

The stately elegance of Hotel Clarion

Against the familiar tumult of a busy suburban wayside stands the unique white-washed structure towering high into the vibrant azure skies. Its characteristic arched windows bestow a stately Western elegance as it greets the weary traveller off the bustling city streets, into a nook of homely comforts, leisure and the lap of luxury...

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A three star luxury hotel conveniently located on the Colombo – Kandy main road, Hotel Clarion offers a blend of style, elegance and modern convenience as a well established and reputed city hotel. As you walk through its inviting entryway into the spacious lobby, the enthusiastic Clarion staff will let you in on all the details of what it has to offer.

Its tastefully adorned 31 rooms including 25 superior and six Deluxe are distinctively designed with all modern amenities to suit the requirements of the discerning traveller. Their beautifully decorated colourful interiors will add style and refinement to your relaxing holiday.

Beyond the reception and the pastry shop and coffee bar with sufficient seating to accommodate guests who want to enjoy its creamy coffees, one can exit the double doors and amble into the inviting poolside area in the shade of a grove of trees. Its calm and relaxing atmosphere will surprise the visitor who initially steps into the hotel through the busy main road entrance. The Pool Side Terrace and Barbecue Lounge at the Hotel is an ideal place to enjoy some quality time with friends and family or wind down from an eventful business meeting. Special treats for kids are also offered on weekends to heighten the fun and cheer.

Located immediately above the elegant lobby area the Tulips family restaurant offers the likes of gourmet Indian, Far Eastern and Continental delights uniquely prepared and tastefully served to suit your variant taste buds. The restaurant comes alive with oriental music during the weekends offering you a memorable culinary experience. Located adjacent to the family restaurant is the Serenade private dining room ideal for a small private party accommodating a few guests.

Clarion's Topaz, Sapphire and Diamond Banquet Halls offer the perfect ambience with unmatched services for those looking to tie the knot in style. The three halls have the capacity to accommodate 100, 450 and 500 guests respectively in their capacious interiors. The Diamond Ballroom which is the largest, can be split into two separate halls to hold two simultaneous functions. Its vibrant lighting, golden chandeliers and crimson floors will definitely add glamour to your special day.

If you wish to stay on at Clarion for a memorable honeymoon indulge in its choice of three unique packages: Lily, Orchid and Rose that embellish your experience with complimentary flowers, candle-lit dinners, first anniversary discounts and a host of other delightful surprises to accentuate your romantic sojourn.

The latest and most singular integrant of Hotel Clarion is the Pharaoh's Music Lounge Restaurant and Bar. Step back in time in the enchanted Pharaoh's lounge and take in the truly Egyptian style and decor heightened by the mesmeric lighting. Lie back and enjoy the best of Jazz, Soul, Hiphop and more brought to you by its live band and DJ or enhance the excitement with karaoke.

Hotel Clarion's host of other services include the spectacular Health Club that lets you experience total relaxation in the form of yoga, water therapy, jacuzzi and the use of its steam room. Clarion's state-of-the-art gymnasium with latest cardiovascular and strength training equipment with the assistance of qualified personal trainers will be perfect for the health conscious client. Zumba, salsa and aerobics classes are also conducted at the Hotel's

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health club. Hotel Clarion is also home to an efficient travel centre which helps the Hotel guests plan their internal and if required international tours during their stay in Sri Lanka. The Hotel can arrange tours to Colombo, Kandy, Kitulgala and various other Sri Lankan attractions.

Being located in close proximity to Colombo and the Bandaranaike International Airport, Hotel Clarion is a popular destination for business travellers and is a renowned host of significant local corporate events that offers all relevant conveniences including the use of free WiFi. Whether as an ideal venue for a business meeting, seminar or conference or whether you are in need of a serene atmosphere to relax while you attend to your business needs in Colombo, Hotel Clarion makes a perfect choice for a unique holiday or a memorable stay.

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