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Dream Destination: Sri Lanka

An island so beautiful you won't want to leave JUNE 01, 2018 - 14:09 BST LAURA WEATHERBURN

ri Lanka's serene South Coast boasts palm dotted bays, world-renowned safari parks and top-notch food. We can almost guarantee you won't want to leave...

Where to stay in Sri Lanka:

Perched on a spectace lar cliff-top, just thirty minutes from Galle Fort on Sri Lanka's south coast sits the luxurious Cape Weligama, an undeniably romantic setting with uninterrupted views of the Indian Ocean. Each butler-attended villa sits within a flower scented garden, steps away from a cooling pool – and cocktail.



For the jungle Janes among us, a stay Chena Huts in Yala National Park is a must. With its stylish mod-safari décor, eco palm-thatched cabins, private plunge pools and daily game drives, this is the idyllic spot to unwind with the wildlife.



What to do in Sri Lanka:

The bays and beaches that sit beside Cape Weligama are a surfer's paradise. Make the most of the on-site sports centre and book yourself a lesson – or three. If you're in need of some TLC afterwards, meander down to the spa for an organic spice scrub, Ceylon tea massage or green-tea facial. Finish the day off with an unbeatable sunset whale and dolphin-watching tour.

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For your culture fix, take a day trip to the colonial town of Galle, an endlessly exotic old trading port blessed with ancient mosques and churches, stylish cafés and quirky boutiques.

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Explore Sri Lanka's famous Yala National Park, just a 10-minute drive from Chena Huts where you'll get the chance to see elephants, sloth bears and leopards. The hotel offers morning and evening guided tours with knowledgeable rangers that make the experience that little bit more exciting.



What to eat in Sri Lanka:

Sri Lanka boasts unique gastronomic heritage, from the fiery curries to the now-trendy hopper snacks. Take your pick from the three restaurants located within the Cape Weligama resort to cover all of your culinary needs. Start by choosing freshly

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While exploring Galle, make sure to visit The Tuna and The Crab restaurant for sensational sushi, or Poonie's Kitchen for clean eating with a Sri Lankan twist.

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Prices:

Cape Weligama – Rates from £340 per night on a B&B basis, including: accommodation on a double occupancy basis, daily breakfast, plus laundry, mini bar, afternoon tea, all taxes and service charges plus one activity per day.

Chena Huts - Doubles from £800 per night (full board + daily safari)