Nostalgic Moments at Heritage Hotel

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Relax and unwind at the poolside

Passing the main streets of Anuradhapura, we turned onto a secluded byroad that led us to Heritage Hotel, which is situated close to all the pilgrimage and archeological sites of this historic town. Completely in harmony with nature, this is truly an eco retreat that offers a break from the hectic pace of city life.

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A playful breeze rippled the waters of the majestic Tissa Wewa and blew across us, welcoming us into the peaceful realms of the hotel. Stupas of Ruwanweliseya, Mirisawetiya, Abhayagiriya and Jethawanaramaya soared in the landscape afar, in sync with the tranquil waters of the Tissa Wewa. Gazing at the panorama, I spent a few nostalgic moments in the manicured garden.

All about the Heritage Hotel—as per its namesake—imparted a feeling that was related to the royal heritage of Anuradhapura. Up a stone staircase was the spacious lobby and reception. Stone carvings depicting traditional lotus flower patterns were consistent in all common spaces of the hotel, keeping with its theme

of ‘heritage’. Admirable was the quietness that reigned in the surroundings, which provided a most gratifying getaway from any intrusion. Long corridors, present in all floors of the two-story edifice, flow seamlessly, in tandem with the natural landscape.

It is simple and sophisticated, with all essential facilities you require for a relaxing holiday. With 36 deluxe rooms, the hotel pampers its patrons with contemporary luxuries. Each room has a private balcony, from which breathtaking vistas of the lake or the garden can be enjoyed. And, aiming to offer its guests an experience that is infused with tranquillity, Heritage Hotel focuses on imparting the warmth of traditional Sri Lankan hospitality.

Nelum is the main restaurant that takes guests on a delightful gastronomical journey to explore a multitude of cuisines ranging from Sri Lankan, Chinese and Indian to fusion and continental. What’s more, you can also request them to whip up any dish that you fancy. The Manel Ballroom, with a capacity to comfortably accommodate 250 guests, provides an ideal space for functions. Their opulent interior, that follows a theme of ivory and orange, sets the tone and ambience suited for any occasion—be it a wedding or a business event.

Always a fan of leisurely strolls, I thoroughly enjoyed my walk in the garden, my thoughts wandering afar. Towards a secluded corner of the hotel was the pool that allured one to take a dip in its refreshing waters. Guests can also opt for a relaxing massage at the herbal spa and therapy cabana, operated by a skilled masseuse.

For those who seek and treasure peace and quiet, the Heritage Hotel is the perfect retreat to indulge in.

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