

# What's On

MARCH

**Best Western Elyon Colombo**  
Business Lunch  
Chicken and devilled pork sizzler promotion (+94 117 527 527)



**March 8 and 9**  
Women's Day High Tea buffet with a special 20 percent off; 3.30pm–5.30pm; Lounge  
**March 17 – 23**  
Irish whisky cocktails in celebration of St Patrick's Day; Pool Bar  
**March 31**  
Eid Lunch and Dinner; Dining Room (Reservation: +94 112 491 000)  
Hours of Happiness; Daily; 5pm–7pm; Cloud Red  
Fourth person dines free; Daily; 7pm–10.30pm; Flavoured



**Cinnamon Grand Colombo**  
Brunch; 12noon – 3pm; Sunday; Plates (Reservation: +94 76 560 4972)  
Cultural Shows; 7pm onwards; Daily; Nuga Gama (Reservation: +94 76 560 4972)

**March 2 – 30**  
Iftar Buffet; 6pm onwards; The Courtyard (Reservation: +94 76 560 4972)  
**March 8**  
Women's Day Dinner Buffet; 7pm–11pm; Plates (Reservation: +94 76 560 4972)  
**March 17**  
St Patrick's Day celebration; 7pm onwards; Cheers



**Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo**  
Special dim sum and tea pairing menu for ladies; lunch; daily; Long Feng (Reservation: +94 112 49 1949)  
Iftar Buffet; 6pm onwards; daily; Dining Room (Reservation: +94 112 491 000)  
Endless Dim sum Lunch; Weekends; 12noon – 3pm; Long Feng  
Seafood buffet; Thursday to Sunday; 7 to 11pm; Dining Room  
Night owl buffet; Friday and Saturday; 12.30am–4am; Dining Room  
**March 3 – 9**  
30 percent off for all ladies who dine lunch; Royal Thai (Reservation: +94 112 49 1945)  
**March 6 – 9**  
Women's day; lunch and dinner; Dining Room (Reservation: +94 112 491 000)  
**March 8**  
Women's Day DJ Party; 7pm; Colombar

**Harpo's Colombo Fort Café**  
**March 8**  
International Women's Day  
Special offer – Happy Hour cocktails  
Beer and pizza deals; Monday to Friday; 5pm–7pm  
2 large pizza plus a Sangria – 25 percent off; Saturday and Sunday



**ITC Ratnadipa**  
Iftar buffet – Break your fast by tucking into mezze, mixed grills, authentic dishes and Middle Eastern cuisine, complemented by traditional Ramadan beverages; Daily; 6.15pm–9pm; Indian Ocean Pavilion (Reservation: +94 117 856 500)  
Feast for six – bill for five; lunch buffet; Monday to Saturday; Indian Ocean Pavilion (Reservation: +94 117 856 500)  
Happy Hours – buy 1 get 1 free on select beverages; Daily; 5.30pm–7.30pm; Silvertips (Reservation: +94 117 856 500)  
Yum Cha Unlimited Yi Jing; weekends and holidays; 12 noon – 2pm



(Reservation: +94 117 856 500)  
**March 1–30**  
Iftar gatherings (minimum guest count of 100); Sangam Ballroom (Reservations: +94 77 936 8314)



**Cinnamon Red Colombo**  
Fifth person dines free – Weekend High Tea; 3.30pm–5.30pm; Weekends; Flavoured  
**March 1–31**  
Iftar; 6pm–8pm; Flavoured  
**March 8**  
Fifth person dines free for Women's Day; 3.30pm–5.30pm; Flavoured (Reservations: +94 112 145 145)

**Commons Coffee House**  
**March 2 – 31**  
Milkshake promotion  
Iftar menu  
**March 8**  
10 percent off on total bill for all ladies; lunch only



**Harpo's Pizza and Pasta**  
Gigantic 19" party pizza deal – buy any gigantic pizza and get 1 chicken wings and soft drink free  
Buy any square pizza 22" and get 1 garlic bread, 1 chicken wings and soft drink free  
**March 8**  
International Women's Day - buy a regular 9" Harpos pizza and get Margarita or pollo pizza free; 11am–6pm  
Weekday deal – buy any two Regular Harpo's Thin crust woodfired (9") pizza and get 500 off; Monday – Thursday – for dine in, delivery and take away.

Weekend deal – buy any two large Harpo's pizza (12") and get 50 percent off on 2<sup>nd</sup> pizza



**Lords Restaurant Complex, Negombo**  
Live music every night (Reservations: +94 77 285 3190)  
Live saxophone jazz; 5pm–9pm; The Batsman Outlet  
Breakfast and lunch – Poke Bowls, English Breakfast, Sri Lankan Breakfast, Continental Breakfast, Pancakes, Tacos, Flat breads, Burgers, Loaded fries, Paninis, Sri Lankan curry; 8am–5pm  
Dinner; 5pm–11pm  
Sunset sax happy hour promotion – buy one get one free; 5pm–6pm



**MaRadha Colombo**  
Breakfast buffet; Daily; 7am–10am  
Experience blissful relaxation for feet with our expertly crafted pedicure; Swasthya wellness spa (Reservation: +94 706 543 270)  
Sip and speak easy – offers 3 chasers with 2 dishes of your choice, stuffed grilled calamari, coconut crumb fried prawns, French fries, hot butter mushroom; Sky Yard

## Shangri-La Colombo

### Till March 31

Ramadan Goodies – Elevate your Ramadan celebrations with a selection of handcrafted chocolates and gourmet treats, perfect for gifting or savoring with loved ones; *Little Gems, Level 2 (+94 76 342 4901)*

### March 31

Iftar Dinner – indulge in a lavish Iftar buffet that brings together rich tradition and modern elegance; *6pm–10.30pm; Central Restaurant, Level 3 (Reservation: +94 76 884 1049)*

Eid Dinner – Step into the grandeur of Eid with a festive dinner spread that combines cherished traditions with sophisticated flavors; *6pm–10.30pm; Central Restaurant, Level 3*



### Till March 30

Sawan Platters – Share the joy of Ramadan with our specially curated platters, perfect for up to 8 guests; *Central Restaurant, Level 3 (pre-order 24 hours in advance: +94 76 308 1684)*

### March 8 – 16

Celebrate International Women's Day with meticulously curated high tea, offering a refined selection of delicate pastries, artisanal savory bites, and premium teas; *3pm–5pm; Sapphyr Lounge, Level 2 (Reservation: +94 763 424 901)*

## Shoulders by Harpos

Lunch and dinner menu, cocktail bar with signature cocktails; *Monday to Thursday; 11am – 11pm, Friday to Sunday; 11am–midnight Entertainment; Thursday – Saturday; 7pm onwards*

Lunch; *12noon–3pm*

### March 8

Special offer for ladies – 10 percent off on total bill  
Special cocktail for all ladies  
Happy Hour cocktails; *Daily; 5pm–7pm*  
Beer deal whole day

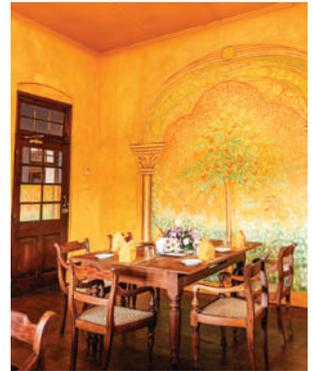


## The Bayleaf

Authentic Italian Specials – meat and seafood grills and special Pasta  
*(Reservation: +94 11 269 5920)*

### March 8

International Women's Day – *Special offer; Happy Hour; 5pm–8pm*  
Live entertainment – Herschel, Alston and Birendra  
Colombo's piano bar – live entertainment; *Thursday to Saturday; 8pm–10pm*  
DJ music; *Wednesday to Saturday; 10pm onwards*  
Tapas bar menu, signature cocktails, premium liquor – *special offer; 5pm–7pm*



## The Thinnai

### March 9

Chinese Night; *7.30pm–9.30pm*  
Street Food Night; *7.30pm–9.30pm*

# Festivals

March 5 – April 17

### Season of Lent

Starting with Ash Wednesday, Lent is an essential period for Christians to engage deeply in prayer, immerse themselves in the Bible, and reflect on the profound love of God. This transformative journey lasts 40 days, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, encompassing Sundays that celebrate the resurrection of Christ in the Mass.



March 12

### Festival of Sri Muthumariamman Kovil, Matale

The celebration at the Sri Muthumariamman Temple in Matale draws a vibrant crowd of devotees for its annual festival, culminating in a spectacular chariot procession on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The beautifully decorated chariot, adorned with intricate designs and flowers, becomes the event's highlight, attracting many participants and onlookers. Devotees engage in prayers, offerings, and music, creating a joyful atmosphere that blends religious observance with cultural celebration.



March 31

### Eid al-Fitr (Ramazan)

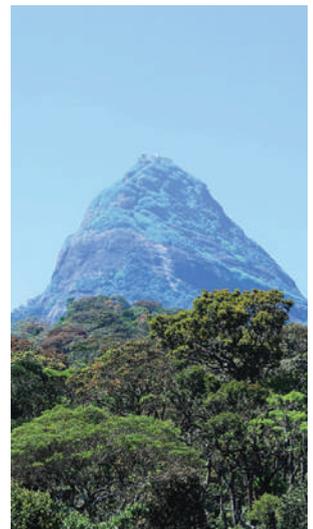
Eid al-Fitr is a celebration that marks the conclusion of Ramadan, the revered holy month of fasting for Muslims. Throughout the one-month period, individuals immerse themselves in their faith, embracing the discipline of fasting, fulfilling heartfelt charitable acts, and deepening their connection through prayer and various religious observances. This profound commitment not only enriches their spiritual lives but also strengthens the bonds within their communities, making Eid al-Fitr a truly momentous festival.



Till May

### Pilgrimage to Sri Pada (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

March 2

## Hada Vena Balu Nada

Latest play by veteran dramatist Parakrama Niriella.

Venue: Elphinstone Theater.  
Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm



March 4

## Dikthala Kalagola

Written by Punyasena Gunasinghe, Dikthala Kalagola is a dramatized musical rendition with several memorable songs that have over the years gained popularity among young and old.

Venue: Elphinstone Theater.  
Time: 8.15am, 10.30am

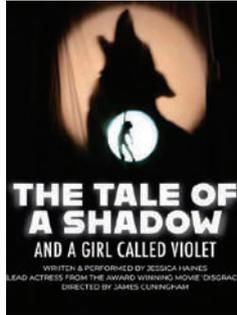


March 6

## The Tale of a Shadow and a Girl Called Violet

Written and performed by Jessica Haines.

Venue: Namel Malini Punchi Borella Theater. Time: 7.30pm.  
Tickets: Rs.3,000, Rs.1,500



March 8

## Ko Kukko

A comedy with a culinary theme written and directed by Mihira Sirithilaka.

Venue: Elphinstone Theater.  
Time: 3.30pm, 6.30pm



March 14

## Dreams of Winder

The play returns to stages in Colombo made a remarkable impact at the 25th State Children's Drama Festival 2024. Script, choreography and direction by Dulan Weerasinghe and produced by Navodi Jayasena.

Venue: Lionel Wendt. Time: 7pm. Tickets: Rs.5,000, Rs.3,000, Rs.2,000, Rs.1,500, Rs.1,000

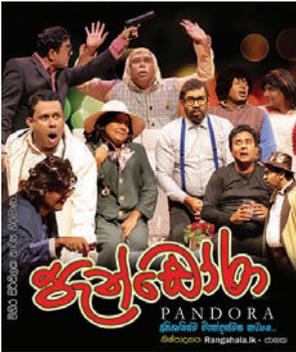


March 15

## Pandora

An extremely entertaining creation, written and directed by Mihira Sirithilaka.

Venue: Namel Malini Punchi Borella Theater. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm



March 15

## Alice in Wonderland

Elizabeth Moir Junior School presents Alice in Wonderland, a magical journey filled with curious characters, whimsical adventures, and a touch of madness! Follow Alice as she tumbles down the rabbit hole into a world where nothing is quite as it seems.

Venue: Bishops College Auditorium.  
Time: 7pm. Tickets: Rs.5,000, Rs.4,500, Rs.4,000, Rs.3,500



March 16

## Guru Geethaya

A stage play, written and directed by Prof Mangala Senanayake, based on "The First Teacher" – a book of Great Russian writer Chingis Aitmatov's.

Venue: Namel Malini Punchi Borella Theater. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm



March 30

## Sudu Andagena Horu Avidin

A creative inaugural direction of Kumara Thirimadura.

Venue: Lionel Wendt.  
Time: 3.30pm, 7pm



# Sports

## Cricket



Sri Lanka National Women's Team  
Tour of New Zealand

March 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> ODI  
March 7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> ODI  
March 9 – 3<sup>rd</sup> ODI  
March 14 – 1<sup>st</sup> T20I  
March 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> T20I  
March 18 – 3<sup>rd</sup> T20I

## Big Match

Royal College vs  
St Thomas College  
March 6, 7, 8 (Three-day matches); SSC  
March 15 (One day match); SSC

St. Sebastian's College vs  
Prince of Wales' College  
March 8; Tyronne Fernando Stadium

Thurstan College vs  
Isipathana College  
March 9; P Sara Oval



Sri Sumangala College vs  
Moratu Maha Vidyalaya  
March 28, 29 and 30; Tyronne Fernando Stadium

Dharmapala College vs  
Rahula College  
March 28 and 29; P Sara Oval

Maliyadeva College vs St Anne's College  
March 28, 29 and 30; Welagedara Stadium

St Benedict's College vs  
Wesley College  
March 29; SSC  
March 31 and April 1; P Sara Oval



# Art and Music

## Art

Till March 18

**'The Moon Under the Sea'**  
Sivasubramaniam Kajendran's exhibition portrays that the vast expanse of the Indian Ocean is not just a source of livelihood for the coastal inhabitants of Sri Lanka; it is inextricably linked to the very fabric of their existence, dictating the culture, spirituality, and daily pace of life.  
*Paradise Road*  
Saskia Fernando Gallery.



Till March 31

**Water of Life**  
H A Karunaratne is widely considered the father of abstract art in Sri Lanka. Karunaratne's distinctive artistic approach bears resemblance to Abstract Expressionism and is deeply influenced by Buddhist and Zen philosophies.  
*Paradise Road*  
Saskia Fernando Gallery.



March 14 – 30

**Void and Bloom**  
Artist Malki Bulegoda is known for her ability to transform drawing into captivating works of art. Embracing the permanence of ink, she masterfully creates intricate abstract doodles that gracefully flow across the page. Malki's paintings are exhibited and available for purchase at Gallery Fourlife.



Till May

**Furniture by the Geoffrey Bawa Practice**  
An exhibition curated by Aparna Rao and Channa Daswatte. 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

March 1

**Shani Diluka in Concert**  
Symphony Orchestra of Sri Lanka presents Shani Diluka on piano along with conductor Dushyanthi Perera.  
*Venue: Lionel Wendt Theatre.*  
*Time: 7pm. Tickets: Rs.10,000, Rs.7,500, Rs.6,500, Rs.5,000, Rs.4,000, Rs.2,000*



March 7

**Acoustic Music Concert**  
Thaal Music Academy presents an intimate evening of pure acoustic sound.  
*Venue: Bishop's College Auditorium.*  
*Time: 6.30pm. Tickets: Rs.5,000, Rs.3,000, Rs.2,000*



April 5

**Hiphop Tamizha Concert**  
Hiphop Tamizha is coming to Sri Lanka as part of the World Tour: Return of the Dragon Machi - Sri Lanka Edition.  
*Venue: CR&FC Grounds.*  
*Time: 6pm. Tickets: Rs.25,000, Rs.15,000, Rs.11,000, Rs.6,000*



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