

A bird's eye view of Amaranthe Bay

The beaches of the east coast can be a joyous experience. The deep blue sea, array of aquatic life and fresh air come together in perfect harmony. Amaranthé Bay lets you sample each one of these ingredients to create your own cocktail of a holiday.

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Nestled between a calm lagoon and an increasingly bustling tourist hotspot in Uppuweli, it is hard not to love Amaranthé. The resort gets it right from the very start of your stay to its final moments, with warm and charming smiles punctuating your time at the resort.

The rooms are the definition of luxury. Spacious individual suites with plush interiors, the best of linen and modern amenities ensure that nothing is left to chance. Each suite boasts a balcony with a soothing view of the Irakkandy Lagoon and the mangroves that border it; the chirp of the birds that call it home provide a gentle soundtrack. And if that isn't enough, the

experience can always be improved with a dip in your private hot tub, carefully positioned to offer the same fantastic views while guaranteeing maximum discretion. The executive suite goes one step beyond, offering not just the hot tub experience but its own private bar area.

Amaranthé Bay takes every effort to satisfy all its guests' senses. A well-stocked bar serving leading local and international brands ensures you are not disappointed. Entertainment is also a priority here, with a spacious nightclub hosting DJs as well as live coverage of sporting events. For those who enjoy a more serene and calming experience, the poolside bar is the ideal choice, with comfortable beanbags and lip-smacking tropical cocktails leaving guests with no option but to unwind.

If there is one word to describe the ambiance at Amaranthé Bay, it is 'romance'. The resort is perfect for both honeymooners and those seeking to relive past romantic escapes. A relaxing day on the lawn by the pool, enjoying the occasional refreshing dip, followed by dinner on the lagoon-side terrace. These are memories that will last for ever.

The hotel serves up impeccable local and international cuisines, offering both buffet and à la carte service. Options range from continental to seafood, as well as local dishes. A spacious and inviting restaurant ensures that the dining experience is in the same league as everything else on offer here. For an even more unforgettable time of it, there are themed dining evenings such as 'Fishermen's Night', 'Sri Lankan Night', 'Mongolian Night', and 'Amaranthé Night'.

Given the choice of activities in and around Trincomalee, Amaranthé makes a special effort to ensure that no stone is left unturned. For a snorkel or scuba dive in the shallow waters off Uppuweli or near the famous Pigeon Island, a bicycle ride along the streets of Trincomalee, or a visit to a nearby shrine, all you have to do is enquire at reception. The fully certified onsite diving centre offers a wide range of scuba and water sport equipment that may come in handy. And when your muscles are tired and you're in need of some 'me' time, Amaranthé has just the solution thanks to its world-class ayurvedic spa. Professional therapists and top-line treatment will have you feeling rejuvenated in no time.

Amaranthé is dedicated to creating a memorable experience. Providing the best in luxury, friendly service and an environment full of serenity and bliss, this is one romantic escape you can't afford to do without.

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