



The illuminated Peacock Beach Hotel by night

Shed your city tensions before the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean and let the soothing sea breeze refresh your mind. Or, retreat into the lush green wilderness and tour the wildlife parks of southern Sri Lanka; whether it is tranquil recluse or active adventure, Peacock Beach Hotel situated in the southern town of Hambantota offers the best of both and more...

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Peacocks roam around its expansive gardens, blending in with the verdant landscape and the blueness of the sea. This would have been why this unique resort got named 'Peacock Beach Hotel' a little over two decades back in 1985 at its inception.

Uniquely built so that all its 100 rooms have a view of the sea and a private balcony overlooking the same, the hotel stands out as a haven in the dry climate of the south of Sri Lanka. As soon as you enter its premises, you are greeted by the cooling shades that cocoon you from the fierce dry heat that is characteristic of Hambantota.

The property's pleasing atmosphere topped by its standards and quality of service led the

hotel to host the cricket teams visiting Hambantota for the Cricket World Cup co-hosted by Sri Lanka. "Peacock Beach Hotel went for a full renovation, particularly because we were requested by the World Cup Secretariat to host the cricket players at the Cricket World Cup 2011," said Dulani Guruge, Managing Director of the establishment. New and improved it was soon upgraded and entered the ranks of a four star facility with enhanced services and amenities.

Hence, the rooms have all been given a fresh look and offer all the modern amenities. The deluxe rooms have the added luxury of cable TV and Wi-fi for the client who discerns a quiet sojourn to relax and idle the time away within. Then, the hotel's new infinity pool gives them the opportunity to revel in its soothing waters and unwind beneath the evening's fading light. For the health conscious holidaymaker the Peacock Beach provides a state of the art gymnasium complete with latest equipment created according to ICC guidelines to suit international sportsmen.

Among its latest additions, the hotel's new Business Centre providing meeting and conference room facilities along with ultra modern multimedia and communication equipment, facilitates the guests to keep a tab on their vital business and official obligations.

The Peacock Beach Hotel offers two different dining experiences for the gastronome at its Monara and Lotus restaurants, the latter being the latest add-on specialising in Chinese cuisine. Added to buffet and à la carte dining, the guests are also treated to special theme nights such as 'the village night' that allow them to enjoy delightful meals or barbeques by the sea, by the pools or in the gardens.

For the active nature lovers with a drive for adventure, the Peacock Beach offers a range of excursions. It has its own open double-decker safari bus to take guests exploring into the Bundala Bird Sanctuary just minutes away. Bundala is rich with myriad bird species both endemic and migrant adding colour and variety to their leisurely agendas. The hotel also provides easy access to Yala National Park, Udawalawa National Park and Weerawila Bird Sanctuary, all popular holiday destinations in the south of the country. Excursions could also include boat rides along the river Walawe amidst the exotic birds and breathtaking scenery. For those with a taste for culture and heritage, the sacred town of Kataragama alive with the diversity of cultural festivals is less than an hour's drive from the hotel.

"Hambantota is a burgeoning town in southern Sri Lanka with endless potential for development with numerous plans already well underway, including the hosting of the South Asian Beach Games this October. So we want to be a part of this by becoming not

only a prominent leisure hotel but also a pioneering business hotel in the South of the country,” said Dulani Guruge sharing her future aspirations for this uniquely beautiful beachfront hotel in Hambantota.

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