

# Bazaar Travel Guide 2018: The best swimming pools

*A luxurious Sri Lankan lido, a New York rooftop oasis, Kenyan lagoons with a view*

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## Ulagalla by Uga Escapes, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka

At the heart of Ulagalla is a graceful century-old mansion, situated within expansive grounds that are also inhabited by wild monkeys, peacocks and the occasional elephant. The vast swimming pool is one of the loveliest in all of Sri Lanka, and the ideal spot for birdwatching (dozens of different species alight in the garden). In between gliding through the crystal-clear waters, or luxuriating in the exceptionally comfortable rooms, guests can venture out on bicycles – a good way to discover the surrounding area, which includes the ancient temples and Buddhist monasteries of Anuradhapura.

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