

Graced by Green: The Tree of Life



Watch the serene landscapes unfold from the ease of your room balcony

Immersed in incessant greenery, we were beyond doubt encapsulated within this life, a true nature's abode, where our hearts were heavy with warmth yet sparkling in delight at its rarity. In its very essence, perfumed in earthly homage, we had found a getaway amidst this thicket of emerald mist at the Tree of Life.

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Only ruffled memories, I thought were left, of the existence of places like this. Whether in respite or mindful, it's hard to imagine being anything but inspired when tranquillity presents itself in the way that it does at the Tree of Life nature resort, veiled within the green hills of Kandy.

Made from the freshest fruits plucked, just minutes before a guest's arrival, off the resort's 60 acres of thriving flora, the welcome drink is a refresher like no other, presented at the newly refurbished reception area and foyer, while guests wait for their rooms to be ready.

The resort's accommodation selection and all 43 rooms feature modern amenities in laps of lavish serenity—ranging from spacious three-storied villas, to comfy cottages, to airy suites and deluxe rooms, each accompanied by private balconies, overlooking green pastures in the neighbouring hills or groves of lush foliage from the surrounding vegetation. For honeymooners, the Tree of Life is a must and just the ticket to a private, passionate escape into a dream that is sure to become a breathtaking realisation for the mind, body and soul.

Rest easy with anytime conveniences like satellite television, room service and mini bar, whereas the restaurant too, nestled by the poolside, offers both intercontinental and traditional menu options. If a conventional Sri Lankan meal takes fancy, then head to 'Kospala' buffet with a spread of over 23 delectable local curries prepared with the freshest handpicked ingredients, most of which are harvested right from the heart of the resort's own premises.

Ancient ayurvedic treatments are no stranger to the once kingdom of Kandy, and the Tree of Life's Herbal Health Care Centre provides a wide and soothing variety of healings infused with local herbs, oils and natural raw spices to calm and rejuvenate the senses.

For weddings and other special occasions, the Tree of Life banquet hall has a capacity of up to 500 guests, with provisions for ample parking. Set for up-to-the-minute services designed to cater to the unique needs of any grand, standard or customised events, the banquet hall hosts themed occasions graced by its natural scenery and magnificent landscapes.

In celebration of its 20 years in the hospitality business, the Tree of Life is to offer exceptional promotions and discounts in appreciation of its guests while encouraging them to experience the true spirit of virtue gemmed in all its green glory.

FYI

The Tree of Life nature resort grows its own coffee, where guests are given the option of making their own blended coffee (self service) with home grown roasted beans.

In future, coffee will be available at the hotel for sale and for export to Japan and Australia. The resort is relentless in fostering its environment and likewise

gives the utmost importance to hygiene and food safety measures. They have also received ISO 14001 and ISO 50001 certifications, respectively, for environment and energy conservation.

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