


What's On
JANUARY 2025

Best Western Elyon Colombo
Business Lunch (Crispy mixed vegetable salad with balsamic vinegar; Lampara/Rice and Curry/ Penne Chicken Carbonara with dessert optional)
Chicken/Dressed Pork Sizzlers

Tuesdays with a Twist BYOB. Tuesday: VU Resto-Bar
Classic mixes to creative blends - Cocktail Pitchers
Save 20% on Sea Queen's Seafood Bucket (Reservations +94 117 527 527, +94 762 224 586)




Fairway Colombo Art and Jazz on the Street
January 25 and 26; 7pm - 10pm



Lords Restaurant Complex, Negombo
Live music daily
Live saxophone jazz; Botman Outlet; 5pm - 8pm
Breakfast and Lunch (Poke Bowl, English breakfast, Sri Lankan breakfast, Continental breakfast, pancakes, tacos, flat breads, burgers, loaded fries, paninis, Sri Lankan curries); 8am - 5pm, Dinner: 5pm - 10pm
Sunset (see happy hour promotion) - unwind to the beats of live saxophone jazz and soak up the ocean breeze, watching the sunset (Buy one cocktail, get one free); daily; Botman Outlet; 5pm - 6pm



Nikenbashi
Ladies Night (any lady to make an order at the bar gets a free Yuzu shot for the ladies at the table); Wednesday; Last in Paradise; 6pm
50% off on Yakitori; Yakitori Bar; Daily; 6pm - 8pm



The Thissal
Happy Hour: daily; 5pm - 8pm
January 12
Chinese Night; 7.30pm - 9.30pm
January 26
Street Food Night; 7.30pm - 9.30pm



Art, Dance and Music

Art

Till January 5
Stories within Stories

Prasad Hettiarachchi offers a profound perspective on how minor narratives enrich and challenge grand narratives.
Barefoot Art Gallery



Till January 8
A Song of Praise

Nadine David engages in an exercise in finding beauty in the everyday - a feature that is evident in the sensitive study of her subjects.
Paradise Road Galleries



Till January 9
Automata

Muvindu Binoy for the last decade has been setting the trend by challenging conventions and adopting technological shifts with bold unbridged creativity.
Paradise Road/Sanku Fernando Gallery



Till January 9
Sobriktina

In this series Jagath Rasindira references unassuming existence, blending Impressionism's pursuit of the fleeting moment with the evocative power of abstraction.
Paradise Road/Sanku Fernando Gallery



January 10 - 26
Theatre of Savannah Birds

An exhibition of paintings based on birds by artist Sarah's Health.
Barefoot Art Gallery



Till January 27
Loot from the Loft

An exhibition featuring artists: Tissa De Alwis, Channa Kumarakage, Vincent Lyanage, Dhammika N. Perera, Divyashika Siri, Nishan Haraagama, Mike Harindige, Chaminda Gamage, Alex Stewart, Elizabeth Perera, and others.
Barefoot Art Gallery



Dance


January 3
The Neer Queen: Kuvemi

Prepare for a night where legend, dance, and drama merge in an unforgettable portrayal of Kuvemi, brought to life by Niranjan Sharmasapara and legendary dancer Ranjitha Vidyaapathi as King Pathirandena. Choreographed and directed by Chandana Wickramasinghe, featuring 75 professional dancers.
Venue: Nelum Pokuna Theatre. Time: 6pm.
Tickets: Rs. 5,000; Rs. 2,500; Rs. 1,500



January 31 - February 6
Rihal Fernando: Journey and Legacy (Exploring Connections through Shared Perspectives)

An exhibition of photographs by Rihal Fernando and exhibits by 13 contemporary artists, sculptors, and photographers who have been inspired by him.
Barefoot Art Gallery



Till April
Remnants

Artist Asela Abeywardane carves out the beauty of the beauty of a lost world, a lost part of her childhood, her ancestral land of four generations, which was her first canvas to the vastness of nature and the beauty of her surroundings.
Galle Fort Art Gallery



Till May
Furniture by the Geoffrey Bawa Practice


An exhibition curated by Aparna Rao and Channa Deswarte. Alongside architecture, Geoffrey Bawa's practice issued a number of furniture designs in response to the social, economic, environmental, and cultural circumstances of the time.
The Bawa Space, Colombo 7



Music

January 11
Sugi Sans

Prof Hemajala Perera and musician Malinda Bandara will present an evening of wonderful music.
Venue: Bishop's College Auditorium. Time: 8pm.
Tickets: Rs. 4,500; Rs. 3,500; Rs. 2,500; Rs. 1,500



January 25
Opereetta '900' 00:00

A music performance by the seniors and juniors of U.S.A.A Music Academy under the direction of Indika Upamali.
Venue: Bishop's College Auditorium. Time: 6pm. Tickets: Rs. 4,500; Rs. 3,500; Rs. 2,500; Rs. 1,500



Festivals



**January 14
Thai Pongal**
Pongal is a vibrant Tamil harvest festival celebrated in honor of the Sun God, symbolizing agricultural abundance. It involves the joyful preparation of the traditional Pongal dish, the artistic decoration of homes with intricate kolam designs, and the performance of rich rituals that highlight the significance of this festive occasion.



**January 13
Duruthu Perahera**
On this remarkable day, the stunning Kelani Duruthu Perahera unfolds, showcasing the rich traditions and cultural heritage of our nation. With vibrant folk music, captivating rhythmic dance, and powerful drum performances, this pageant is a true celebration of our spirituality and history.



**Till May 12
Pilgrimage to Adam's Peak**
Sri Pada is a revered pilgrimage site that holds significant importance for followers of four major religions: Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam. Its sacredness transcends cultural and religious boundaries, making it a meaningful destination for many devotees.

Drama and Theatre

**January 11
Madhura Geetha Jawanika**



A theatrical production by veteran drama writer and director Dayananda Gunawardena.
Venue: Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm

**January 12
Sudu Andagena Horu Avidin**



A theatrical production featuring Kumara Thirimadura, Roshan Pilapitiya, Saman Hemarathne, Rohan Wijethunga, Anusha Dissanayake, and many more artistes.
Venue: Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm

**January 24
Nari Burathi 2**



A Sinhala comedy written and directed by Sarath Kothalawala with a contemporary social phenomenon in a hilarious manner.
Venue: Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 3.30pm, 6.30pm

**January 25
Guru Geethaya**



Based on great Russian writer Chinghis Aitmatov's 'The First Teacher' novel, translated and directed by Prof Mangala Senanayake.
Venue: Nani Malini Punchi Theater, Borella. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm

**February 1
Thunsiya Heta Eka**



Written and directed by Udayasiri Wickremarathne, it features a host of artistes.
Venue: Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm

Sports

Cricket



**Sri Lanka in New Zealand T20I series
January 2, 2025**
3rd T20I Nelson; 13.15

Sri Lanka in New Zealand ODI series
January 5
1st ODI; Wellington
January 8
2nd ODI; Hamilton
January 11
3rd ODI; Auckland



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