

A MANGALLA

Celebrations and Events



Host the perfect event

Life's milestones are moments to celebrate, occasions to never forget. Booking an Aman Resort exclusively for these significant events, grants individual access to intimate hideaways with boutique rooms and intuitive, personal service, creating the ideal private setting for your special group of family and friends. Whether celebrating birthdays, weddings or anniversaries, each Aman tells a story, rich in culture and redolent with the right atmosphere to mark a milestone occasion.

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. 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 bustle 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

Shaded by mature Tambili trees beside the serene swimming pool, the Pool Terrace offers breakfast and light lunches overlooking the gardens, removed from the bustle beyond the walls of the 200-year-old garden.

Watch birds move through the treetops over a breakfast of traditional hoppers and continental favourites. As dusk falls, the terrace takes on a quieter mood, with candles flickering around the pool and ivy-clad walls providing an intimate setting for evening celebrations.



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 from Amangalla, the Paddy Island offers a setting for smaller, more intimate celebrations, surrounded by a sea of emerald-green rice paddies.

As the sun lowers over the bucolic landscape, sip Sri Lankan Arrack Sours before settling in for a traditional dinner at Amangalla's open-sided *ambalama* pavilion. Musicians and dancers bring the evening to life, with the sounds and rhythms of Sri Lanka carrying across the fields.



Wedding Ceremonies and Receptions

Weddings at Amangalla can take many forms, shaped by the heritage of Galle Fort and the traditions of those who gather here.

Within the Fort's walls, six places of worship – three churches, two mosques and a Buddhist temple – have long stood alongside one another in harmony.

Nearby, the All Saints' Anglican Church offers a more intimate historic setting, with stained-glass windows, wooden pews and vaulted ceilings. Marriage services are available to Anglican couples recommended by their home priest, while blessings can be arranged for all denominations.

For Catholic ceremonies, St Mary's Catholic Cathedral sits on a hill overlooking the Fort, with the local priest able to arrange a marriage and Mass for Catholic couples.

At Amangalla itself, civil ceremonies can be conducted by a registrar, with celebrant Hen Tatham offering the opportunity to create personal vows. Smaller ceremonies may be held in the Garden Pavilion, among the old gardens, while the poolside gardens offer a more spacious and private setting for larger gatherings.



Marriage License and Legal Requirements

For couples wishing to marry legally in Sri Lanka, the necessary government documents must be processed in advance in their area of residence.

Amangalla can assist with arrangements for a priest, pastor or minister from the neighbouring Dutch Reformed Church, All Saints' Anglican Church or Methodist Church to officiate a Christian marriage, subject to the required pre-wedding formalities and permissions.

For other faiths and denominations, a Catholic church, mosque, Buddhist temple and Hindu temple are all nearby and can be arranged for a blessing. Couples are encouraged to complete their legal marriage either before or after the blessing at Amangalla.

A wedding blessing at Amangalla is a non-binding ceremony, officiated by a Sri Lankan wedding officer. Personal and poetic in nature, it offers a meaningful way for couples to mark their commitment to one another within the historic setting of the Fort.



Rides, Fort Tour and Champagne Cocktails

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



Dining

Shaped by spices and centuries of history, Sri Lanka's cuisine reflects the many cultures that have passed through its shores. At Amangalla, this history finds its way to the table, from dishes rooted in the culinary traditions of the island's southern coast to European influences that have become part of Galle's story over generations.

The team can tailor menus to suit each occasion, from intimate private dining to leisurely gatherings with family and friends.

Choose from a range of settings: candlelit dinners in the Great Hall, afternoon tea on the Veranda, long lunches beneath the coconut palms by the pool, or a traditional roti dinner in the rural *ambalama* pavilion near Amangalla.



Accommodation

Amangalla's 29 rooms, chambers and suites are spread across the original wing, the gardens and the lush surroundings of the historic residence.

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.

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

Exclusive buyout of Amangalla requires the booking of all 29 rooms. Up to 67 guests can be accommodated, with extra beds available in seven rooms, and functions can be hosted for up to 100 guests. For a more comfortable experience, we recommend a maximum of 80 guests.





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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