

A large, ornate hall with multiple chandeliers and ceiling fans. The room features wooden furniture, including sofas and armchairs with blue cushions, and a central floral arrangement. The ceiling has exposed wooden beams. The text "A M A N G A L A" is overlaid in the center.

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Host your next event at Amangalla in Sri Lanka to have a section of storied Galle Fort exclusively to yourself...



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Welcome to Amangalla

Within the banyan-draped walls of historic Galle Fort, Amangalla is a portal to the past and a bastion of contemporary comfort. A long history stretching back 300 years has seen the hotel host illustrious guests and act as a witness to countless significant events. Originally built as the governor's residence for the Dutch East India Company in 1684, it was later transformed to become the iconic New Oriental Hotel in 1865. A new era began in 2005 as this grande dame of the east was reborn as Amangalla, revealing the latest incarnation of one of Sri Lanka's oldest hotels. Become part of this rich history by hosting a special event in the ramparts of Unesco-listed Galle Fort.



Venues

The multiple venues within Amangalla's listed walls – from the Great Hall to the alfresco Veranda Terrace – are an atmospheric setting for any celebration. Original period furniture, fine bone China and a touches that trace back to the golden age of travel and trade, all converge to set a timeless note.

Outside the hotel, Amangalla's scenic Paddy Island is a viridian open-air alternative of stitched rice fields, fringed with jungle and lit by hundreds of candles and lamps.

Beyond, the hotel acts as the perfect base for exploring Sri Lanka's surf-washed beaches, wildlife-rich parks, serene temples, scenic countryside and fragrant tea plantations.



Zaal – The Great Hall

Up to 80 guests at the Dining Room for a seated dinner

Up to 100 guests at the Dining Room for cocktails

Up to 120 guests if combined with the Veranda

Furnished with period chairs and tables, crisp white linen and antique silverware, Amangalla's magnificent Great Hall, or Zaal, as it was known in Dutch times, converges in a high-ceilinged Dining Room at one end. Soaring *fin de siècle* ceilings, cooling overhead fans and candle-like chandeliers create the perfect setting for a feast of Sri Lankan and international cuisine. A jazz pianist, violinist or a quartet can also play for any celebration.

Through multiple arched doorways, The Great Hall can be connected with the adjoining Veranda Terrace to host larger gatherings and bigger groups.



The Veranda Terrace

Up to 40 guests at the Verandah Terrace for a seated dinner

Up to 60 guests at the Veranda Terrace for cocktails

Up to 120 guests is combined with the Great Hall

Running the length of the hotel along Church Street, the Veranda is open throughout the day. An ideal spot for a traditional hopper breakfast while watching Galle Fort bristle into life, it is equally suited to a light lunch escaping the midday heat or a candlelit dinner. The Veranda can be used as a venue for smaller events or as a prelude venue for hosting cocktails.

Whether chosen as a setting for a breezy lunch or a candlelit dinner, the Veranda Terrace with its graceful arched windows and original period tiles evokes a feeling of laid-back timelessness.



The Poolside

Up to 80 guests at the poolside for a seated dinner
Up to 100 guests at the garden terrace for cocktails

Resting alongside the resort's serene swimming pool, in the shade of mature Tambili trees, the Pool Terrace offers breakfast and light lunches with verdant views, far removed from the bustle beyond the 200-year-old garden's walls. Spot birds as they flit through the treetops, savour a delicious traditional hopper or continental breakfast, then plan your day over coffee or Ayurvedic tea. In the evenings, dusk imbues the lush poolside with a magical feel, as a constellation of candles flickers into life and glowing ivy-filled walls create a remarkable setting for any celebration.



Paddy Island

Up to 20 guests at the pavilion for a seated dinner
Up to 30 guests at the gardens for cocktails

A short drive away from Amangalla, Paddy Island is a magical setting for smaller, more intimate celebrations – set within a sea of emerald-green rice paddies.

As evening falls, sip Sri Lankan Arrack sours as the waning sun sets over the lush, bucolic landscape. Next, experience a traditional dinner serenaded by musicians or watch dance performances at Amangalla's rural open-sided *ambalama* pavilion. A true only-in-Sri Lanka setting.



Wedding Ceremonies and Receptions

Anything is possible when it comes to weddings at Amangalla. Inside the walls of the Fort, there are six houses of worship: three churches, two mosques and one Buddhist temple, all living harmoniously side by side.

Just down the road, it is also possible to have a wedding or a blessing at the Anglican church of All Saints, a historic English-style place of worship, accented with stained-glass windows, wooden pews and vaulted ceilings. For a marriage service, both parties must be Anglicans and recommended by their priest at home. A blessing service is possible for all denominations.

For Catholic weddings, the spectacular St Mary's Catholic Cathedral is located on a hilltop overlooking the Fort. The priest can arrange a marriage and mass here, for a Catholic service only.

Civil ceremonies can also be arranged at the hotel, conducted by a registrar, with the chance to create your own vows with celebrant Hen Tatham – a unique addition to any wedding in Galle.

For smaller parties, a ceremony in the peaceful Garden Pavilion takes place in a wonderful open space with wooden floors, surrounded by the old garden. For larger parties, the poolside gardens provide a large, private area, fringed by beautiful trees.



Marriage License and Legal Requirements

To officially say “I do” in Amangalla, couples must process the required government documents in advance in their area of residence. For Christian weddings, Amangalla can assist in making arrangements for the priest, pastor or minister of the neighbouring Dutch Reformed Church, Anglican All Saints’ Church and Methodist Church to officiate the marriage, provided that the necessary pre-wedding requirements and permissions have been secured.

A catholic church, mosque, Buddhist and Hindu temples are also nearby for blessings of other faiths and denominations, but it is encouraged that couples are either legally married before or have their legal marriage after their wedding blessing at Amangalla.

A wedding blessing in Amangalla is a non-binding, sentimental and poetic ceremony, officiated by a Sri Lankan wedding officer, and is a symbol and celebration of mutual commitment between couples.



Rides, Fort Tour and Champagne Cocktails

We can arrange a convertible vintage car, classic Morris Minors, bicycles or rustic bullock carts to transport you and your guests to the ceremony, around the Fort, or just sit in front of the hotel for the perfect photo opportunity.

Following the ceremony, we can arrange a vintage car or traditional bullock cart to take the bride and groom around the Fort. Guests can join the procession or gather on the Veranda for canapés and mango bellinis, awaiting the happy couple's return.



Dining

Shaped by spices and honed by history, the culinary experiences in Sri Lanka are as exotic as they are diverse. Every spoonful in Amangalla speaks of the island's fragrant past, from authentic dishes found only on Sri Lanka's southern shores to the finest European cuisine, imbedded in this ancient trading crossroads for centuries – refined and perfectly over the years.

The culinary team at Amangalla can design and create unforgettable dishes, meals and menus, based on any tastes, to suit any occasion – including private dining.

Choose from a host of atmospheric settings: candlelit fine dining in the Great Hall, afternoon teas on the Veranda, long lazy lunches by the pool's canopy of coconut palms, or a mesmerising roti dinner in the rural *ambalama* pavilion.



Private Dining

Amangalla offers a sublime taste of Sri Lanka's legendary cuisine in a host of atmospheric settings. The elegance of candlelit fine dining in the Great Hall to the indulgence of afternoon teas on the sunny veranda and long lazy lunches by the pool, are all iconic hallmarks of the historic hotel.

Further afield, ocean and wildlife safaris can be paired with an extraordinary private picnic right next to a waterfall and a nature sanctuary or sunset champagne onboard a catamaran where Amangalla can create an unforgettable private dining experience while watching whales and dolphins frolic on the water.



Accommodation

Amangalla's serene Rooms and Signature Rooms are housed within the historic hotel that has welcomed guests for more than 150 years.

All rooms enjoy king-sized, four-poster antique beds, freestanding baths, and a living area with a writing desk and dining table. Sri Lankan-crafted Pettagama chests and planter's chairs add to the old-world ambience. Twin rooms are also available in each category.

A total of 29 rooms, chambers and suites are spread around the original wing, the gardens and the lush surroundings of Amangalla.

7 Bedrooms	430 sq ft
3 Garden Bedrooms	430 sq ft
6 Chambers	699 sq ft
4 Verandah Chambers	699 sq ft
4 Suites	861 sq ft
4 Amangalla Suites	861 sq ft
1 Garden House	1,630 sq ft

For resort buyouts, a minimum of 15 rooms is required to enjoy the entire hotel exclusively. Amangalla sleeps up to 67 guests with extra beds in 7 rooms and we can cater up to 100 guests for a function, though 80 guests will be the ideal maximum. Please find below a summary of our exclusive room rates.



Spa and Wellness

The Baths is Amangalla's unique spa – built on the bygone concept of “taking the waters” as restoration for the body and mind, with two dedicated hydrotherapy suites offering hot and cold plunge pools, steam rooms and saunas.

Ancient Ayurveda principles, dating back some 5,000 years, underpin the treatments and wellness handled in a holistic way, with a range of remedies prescribed to cleanse and purify each person's dominant dosha.

Signature massages, facials, pressure-point therapy, scrubs and wraps are all possible, alongside private yoga and personal training sessions in the sun-bathed ramparts of Galle Fort or the Pavillion.

A traditionally styled salon – offering manicures, pedicures and a third-generation barber shop for haircuts and wet shaves – is on hand for pre-event pampering.



Ayurvedic Healing

Ayurveda is known as the "science of life" – an ancient system of healing that sees health in a holistic way. We are made of five elements that create health & wellness. However due to imbalanced of these elements we have different kinds of body issues, internally or externally. Ayurveda's goal is to help ourselves get re balanced and restore health

At Amangalla, Ayurveda forms an essential part of the wellness for the guests. The Ayurveda experience has been designed for every individual's desire to heal, relax and revitalize.

Salon and Barber Shop

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Yoga and Meditation

Wake with the sun and join your personal yoga instructor on the fort lighthouse, the pavilion or in the lush hotel grounds.

Sessions are tailored to suit individual needs, goals and fitness levels and promise that rejuvenating endorphin rush brought on by exercising in nature.

For those seeking to find their centre and be grounded in Sri Lanka's enriching grounds, guided meditation sessions are offered within Amangalla's lush 200-year-old gardens.







Bespoke Services

Whether it's narrowing down the perfect venue, curating menus and floral arrangements, or choosing meaningful musicians and cultural performances, Amangalla's expert team is on hand to assist.

Get in touch with the Celebrations and Events Team today to start planning your special occasion.

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