing. The spacious, salubrious restaurant offers the ideal ambience to enjoy your platter, but for those who want that extra special passionate flavour, a romantic candle lit dinner by the sea, glimmering with the illumination of the coconut husk torches will definitely be an unforgettable experience. Delve into a delicious lobster chased by a glass of wine and the memories will last a life time. To raise your appetite or simply to enjoy the

evening before that sumptuous meal, the resort will be more than happy to help with its well-stocked bar. A wide range of imported as well as local beverages are available here and the traditional home styled verandah is the ideal location to enjoy a drink with the tranquil ambience. If soothing and relaxing is the ultimate dream, worry no more as the resort is ready to meet the requirement with its ayurvedic spa. Handled by professionals who are masters of therapeutic rituals. The exotic ambience, the splash of the waves and the scent of the temple flowers excites the mood.



The brightly-lit restaurant

Pigeon Island is one of the best known diving and snorkelling sites in Sri Lanka. For marine enthusiasts to enjoy the corals, coloured fish and the occasional harmless shark this is the ideal location; the boat ride is 20 minutes away. Make your request and the resort will be happy to make the necessary arrangements for you. To experience the same flavour while staying out of the water, try a stroll along the beach. After all, few resorts in the Island can provide such a beach respecting privacy. Whether it is a quiet family vacation or a romantic escapade, the Pigeon Island Resort presents the perfect getaway.

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