

# Aman Sri Lanka

Your Journey Begins

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A seven-night stay at Amangalla and Amanwella

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## A journey to Amangalla and Amanwella, your peaceful homes on Sri Lanka's south coast

Stay at both of Aman's Sri Lankan resorts with the seven-night Fort & Beach Journey and discover the country's greatest treasures, from Unesco-protected Galle Fort to the balmy seclusion of the palm-fringed, beach-scalloped coastline.

Just an easy, two-hour drive south of Colombo, Amangalla welcomes guests inside the historic Galle Fort with gracious colonial grandeur, while Amanwella, a 60-minute drive east, provides all the sun, sand and turquoise seas for which this natural paradise is renowned. Built in 1684, Amangalla stands proudly as one of the grande dames of Asia, celebrating centuries of history and heritage as the former New Oriental Hotel. Its contemporary sister Amanwella is a striking ode to the island's homegrown tropical modernism set on an idyllic bay fringed by golden sand and coconut groves in Tangalle.

### Inclusions:

- Daily breakfast
- Daily choice of lunch or dinner (excluding alcoholic beverages)
- Afternoon tea
- Guided tour of Galle Fort
- Sandalwood facial for her and a traditional shave for him at Amangalla
- Visit to the Handunugoda Tea plantation (on route to Amanwella)
- Visit to Mulgirigala Rock Temple
- One 60-minute Amanwella massage per person
- Complimentary inter-resort transfer

### Reservations

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# 7-Night Itinerary Summary

Day	Location	Key Activity
Day 1	Colombo / Galle	Arrival at Amangalla, Fort Tour, Afternoon Tea
Day 2	Galle	Whale and Dolphin Watching Adventure
Day 3	Galle / Bentota	Architectural Tour of the Bawa Estates, Paddy Roti Dinner
Day 4	Galle / Tangalle	Scenic drive to Tangalle, Sunset at Mawella Lagoon
Day 5	Tangalle	Elephant Safari, Arrack Cocktail Class
Day 6	Tangalle	Fish Harbour, Markets, Rock Temple
Day 7	Tangalle	Beach Yoga, Biking Adventure, Beach Sunset Dinner
Day 8	Tangalle / Colombo	Departure from Bandaranaike International Airport

The above itinerary is illustrative of what is possible when exploring Sri Lanka with Aman. Itineraries are bespoke and subject to change depending on sea and weather conditions. Preferred adventures and explorations can be discussed with the team and driver before departure. Meals are also tailored to personal preferences with Sri Lankan, Asian and Western menu options available. Guests may extend their journey at either of Aman’s two properties in Sri Lanka or others in the region. For more information, please contact our reservations team.







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## Day 1 – Colombo / Galle

After traveling from Colombo and arriving at Amangalla, you will be shown around the hotel and we will explain the history of this grand old building, bringing alive the past with our stories and anecdotes. We will then take you to your room where you will be introduced to your personal butler.

Today, we would suggest that you go on a walking tour of Galle Fort with your butler who will share its many secrets as you wander around. Alternatively, we can give you a map and you can explore under your own steam. Be back in time for Amangalla's classic afternoon tea, a highlight for many visitors to the Fort.

Spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing in your suite or by the pool, then stroll to the Fort's ramparts to join locals for the evening's sunset promenade.

## Day 2 – Galle

Today, we leave early for an exciting ocean adventure to witness dolphins and whales. To catch a glimpse of the whales, it is best to start early and travel to the edge of the continental shelf – around 6km from Dondra Head – the most southerly point of Sri Lanka. Your Butler will join you on your journey, guiding you to private beaches and excellent snorkeling areas, before preparing a picnic lunch.

Enjoy a treatment at The Baths, Amangalla's relaxing spa before heading to the Zaal (Great Hall) for dinner.

\*If weather and sea conditions are not ideal, our Day 3 itinerary can be interchanged with the Day 2 schedule.

## Day 3 – Galle / Bentota

After a hearty breakfast, we travel to Bentota to explore the vast estates of two brothers, Beavis and Geoffrey Bawa, who are credited with founding the distinct Tropical Modernism Design and Architecture Movement that first grew roots in Sri Lanka. Their homes and gardens are a favourite discovery for Amangalla guests, and we will spend the day exploring them, as well as the home of Ena de Silva and the train station designed by Geoffrey Bawa.

In the evening, enjoy a traditional Sri Lankan roti dinner on an island in a sea of rice paddies, lit by candles and flaming torches. Marvel at the orange hues of the waning sun setting over the emerald rice fields as you sip a delicious Arrack Sour cocktail.

## Day 4 – Galle / Tangalle

Leave Amangalla after breakfast and travel to Amanwella via Handunugoda Tea Plantation. Handunugoda is a 40-minute drive from Galle and is one of the lowest lying tea estates in Sri Lanka. Walk through the rolling tea fields then take a step back in time with tea and cake on the veranda of the planters' bungalow, served (along with fascinating anecdotes) by the planter himself.

After arriving at Amanwella, relax on the beach, beside the main pool or in your own private pool courtyard. In the late afternoon, a 10-minute drive to Mawella Lagoon will see you boarding our floating deck for a sunset cruise. The serene waters of the lagoon provide an ideal setting for sunsets with a glass of champagne in hand, drifting along the verdant shoreline and out into the tranquil deep. Spot pelicans, kingfishers and other birds as the calm surface reflects the sky above.













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## Day 5 – Udawalawe

We suggest getting up early to visit Udawalawe National Park for a wildlife safari. This is one of the island's most popular national parks situated a 90-minute drive from Amanwella.

Udawalawe is best known for its elephants (estimated to number around 400, including six big tuskers) and bird watching opportunities. It is primarily open parkland traversed by a main river and numerous streams which make elephant sightings particularly accessible. Once inside the park, you will be transferred to a 4WD jeep and accompanied by a park tracker.

A picnic breakfast will be arranged by Amanwella.

In the evening, enjoy an Arrack Cocktail Class at the Bar and Lounge where you will be introduced to one of Sri Lanka's most popular and beloved drinks and spirits.

## Day 6 – Around Tangalle

Spend the morning exploring the colourful southern coast from the fishing boat harbour in Kudawella to the busy markets of Tangalle. This outing culminates in a visit to Mulgirigala Rock Temple reached via 500 steps. (Modest attire is recommended.)

Situated a half hour north of Tangalle, the temple is a monastic site on an isolated 210-metre-high rock rising almost vertically out of the surrounding forest. The rock was the site of an important discovery in the 19th century – the Tikaola leaf scripts that offered a key to the translation of Sri Lanka's most informative ancient text, the 'Mahavamsa'.

## Day 7 – Around Tangalle

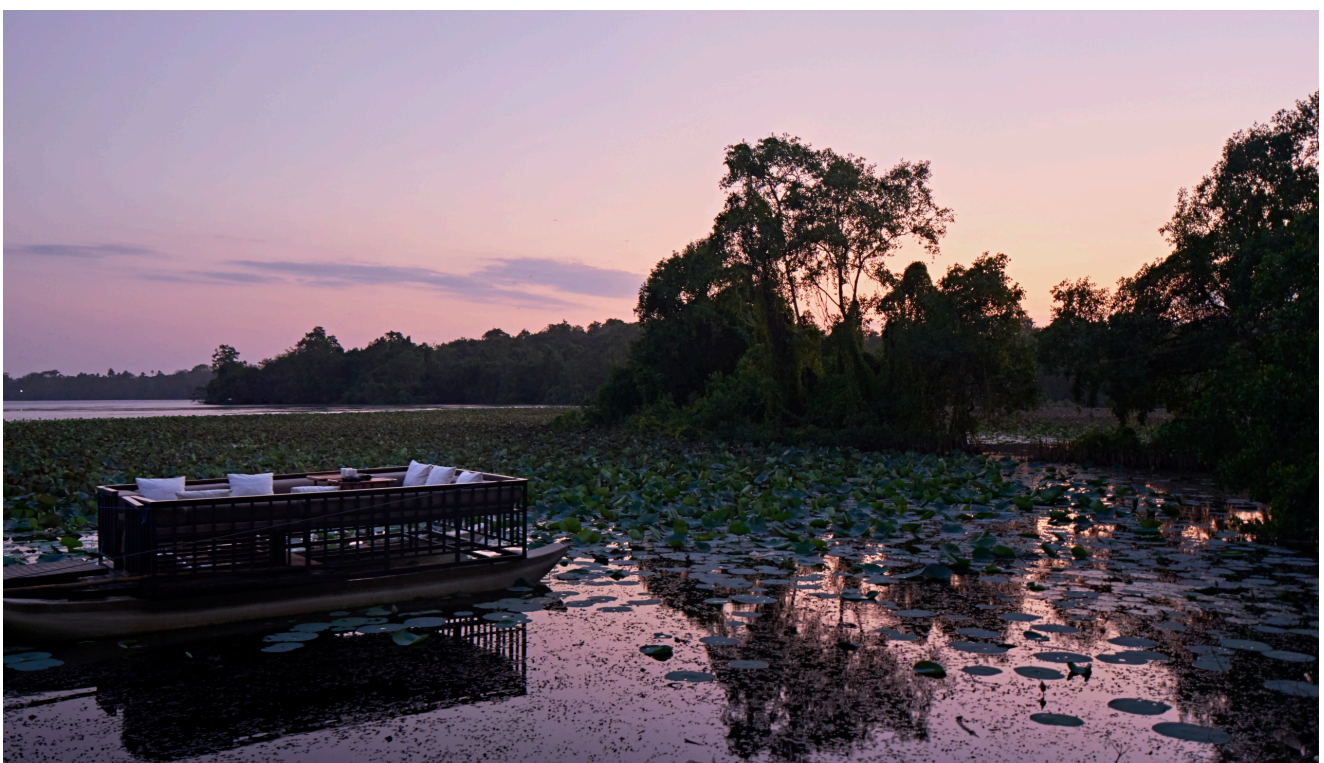
Begin the morning with a yoga session at the beach on an outdoor yoga and movement platform right next to the sand.

Just a 15-minute drive from Amanwella lies the traditional village of Palathuduwa, surrounded by lush paddy fields and verdant jungle. Explore the village and discover its peaceful way of life, before cycling a beautiful 12km route through the surrounding countryside on mountain bikes. The entire outing will take approximately 2.5 hours, with a delicious picnic lunch and a visit to a picturesque Buddhist temple on the way.

Return to Amanwella for an afternoon at leisure before capping your day with a candlelit farewell sunset dinner on the beach.

## Day 8 – Departure

This morning your driver will take you to Bandaranaike International Airport, a journey of around 2.5 to 3 hours. We recommend arriving two hours before your flight is scheduled to depart.







Our multilingual Reservations team are always available to help you with your travel planning from booking a single night to multi-resort itineraries.

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