Swiss Residence: An Idyllic Retreat

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The Swiss Residence Hotel surrounded by scenic beauty

Beautifully perched like an Eagle’s nest on the top of Bahirawakanda, the Swiss Residence Hotel is surrounded by a breathtaking view of the lush greenery of Kandy. It is an ideal haven for those seeking to relax in a tranquil atmosphere in the heart of the city. The sharp, steep climb to the hotel may seem tedious at first, but the reward at the top is truly worth the climb.

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Opening its doors to the world in 1993, the hotel has an exquisite appeal that is evident not only in its location but in its architectural design. It is a fusion of Swiss and Kandyan architecture thus illustrating one of the many reasons behind its name. The interior is warm and modest yet exudes a feel of elegance. Striking, quaint works of art decorate the walls of the hotel and quietly welcome guests in every area.

The Swiss consists of 42 rooms that are a blend of simplicity with modern comforts.

There are 29 standard rooms, 12 deluxe rooms and one royal suite. Each room is furnished with a hot and cold water shower and/or tub, tea/coffee making facilities, mini bar, pipe music, cable television, WiFi facilities, air-conditioning, ceiling fan and a private balcony. The royal suite, situated at the pinnacle of the hotel, is lavishly designed to create a warm, comfortable ambience and offers beautiful vistas of nearby mountains, the Buddha statue atop Bahirawakanda and the Kandy city.

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The hotel offers a range of exclusive facilities that are both unique and entertaining. Guests can relax and unwind in the pool located at the front of the hotel and thereafter bask in the tropical sunshine on the pool terrace, which affords an exceptional view. The hotel houses a spa and a discotheque ‘blackout’, a popular attraction in Kandy at night. Ensuring that guests receive an unparalleled experience, the Swiss provides both western and oriental cuisine at the “Edelweiss” Restaurant. It accommodates an additional restaurant and a well stocked bar thus adding variety to its amenities.

The hotel caters to the needs of the corporate world and provides an open air conference hall and mini hall equipped with facilities such as multimedia and screen.

If you desire to celebrate your wedding amidst the luxurious beauty of the hill country, the Swiss Residence goes a step further and paves the way for this opportunity. The hotel offers attractive wedding packages and contains two reception halls: hall one caters to large wedding receptions and can seat approximately 300 – 350 persons while hall two seats approximately 150 – 165 guests.

Although situated at the top of Bahirawakanda, the hotel is within close proximity to the Kandy town and city centre. Nearby attractions to the Swiss include the Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Tooth), Hanthana Mountain, Kandy Lake, the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya. The hotel is an ideal spot to enjoy the evening breeze after an eventful day of adventure.

Located 116km away from Colombo, the Swiss Residence is the perfect setting to absorb the tranquil yet magnificent aura of the hill country.

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