The Kingsbury Old World Elegance with a Modern Touch

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The view of The Kingsbury from Galle Road

Elegance, sophistication and luxury, merged into one will present any guest with a stay evocative of the old English charm in the midst of Colombo. This is The Kingsbury Hotel, where a grand white edifice with manicured lawns and water features welcome guests carrying them to a world apart from the hustle and bustle that surrounds the locale...

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The Hotel

White floors and walls decked in dark hues and comfy yet graceful high backed chairs, in the grand lobby area, beckon guests to sink in and take in the tasteful

atmosphere of the Hotel before being escorted to their respective rooms. Passing through the grand lobby area, red chairs with black table tops allow visitors to lounge in The Kings Lobby Bar, where one could enjoy a variety of activities from eating to listening to music, to just relaxing. For any who relish pastries, cakes and little tit bits along with other unique creations, Gourmet Station across The Kings would be the ideal place. Here, munching on the delicious items on offer, especially at High Tea available every evening, guests have the opportunity to delight in the beautiful view of the Indian Ocean where waves roll in a seamless pattern.

The Kingsbury or Kings' Manor, in English, strives to go the extra mile to indulge their guests every whim and fancy ensuring a pleasant stay that will keep them coming back into the Hotel's comforting arms. The whole Hotel revolves to bestow the grace fit for a King and all who step inside will be able to take pleasure in the multitude of luxuries available. The first floor of The Kingsbury is also home to several restaurants, namely the Harbour Court, The Ocean and Yue Chuan, that delivers a diverse selection of cuisines from around the world. Harbour Court, a rapture of interntional cuisines is open all day, catering a variety of mouthwatering dishes from Western countires, India, Southeast Asia as well as Japan while the Sunday Oyster Brunch will delight the tastebuds of all. The Ocean provide delicious platters of seafood while Yue Chuan with its refined atmosphere yields a delectable contemporary Chinese dining experience prepared by skilled chefs from China.

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The Hotel is equipped with 229 rooms, from which 207 are Luxurious rooms and 21 are Lavish Suites while the Presidential Suite is committed towards more affluent guests. The Luxurious Rooms are further divided as Deluxe, Executive, Premium and Superior rooms. Adorned with arresting features, the rooms come with a full range of luxury amenities, which includes products such as Bylgari, to assure that guests will bask in the ultimate comfort that The Kingsbury could provide. Further the Infinity-Edge Pool, arrayed with a unique horse shoe designed jaccuzi, creates an illusionary effect of being part of the blue ocean as it extends towards the sea. The pool offers a perfect getaway for guests to take a dip or to relax, taking pleasure in the soothing sea breeze that swirls by.

The rooftop of The Kingsbury is dedicated to The Sky Lounge, from which the twinkling lights of Colombo city and the enchanting view of the Colombo harbour could be witnessed. The calming yet bewitching ambience along with a variety of cocktails as well as cuisines, ensures that guests are left with an invigorating feel at

the end of a weary day. Moreover, the Hotel has fitness facilities such as The Senses Spa and the Gymnasium to invigorate the guest experience within The Kingsbury even more.

The Ocean

White clothed tables and comfy chairs spread across a spacious expanse sends a warm reception to any who steps inside The Ocean, the seafood haven at The Kingsbury. The deco of the Restaurant is comprised with soft colours that enhances the finesse of the space. Open from 11 in the morning, the menu encompasses a vast selection of mouthwatering sushi rolls and other seafood platters that will tantalize the tastebuds of all. Some of the most popular dishes include sushi such as California Roll, Salmon and Ebi, Volcano and cuisines made of lobsters as well as crabs.

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Long glass windows at the Restaurants filters in ample light and proffers a breathtaking view of the Indian Ocean. With ample space to seat nearly 100 guests, diners have the option of either enjoying their fare seated inside or at the Alfresco area, where the constant hum of the waves and the breeze will be ideal companions on a sunny day or romantic evening under the stars.

One unique facet about the restaurant is that the option of 'Seafood Display', which allow visitors to choose their own choice of seafood from a display that includes fresh catches each day. Made to order by the chefs of The Ocean, Seafood on Display is said to be one of the most popular items amongst seafood fans. Further, guests can request from the team of exprienced chefs of The Ocean that also includes a Thai chef, to have their meals prepared in any form or style.

Imbued with much luxuries and conveniences, The Kingsbury overall aspires to a taste of good old fashioned hospitality that will be timeless.

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