

# Paradise Road: Timeless...

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**Paradise Road writes a new page in their success story as they receive world renowned acclaim for their hotel properties in Sri Lanka.**

Paradise Road hotels adds to their mounting accomplishments two Traveler's Choice Awards for 2013, awarded by world renowned travel site, TripAdvisor. Tintagel Colombo, boutique hotel in the city and The Villa Bentota, the secluded beach side boutique hotel were recognised by TripAdvisor as two of the Top 25 Small Hotels in Sri Lanka.

The journey of Paradise Road began with the opening of a small gift store in 1987 in

Central Colombo. Founded by designer Shanth Fernando it was a truly welcome and much needed breath of fresh air to the retail offerings in Colombo. The brand grew quickly to become a well known lifestyle brand in Sri Lanka with its shops selling a myriad of home-ware items, gift items, soft furnishings, artwork and furniture of distinct timeless designs.

The brand grew further, opening one of the Island's most celebrated restaurants. The Gallery Café in 1997. Housed in a property known as No 2, where former offices of Sri Lanka's celebrated Architect Geoffrey Bawa were situated, the restaurant underwent some notable refurbishments to convey a unique dining experience to guests.

In 2007 Paradise Road initiated a new chapter by entering into the hotel industry. Their first property, Tintagel Colombo was the former residence of the Bandaranaike family, which under Shanth Fernando's guidance underwent major renovation to include 10 suites arrayed with much comforts. Furthermore, situated in Cinnamon Gardens, it offers a hideaway in the bustling city of Colombo allowing guests to relax and unwind.

The second property, The Villa Bentota was opened two years later in an ancestral home by the name of 'Mohotti Walauwa'. This was previously converted by Archt Geoffrey Bawa as Sri Lanka's first boutique hotel. Located an hour's drive from Colombo in the Southern coastal town of Bentota, Fernando breathed new life into the hotel, extending it, modernising it and incorporating necessary comforts to soothe and pamper guests that seek respite at The Villa. Finding favour amongst local and international tourists alike, the guests who have visited this unique property include prominent names such as Sir Paul McCartney and his daughter Stella McCartney.

The Villa also features a Paradise Road gift store within its premises and visitors can find a range of Paradise Road items as well as immerse themselves in various special offers available in the store. Villa Café, the Villa's restaurant, is a popular dining spot in the area with a strong resort feel and serves a variety of dishes such as Crab and Coconut Risotto, wood fired homemade pizzas, salads and much more. The property is also much sought-after for functions such as weddings and private events due to its scenic and serene atmosphere.

Throughout the years, both hotel properties have received many accolades including honourable mentions in both national and international publications.

However, the TripAdvisor awards are based on numerous reviews by guests who have experienced Tintagel Colombo or The Villa Bentota first hand. As such, these awards reflect the personal recommendation and satisfaction of various guests of versatile tastes and needs.

Tintagel Colombo and The Villa, Bentota exhibit the signature style synonymous with Paradise Road, which has instilled itself within Sri Lanka's lifestyle market. It is an expression of the lifestyle brand's founding principles – Taste, Timeless, Style, upheld by its proprietor, Shanth Fernando.

It is this unique flair that has made Paradise Road much sought-after as it propels Sri Lanka into the international limelight.

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