



Aitken Spence® Hotels

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A serene sunset over a body of water. The sky is a mix of deep blues, purples, and pinks, with scattered clouds. The water is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. In the foreground, a small wooden boat with two long poles is positioned in the water. In the distance, a small structure on stilts is visible on the water. The overall mood is peaceful and tranquil.

FEATURED GETAWAYS

A photograph of the Heritage Kandalama hotel building, a modern structure with large glass windows and balconies, built into a cliffside and surrounded by dense tropical vegetation. The building is illuminated by warm, golden light, likely from the setting or rising sun. The sky is a mix of blue and orange. The foreground is filled with lush green trees and foliage. The overall scene is serene and picturesque.

Awe-inspiring sights, sounds and sensations at Heritage Kandalama

Heritage Kandalama is widely considered an architectural masterpiece and an eco-resort unlike any other. Adding to this allure is the hotel's idyllic location, which overlooks the world's eighth wonder. The first thing you notice about the hotel is how it rises majestically alongside the face of a cliff and is engulfed by a canopy of tropical vegetation. This makes for a lush, panoramic setting, and a truly enchanting destination.

The property's award winning design is a testament to the prowess of architect Geoffrey Bawa and the Company's vision towards sustainability.

With a large number of accolades, recognition and certifications, Heritage Kandalama has been a trendsetter in hospitality, culinary excellence, service superiority and continues to make waves through its unique value propositions.

Escape to your own private island with Adaaran Select Hudhuran Fushi, Maldives

Adaaran Select Hudhuran Fushi is set amidst 83 sprawling acres of lush tropical beach property neighbouring the pristine Kani Beach on the enchanting Lohifushi Island. An atoll which richly deserves its title as the isle of white gold. The resort's unique design lets it blend into the tropical wilderness that surrounds it, making it one of the most aesthetically appealing resorts in the Maldives. This meticulous attention to detail extends to every facet of the resort, from the exquisite villas each offering a variety of settings, to the scrumptious gastronomy, endless excursions, and exhilarating activities.

There are also endless options for rest and relaxation, including a spa that offers world-class therapy, accompanied by signature service that is always on call, ready to satisfy your every need.



ACCOLADES FOR EXCELLENCE



CA Annual Report Awards 2019

Aitken Spence Hotel Holdings PLC and Browns Beach PLC was awarded the Gold Award and Certificate of Compliance respectively at the recently held 55th Annual Report Awards for 2019. Both organisations emerged victoriously from among the many highly acclaimed corporates in the hotel sector and effectively demonstrated their commitment to transparency.

The Annual Report Awards is organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka. The event recognizes the cream of the crop in annual reporting, by highlighting those organisations that have excelled in presenting their annual report both in terms of financial accuracy and overall creativity.



National Business Excellence Awards 2019

Aitken Spence Hotel Holdings PLC emerged Gold Award Winners (Hospitality and Tourism Sector) at the National Business Excellence Awards 2019 held on 13th December.

The National Business Excellence Awards is an annual award competition organized by the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) with the aim of recognizing the business enterprises that display business excellence.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

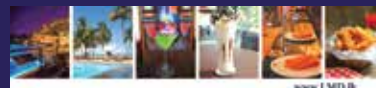


Launch of TUI Academy - Sri Lanka

The TUI Care Foundation partnered with Aitken Spence Hotels to launch the TUI Academy in Sri Lanka with the aim to provide hospitality training to under privileged youth.

The launch event held at Heritance Ahungalla was graced by Speaker of Parliament Karu Jayasuriya, Minister of Foreign Relations, Minister of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations Dinesh Gunawardena, TUI Care Foundation Member of Board of Trustees Dagmar Wohrl and Chairperson of Aitken Spence Hotel Managements Stasshani Jayawardena.

60 students will undergo a two month vocational training course on hospitality and life skills at the Aitken Spence Institute for Hotel Management during the first year.



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SECTOR RANKINGS	NATIONWIDE HOTELS	MEMBERSHIP HOTELS	LEISURE AND RESORTS
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Aitken Spence Hotels was ranked No 1 among 'Nationwide Hotels' in the LMD Top 100 issue in December 2019. The rankings were based on an exclusive online survey featuring Sri Lanka's most recognised service providers.



The Conde Nast January issue carried an exclusive on the remarkable Heritance Aarah and its many outstanding facets.



Heritance Aarah once again made headlines and was featured in Signature Luxury Travel & Style Australia as one of the best new hotels in the Maldives.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Eastern Orthodox Christmas 2020

Enjoy a traditional Russian Christmas eve dinner with authentic Russian cuisine and accompanied by a host of other festivities on the beach, including a special appearance from Santa.

Date : 7th January
Time : 7.30 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.
Venue : Dhoni Beach Bar

Breakfast on Water

Enjoy gorgeous views and delectable cuisine along with a complimentary bottle of champagne.

Date : Every day
Venue : Your preferred location

Pongal Celebrations

The Hindu Harvest festival of Pongal is one of the most important celebrations across the Tamil Nadu region. Turyaa Chennai gives traditional Pongal celebrations an interesting twist with authentic cuisine prepared to perfection by legendary local chefs.

Date : 14th to 16th January
Time : 12.30 p.m.
Venue : SVAR

Reef Cleaning

The staff at Adaaran Prestige Vadoo, including the diving school staff armed with snorkelling gear, will team up to clean the surrounding ocean, with emphasis on the area near the water villas. The project will also involve collecting plastic waste from the sea.

Date : 15th January
Venue : Water Villa Area

Sandbench Dinner

An exquisite spread of delicacies, favourites and specialties accompanied by a complimentary bottle of champagne.

Date : Every day
Time : 6.30 p.m. onwards
Venue : Water Villa Beach

Flavours of Tamil Nadu

The unique cuisine, culture, and people of Tamil Nadu are celebrated with a variety of famous South Indian delicacies, regional favourites and new creations that are a fusion of tradition and creativity.

Date : 13th to 31st January
Time : 7.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.
Venue : Samasa

A person is silhouetted against a starry night sky, holding a flashlight that illuminates a path of light across the sky. The sky is a deep purple and blue, with many stars visible. The person is standing on a dark, silhouetted horizon line. The flashlight beam is a bright white line that starts from the person and extends upwards and to the left, illuminating a path of light across the sky. The text "A QUICK LOOK AT NOVEMBER & DECEMBER" is centered in the middle of the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**A QUICK LOOK AT
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER**



Vivaha Wedding Exhibition 2019

Aitken Spence Hotels participated in the Vivaha wedding exhibition, offering attractive prices and packages to couples looking to tie the knot in 2020. The exhibition was visited by over 500 couples during the three days.

29th, 30th & 31st November - BMICH



Diamond of the Year

In recognition of the unwavering commitment of our employees, Aitken Spence Hotels held a ceremony to honour and award the most outstanding employees of each hotel.

6th December 4.30 p.m. onwards - Diamond Room, Aitken Spence



FEATURED GETAWAYS

Chef Dimuthu Kumarasinghe's representations and honours

Chef DK represents Aitken Spence at World of Food Abu Dhabi

Chef Dimuthu Kumarasinghe (a.k.a Chef DK), Assistant Vice President - Food and Beverage of Aitken Spence Hotels represented the group at the World of Food Abu Dhabi; held from the 5th to 9th December 2019 at Umm Al Emarat Park in Mushrif. The food festival is one of the most prestigious in the world and covers everything from haute cuisine to street food and a spread of exotic fare. This year's festival saw a Guinness World Record being set for the largest variety of desserts with at least 2 different ingredients and 3 or more servings. This resulted in up to 10,056 dessert servings in one buffet setting.

Chef DK is renowned worldwide as the only chef in the world to win nine individual gold medals in two culinary Olympics.



Culinary Olympic Winner Chef DK participates in state gathering at Royal Palace in Riyadh

Star Chef DK had the rare honour of participating in a state gathering between HRH King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Al Saud and the Head of State of the Federal Republic of Russia, President Vladimir Putin. The WVIP Gala State Dinner was held at the Royal Palace in Riyadh on 14th October 2019.



Workshop on non-communicable chronic diseases and workplace health and well-being - Heritance Kandalama

Dr. Jayantha Dassanayake, a doyen in the field of international consultations on NCDs, Sports Health Science and physical activity conducted an illuminating session to over 150 staff members with the hope of creating awareness among our associates. This is just one of the many initiatives that is a part of the organisation's five year plan, aimed at improving the health of staff members.

13th & 14th December
Kathikawa Conference Centre - Heritance Kandalama



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AT OUR HOTELS!

Heritance Kandalama



Heritance Negombo



Heritance Ahungalla



Heritance Tea Factory



Turyaa Kalutara



Amethyst Resort



Earl's Regent

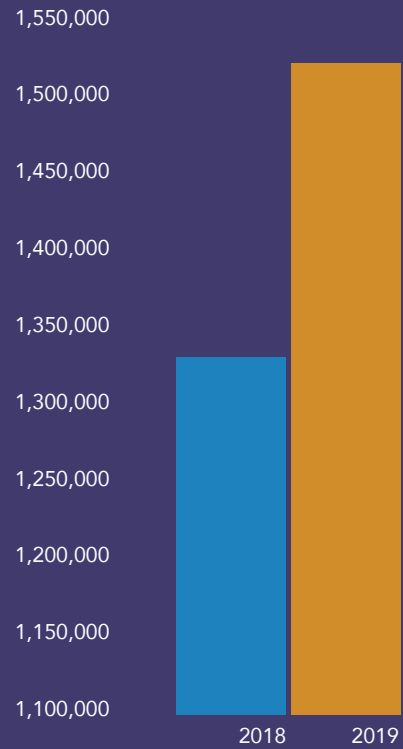


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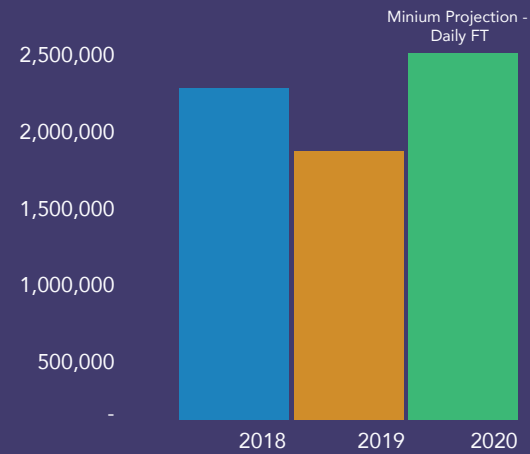


TOURIST ARRIVALS

Maldives Tourist Arrival Figures
(upto November)



Sri Lanka Tourist Arrival Figures
(up to December)





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