

Revel in the Romance of Southern Sri Lanka with a Kalutara Wedding

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Together under the palms, surrounded by love and new beginnings.

Imagine your dream day on a carved wooden altar, with the swish of the waves whispering your love story. Kalutara feels made for your celebration. Where the Kalu Ganga River meets the Indian Ocean, it provides a spectacular setting to say, 'We do'.

Lush coconut groves frame the light. The mood is relaxed and welcoming. Couples find space here to host their guests and still have room to breathe and enjoy their special day. There is no need to worry about logistics, as two resorts in Kalutara sit side by side. Your friends and family can settle in quickly while the expert team ensures plans stay simple and your day flows with harmonious ease.

Two sister resorts, your dream day

Anantara Kalutara and Avani Kalutara sit side by side, sharing a landscape few places can match. Together, they offer a rare combination of ocean, lagoon, and river views, resulting in a perfect pairing for destination weddings in Sri Lanka.

Those tying the knot can mix the ceremony and celebration across both properties. A garden vow on one side can lead to an after-party on the other. Room blocks span both properties, allowing families and friends to stay close. A single team coordinates from one brief on your timeline with absolutely no friction.



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Anantara Kalutara and Avani Kalutara — two resorts, one breathtaking paradise.

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Beautiful venues for different themes

The riverside lawns provide a natural theatre with textured greens that enhance photos of the big day. Whether choosing a Western-style aisle or a traditional Sri Lankan procession with Kandyan, either will fit into the tropical landscaping.

Or make your vows against a pink horizon at sunset in a secluded cove, giving you a private slice of the Indian Ocean beneath the swaying palms. Minimal styling works well above the honeyed sands, with the natural surroundings providing a perfect backdrop.

When you want to scale with elegance, the ballrooms deliver. The Anantara Ballroom, with its high ceilings and stunning ocean-lagoon views, is ideal for ceremonies, banquets, or cocktail receptions. Avani's Ganga Ballroom offers a contemporary canvas with easy access for families and groups.



Where vows meet the sunset—a moment captured in the colors of eternity.

Geoffrey Bawa design

The architecture draws inspiration from Geoffrey Bawa's Tropical Modern vision. Indoor spaces feel open to the elements and shaped by greenery and water. Lines stay clean yet proportions feel generous. The bride and groom often use the courtyards and shaded walkways as natural backdrops, with a timeless result.

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Where timeless elegance meets Geoffrey Bawa's tropical modern design — a masterpiece of architecture and atmosphere.

Rooms and villas for every guest list

Choice matters when you are hosting people across generations. Avani Kalutara offers 105 rooms and suites with a modern coastal feel. Families and groups appreciate the layout and the views. Next door, Anantara Kalutara provides 141 rooms, suites, and pool villas. The wedding party and VIPs often opt for villas for their privacy and in-room plunge pools. Everyone ends up close yet attuned to their own desires.



Experience your private sanctuary by the sea, where luxury and tranquility come together.

Food and drink that tell a story

Celebrations here unfold over a few days. The teams create menus that keep pace with the moments. A welcome dinner can be relaxed and local. The reception can be refined and celebratory. Flavors range from modern Sri Lankan to wider Asian tastings. Spice Traders is a favourite setting for tastings and riverside cocktails.

The chef is available to conduct course trials with each happy couple sitting and your feedback shapes the final plates. Bar teams match the tone with house signatures and classics done well.



A feast for the senses — where every bite tells a story of flavor and artistry.

Easy to reach from Sri Lanka's main airport

The travel time from Bandaranaike International Airport is approximately one to 90 minutes by car, depending on the day. The venue can arrange private transfers for

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VIPs. Group shuttles simplify arrivals for friends and family. From the moment invitees arrive, they can start to unwind.

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A warm welcome awaits you in Sri Lanka, where every arrival feels like coming home.

Sri Lankan wedding traditions on request

Many couples weave in local rituals. A Poruwa ceremony on the garden lawn feels dignified and full of meaning. Traditional drummers and dancers lift the atmosphere and set a joyful rhythm. Canapés and culinary touches draw on island flavors. Think hoppers with relishes, seafood with citrus and spice, and sweet bites that nod to heritage. The teams brief your wedding party attendees on customs when needed so everyone feels included.



Rich with rhythm and tradition — a celebration infused with the spirit of Sri Lanka.

Weather back up that works

Sri Lanka's coast brings sun and the occasional shower, which the team at both resorts is well accustomed to and has built in alternatives. If the forecast changes, the team can quickly relocate a ceremony or dinner to the ballroom or covered terraces. These venues are situated close together, so transitions are brief.

Pre and post matrimony moments

Little rituals round out the experience. Welcome cocktails work beautifully at the riverside area near Spice Traders or on the outdoor deck by the ballroom. Bridal

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parties and newlyweds can book spa time for restorative treatments and Ayurveda. Why not host brunch by the lagoon the morning after, or a laidback spread on the beach? Designer Dining for the couple turns breakfast into a memory. Or set sail at sunset for a photography shoot on the lagoon. It is also a thoughtful setting for a proposal or vow refresh.



Elegant details and timeless charm — a celebration brought to perfection.



Golden blooms and the charm of the lakeside create the perfect backdrop for saying 'I do.'



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The feeling that lasts

Kalutara blends beauty with ease. Anantara Kalutara and Avani Kalutara sit in harmony with water and light. Venues feel distinct yet connected. Design uplifts without noise. Food tells a local story with care. The journey from the airport to the aisle is smooth. Your loved ones feel looked after. It allows you and your partner to feel free to be present. If this vision aligns with the day you have in mind, reach out to the wedding team in Kalutara. Share your guest list, your wish list, and your dates. Set a date and let our team take care of the rest.

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