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FEATURED GETAWAYS

SRI LANKA



Five-star Opulence Heritance Ahungalla

Heritance Ahungalla is Sri Lanka's first-ever five-star beach escape, with a long-standing tradition of excellence for its exceptional offering, spectacular location and friendly, attentive service.

The resort has since evolved into a truly modern destination that combines understated luxury with a wonderfully organic offering. Designed by architect extraordinaire Geoffrey Bawa, the resort's setting frames the lush expansive property against the gorgeous blues of the Indian Ocean.

What results is an absolute feast for the senses, where every indulgence is available, served of course with the appropriate savoir-faire.

www.heritancehotels.com

MALDIVES

The tropical paradise island resort Heritance Aarah

Located in the secluded island of Raa Atoll and accessible via a 40-minute seaplane flight from the Velena International Airport, the first Heritance property in the Maldives, Heritance Aarah is a seamless blend of opulence, skilfully curated aesthetic and a breathtaking location that is as blissful as it is unique.

The resort's Premium All-Inclusive offering gives guests an endless choice of options whether it's dining, relaxing, being entertained or having the adventure of a lifetime.

Designed with privacy and comfort at heart, the resort houses 150 over-water villas consisting of 26 Intimate Luxury Duplex Ocean Suites, 56 Ocean Villas and 68 Land Villas.

From refined flavours that will have your taste buds in raptures of delight to gourmet creations that combine authentic local ingredients, Heritance Aarah takes you on a distinctive culinary journey around the world with six restaurants and five bars for guests to pick their preferred taste.

Experiences at Heritance Aarah are endless – the resort boasts a first-in-the-Maldives MediSpa with innovative treatments, picturesque infinity pool overlooking stunning views, a kids club and teens activity room, complimentary Wi-Fi and a fully equipped state-of-the-art gymnasium.

Your perfect slice of paradise awaits at Heritance Aarah! For more details, visit www.heritancehotels.com/aarah

Accolades and accomplishments



A landmark victory at the Culinary Art Food Expo 2019

Aitken Spence Hotels set a record at the recently held Culinary Art Food Expo 2019 with a grand total of 130 medals including the Championship Award. Aitken Spence Hotels first Heritance property in the Maldives has already created a benchmark in the industry for their outstanding performance as they emerged 'Overall Champion' at the event.

Among the accolades, Heritance Hotels and Resorts bagged the most number with a sweeping 126 medals from the total won.

Heritance Kandalama 34 medals
Heritance Negombo 21 medals
Heritance Ayurveda 4 medals

Heritance Ahungalla 22 medals
Heritance Tea Factory 4 medals
Turyaa Kalutara 4 medals



World Travel Market 2019

Aitken Spence Hotels participated at the WTM 2019 held in London between the 4th and 6th of November, as part of the brand's UK activities. Our booth was strategically located in proximity to the official Sri Lankan pavilion and Maldivian pavilion at the event, showcasing the brand's presence in both markets. The event was an immense success, as representatives met with numerous organizations that would enable us to expand business in the UK market, while further expanding the organization's international network of partnerships and channels.

WTM London is one of the most important annual events for the hospitality industry as it introduces global travel buyers to over 5,000 of the biggest destinations and brands in the world.

In the spotlight

We are proud to have been featured across several renowned travel publications, here are some of the highlights...

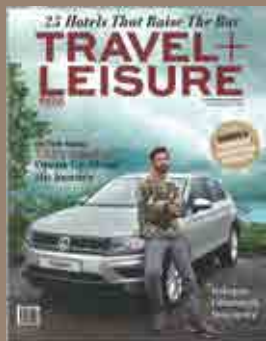


Heritage Aarah keeps making headlines, appearing this time in the widely circulated Maldives Insider, the magazine does a deep dive into one of the world's most desirable destinations.

Dive Travel Companion explores the awe-inspiring beauty of Heritage Aarah, its gorgeous surroundings and offers a glimpse into a world of unforgettable adventure.



In a segment where Hospitality Insider showcased the winners of the first National Sustainable Tourism Certificated, Heritage Hotels and Resorts were recognized as winners of several awards



Travel & Leisure featured Heritage Aarah in their latest issue where they described the spacious over-water villas, authentic Sri Lankan cuisine and unique excursions that the resort offers.



Condé Nast Traveller featured Heritance Aarah in their October issue under the title “13-course meals and other things we like about this new resort in the Maldives” while also covering the resort’s latest success of being the first in the Maldives to receive a LEED Gold certification.



Harper’s Bazaar featured Heritance Aarah and showcased the resorts’ many awe-inspiring facets with a glowing review, complemented by excellent photography.



Heritance Kandalama was featured in The Island Chief 2019. The hotel which recently turned 25 was recognized for its pioneering efforts towards sustainable hospitality, as well as the many other advancements it has made over the years.



The Daily Mirror reviewed Heritance Negombo’s signature Let’s Sea Sunday Seafood Lunch.



The Daily FT (Nov 06, 2019) featured Heritance Negombo’s much-talked-about Let’s Sea Sunday Seafood Lunch.

A vibrant nightclub scene with a crowd of people dancing. The lighting is a mix of bright blue and deep red, creating a dynamic atmosphere. The background shows a stage area with several spotlights. The overall mood is energetic and social.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Let's Sea Sunday Seafood Lunch



Heritage Negombo

The very best local seafood awaits you, fresh off the boats. All seafood is 100% locally sourced in an effort to support the local community who depend on the tourist industry as an essential part of their livelihood. Indulge in a wide variety of epicurean delights, enjoy the sublime atmosphere, discover the many enchantments of Negombo and have a day to remember with family and friends.

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 12.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Venue: Bluetan Restaurant, Heritage Negombo

NTB Credit Cardholders dine absolutely free!

*Terms and conditions apply

For further info and reservations, please contact Gayathri on +94 76 877 6710

38 Years of Heritage Ahungalla!



Heritage Ahungalla will be celebrating its 38th anniversary on 23 November 2019. We have an assortment of delightful activities planned especially for the occasion:

The ceremonial 'Cake Cutting' will be held on 23 November 2019 and will involve the participation of hotel staff in a lively and spirited celebration.

An all Night 'Pirith Chanting Ceremony' followed by an Alms Giving will be held on 20 November 2019 at the Main Conference Hall.

A blood donation camp in celebration of the 38th anniversary will be held on 19 November 2019.

Dining experiences



Adaaran Prestige Vadoo

Choose from a five-course lobster meal on the beach or dinner on the floating deck at Adaaran Prestige Vadoo. Enjoy this unique dining experience, soak up the atmosphere and treat your taste buds to absolute decadence.

Date: Daily

Time: 7.30 p.m. – 10.30 p.m.

Venue:

- Lobster dinner on the beach - Beach BBQ
- Private BBQ dinner for two, on the beach
- Private beach dinner for two
- Dinner on the floating deck in the Vadoo lagoon
- Dinner on a tree-house in the Vadoo lagoon

Seafood Platter



Sur Plaza Hotel

A delectable combination of grilled prawns, fish and calamari rings tossed in garlic butter served with fries and buttered vegetables
Oyster restaurant - lunch and dinner

Rain Dance



Al Wadi Hotel

Al Wadi will be hosting our third rain dance party to end the summer. Enjoy a BBQ spread, DJ Music and a host of fun games, activities, and surprises.

Date: 29 November
Time: 3.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
Venue: Pool side

Cowboy Night



Al Wadi Hotel

A 90's themed night with DJ music

Date: 14 November
Time: 9.00 p.m. – 3.00 a.m.
Venue: Soprano Pub

Thai Night



Al Wadi Hotel

Special, authentic, and delicious Thai food with DJ music.

Date: 22 November
Time: 9.00 p.m. – 3.00 a.m.
Venue: Soprano Pub

Desi Thursdays



Al Falaj

A regional gastronomical journey that takes you through the essentials of authentic Indian cuisine.

Date: Thursdays
Time: 7.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.
Venue: Souq Café

A taste of Ceylon



Al Falaj

A taste of authenticity with our special spice-infused meals inspired by the island of Ceylon.

Saturdays Souq Café 12.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Flaming Fridays



Al Falaj

A meaty extravaganza with your favourite barbecued meats and a fusion of various cuisine.

Date: Fridays

Time: 7.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.

Venue: Souq Café Terrace

Sundown Dune Dinner



Desert Nights Camp

BBQ dinner serving authentic Oman cuisine, along with stargazing facilities.

Date: Sundays

Time: 6.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

Venue: On the Dunes

Novobeer Festival



Turyaa Chennai

Turyaa Chennai gives beer lovers the ultimate extravaganza with a beer festival throughout the month of November. The event will showcase an assortment of unique brews with music from a live band and much more.

Date: 1 – 31 November

Time: 11.00 a.m.-11.00 p.m.

Venue: TWIST lounge bar

Sky-high dining at the Samasa

Time: 7.30 p.m. -10. 30 p.m.

Venue: Samasa

COMMUNITY SUPPORT & SUSTAINABILITY

Heritage Aarah



Reef cleaning

We are passionate about the environment and dedicated to sustainable practices. As part of our continuous efforts the team at Heritage Aarah together with guests passionate about environmental sustainability executed a reef cleaning project. This will be an ongoing endeavour, as we attempt to do all we can to encourage responsibility and environmental consciousness, as well as being the first CSR activity involving our guests.

#wemakediamonds

Being involved with local communities, while contributing to their empowerment and upliftment is a significant part of our corporate ethos. We also recognize that the youth of today is our main hope for the future. With this in mind, sessions on talent management and best practices were conducted on the 18th of October 2019 at Heritage Aarah. The occasion was an immense success and 25 MI College Degree students attended the event.

Desert cleaning campaign



Desert Nights Camp

The staff took the initiative to clean the surrounding desert area, creating awareness on littering within the local community.

Lunch at Azaiba Centre for Differently Abled Kids



Al Falaj

As part of its commitment towards the community, Al Falaj Hotel organized its CSR activity in collaboration with the "Association for children with disabilities rehabilitation centre in Azaiba". The initiative saw the top management of the hotel take time off a busy workday to visit the children and plan a birthday celebration, give out gifts and offer a meal.

Visiting the centre, made quite a significant impact on the individuals that participated and reminded us of how fortunate we really are. Each child that we met at the centre was special, unique, and inspiring in their own way.

A photograph of a beach at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with waves breaking on the shore. The sand is a warm, golden-brown color. In the foreground, a single footprint is visible in the sand. The text "A QUICK LOOK AT OCTOBER" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image. There are blue triangular graphic elements in the top-right and bottom-left corners.

A QUICK LOOK AT OCTOBER



Turyaa Chennai Fifth Anniversary Celebrations

5th Annual Grant Meet was held on
7th October 2019

The event began with the planting of trees by
the Corporate Team and inaugurating the
stone for completing 150 years by Aitken
Spence. The stone is precisely placed at the
portico area of the hotel.

Various cultural programs, distribution of
certificates, trophies and awards to the winners
were presented.



Launch of the finest seafood lunch in town



The now-legendary Let's Sea Sunday Seafood lunch commenced on the 27th of October at the Bluetan restaurant, Heritance Negombo. The seafood spread comprises some of the finest and freshest seafood from Negombo carefully chosen, expertly prepared and fabulously presented. The menu for the afternoon offers outstanding variety, with specialty seafood dishes, mouthwatering mains, classic action stations, and an assortment of delectable desserts that offers plenty to choose from.



Christmas Cake Mixing at Heritance Ahungalla

we started the season with plenty of Christmas spirit by having our traditional cake mix, while sharing this moment of revelry and festivity with our guest. Captured here in a snapshot, the culinary team and other team members eagerly participate in the moment.

News & Views

WTM London names SL as the premier partner for 2019

Sri Lanka Tourism gets a much-needed boost internationally and is recognized as a premier partner at the World Travel Market 2019. (Ceylon FT. Thursday 24 October 2019)

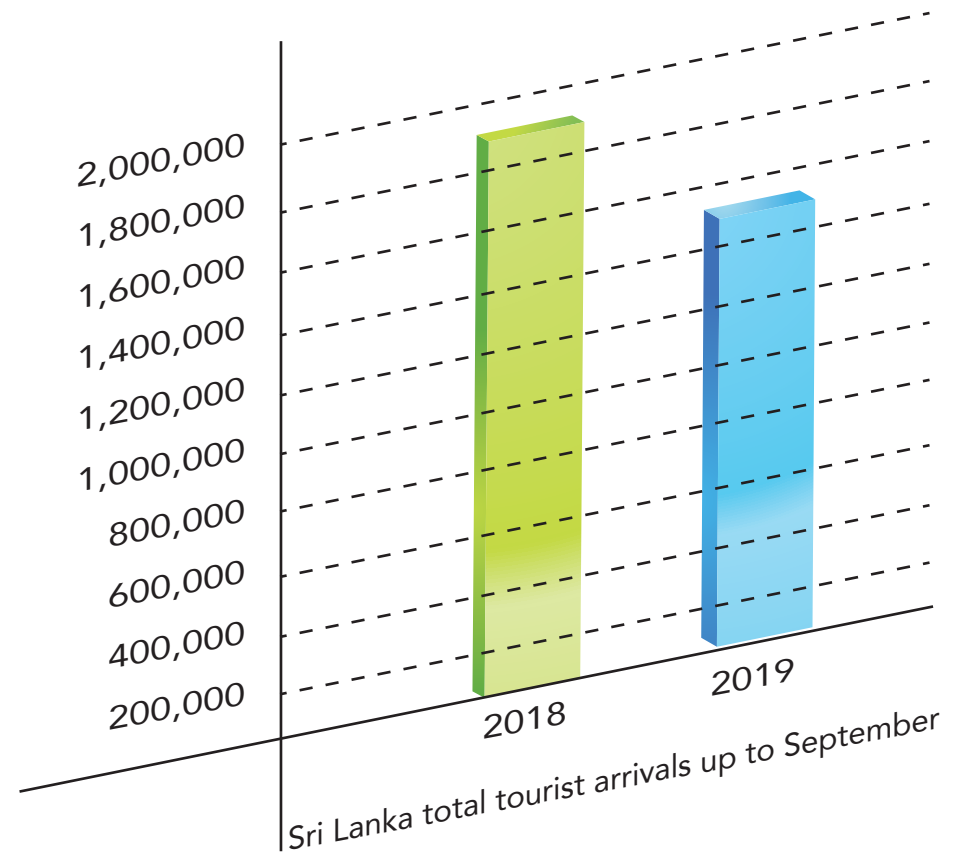
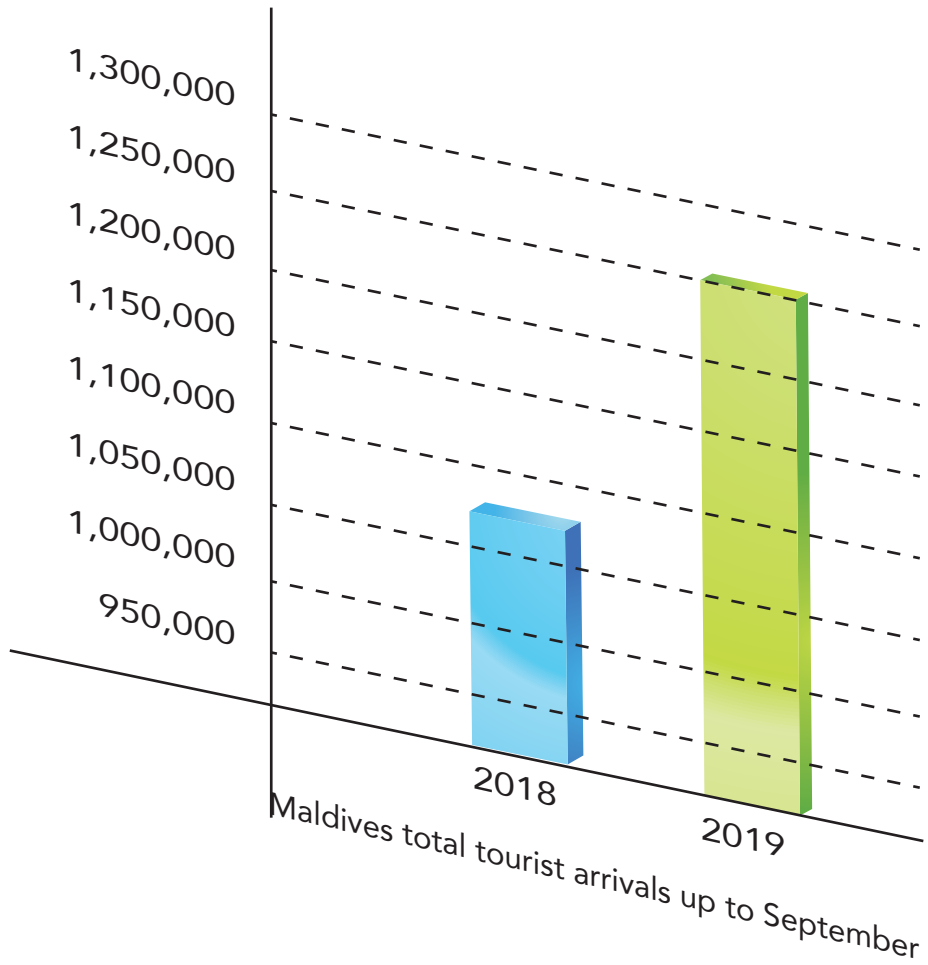
Sri Lankan Airlines to relaunch Colombo-Frankfurt flights

The flights which were abandoned in November 2016 could be relaunched soon. (Dailynews. Thursday 24 October 2019)

Sri Lanka bags two awards at World Travel Awards 2019

Sri Lanka was recently awarded "Asia's Leading Adventure Tourism Destination" and "Asia's Leading Emerging Tourism Destination – Colombo" at the 26th consecutive World Travel Awards held at the Vinepearl Convention Centre in Phu Quoc, Vietnam. (DailyFT. Friday 25 October 2019)

TOURIST ARRIVALS



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