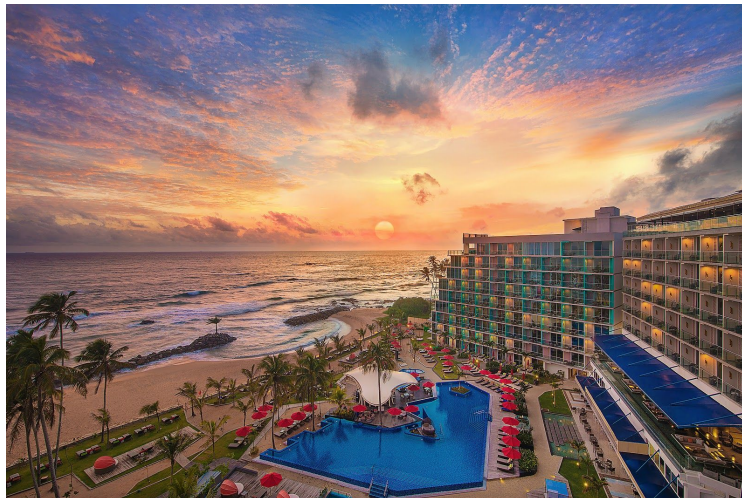


## Discover the charms of Sri Lanka with Amari Galle



*Welcome to Galle*, a world within a world steeped in culture and history. Shrouded in legend and mystery, Galle is one of the most important cities on the south coast of Sri Lanka. Once the main port of the island, Galle channelled a flourishing trade in luxury commodities such as metals, precious stones, ivory, livestock and spices. Since the island's colonisation by the Portuguese, the Dutch and the British, the city has been an integral part of Sri Lanka's modern history.

A living, breathing city of significant historical value, Galle greets visitors as the gateway to the south. Even through the rolling streams of time and change, Galle continues to preserve an atmosphere of the past, which is apparent in its most prominent feature and oldest landmark, Galle Fort, which was built by the Dutch more than 500 years ago and is currently an archaeological reserve that has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Nestled on the golden sandy crescent on the south coast, only 10 minutes away from the magnificent Galle Fort is Amari Galle, Sri Lanka's very first Amari hotel. The hotel is located along the main Colombo-Galle Road with a travel time of two and a half hours from Sri Lanka's international airport in Colombo.

Amari Galle's architecture and design is inspired by the natural beauty of the Galle coastline. A panoramic view of the ocean, the gentle sea breeze and the warm southern smiles of the Amari Galle team greet guests upon their arrival. The lobby is inspired by the city's natural resources, a reference to its rich and unique past. Within this serene atmosphere, guests are welcomed by two signature sculptures that pay tribute to the beautiful coastline of Galle. A large, magnificent fixture resembling corals adorns one wall whilst another reminiscent of beach parasols adorns the opposite wall.

Vertical fins with wood finishing, marble floors and a subtle punch of colour stand side by side illuminated by soft lighting. Amari Galle consists of unique spaces designed with the elements of nature, refreshing the weary traveller and preparing them for a journey of fun and relaxation.

The essence of Galle is further captured through the hotel's beautifully appointed rooms and suites, all of which are fully equipped with modern amenities and private balconies overlooking the Indian Ocean. Each of the 172 guestrooms and suites features spacious and light-filled interiors that capture the tranquillity of the coastline

with soothing colour schemes to create a beach house feel. Rooms feature artwork that reflects the common sights of the location.

Amari Galle is also home to a 360-square-metre presidential suite, which was inspired by the concept of ‘day meets night’ with merging colour tones depicting the magical hues of dusk. Commanding a breath-taking view from the top floor, this two-bedroom suite includes a dining area, a living room and a balcony terrace with a private plunge pool.

### **Make a pit stop at Voyager Lounge**

Located on the lobby level, Voyager Lounge is a warm and friendly space designed for informal gatherings. This 24-hour facility is equipped with luggage-sized lockers and shower facilities, making it an ideal relaxation space for early arrivals or late departures. Inspired by the clouds that appear over the Galle horizon, the design of the lounge instils a homely sense of calmness with its comfortable seating, TV, free Wi-Fi, workstations and library. While relaxing in this cosy setting, guests may also enjoy a range of freshly baked items, sandwiches and cakes, together with a diverse selection of coffee and Ceylon tea.

### **A culinary journey at Ahara Gourmet Gallery**

Inspired by the rich street food culture of the region, Ahara Gourmet Gallery is the signature market-style restaurant of Amari Galle where the feeling of togetherness merges with food and culture in an energetic setting. Live kitchens offer guests the opportunity to interact with the chefs and experience the vibrant flavours of Asian and international cuisines. The exquisite menu consists of a wide selection of sharing dishes, because at Amari, experiences are better when enjoyed together. Ahara Gourmet Gallery is located on the garden level and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### **Shoreline Beach Club: the seaside experience**

Shoreline Beach Club offers guests the luxury of basking in the sun or shade either by the ocean or pool. The centrepiece is the bar, where guests can sample a variety of delicious snacks and cocktails under three intersecting canopies inspired by the Bodhi tree.

### **Bommu Rooftop Bar: let’s drink to the views**

As the day comes to a close, Bommu Rooftop Bar, named from the local expression, ‘let’s have a drink’, is the ideal place to unwind and mingle. The ambience of the bar is picturesque with the serene and ever-changing ocean horizon as the backdrop. The bar serves a range of classic and innovative cocktails, and a diverse selection of international and locally inspired tapas and creative dishes to delight every palate. Guests can comfortably sit back in the lounge chairs or have an intimate chat at the bar and sip away the night while being serenaded by a starry sky.

### **ORU Seafood Restaurant & Bar: From the ocean, straight to your plate**

Amari Galle’s open-air dining venue on the beach sets the stage for splendid sunsets and a truly memorable dinner with your nearest and dearest. The restaurant’s doors open just before sunset for a magical transformation, perfect for romantic dinners or a relaxing night out under the stars. ORU offers an exceptional variety of flavours from Sri Lanka and around the world, using the highest quality local ingredients. The fresh catch of the day is highlighted in a true southern market-style display and the menu offers a selection of preparation methods to choose from. While you wait, choose from a list of elaborate and innovative cocktails and wines to accompany your meal.

### **Recharge or unwind at Breeze Spa**

Breeze Spa is designed to meet diverse needs, from lifelong spa devotees to newcomers to wellness and

travellers simply looking to recharge or unwind. Breeze Spa therapies are mood-based, so whether guests want to be rejuvenated, invigorated, energised or stay dreamy or serene, there is the right experience on offer.

Breeze Spa's signature treatment is the Galle Ceylon Retreat Package, a locally inspired therapeutic ritual infused with the country's iconic spices and herbs. Concocted specially for Amari Galle, this two-and-a-half-hour treatment begins with a full body tea leaf scrub infused with aromatic cinnamon and vanilla. The exfoliating tea extract helps rejuvenate the skin and keep it soft and healthy. The experience continues with a relaxing massage that combines Thai and Ayurvedic techniques, followed by a refreshing facial to keep the face glowing.

### **Let's talk business**

If work is part of one's stay, Amari Galle is fully equipped to handle various business events with a ballroom that can accommodate up to 250 people for seated dinners and three IDEA Rooms, which offer options for creative meetings.

The ballroom can be adapted to different requirements ranging from corporate functions and product launches to business cocktails. High-speed internet access, video conferencing facilities and the latest audio-visual equipment are available.

### **Say "I do" the Amari way**

Nuptials, be they intimate gatherings or grand receptions, are well catered to at Amari Galle. Walk down the aisle with the awe-inspiring backdrop of the colourful Galle sky and tranquil ocean or host an extravagant ceremony under the chandeliers and contemporary design of the ballroom.

From creating enticing menus to setting up stunning venues, Amari Galle's team of expert wedding planners will guide guests along the wonderful journey to their wedding day and ensure an unforgettable experience.

### **Keeping fit**

The FIT Centre is ideal for all fitness levels and is well-equipped with treadmills, CrossFit weight machines and free weights.

### **Kids' Club: little VIPs**

At Amari Galle, children are welcomed with an Amari Kid's Passport, which invites them to interact with the hotel in a fresh and exciting way. Children are encouraged to visit a minimum of seven checkpoints and take part in the daily fun activities to collect 'winners' stamps' in their passports, which will win them a scrumptious kids' meal of their choice. A variety of supervised creative activities are held every day, including kids' karaoke sessions, movie evenings and art competitions for Amari Galle's little guests. Indoor and outdoor supervised play areas are available from 09:00 to 18:00. From arrival to departure, children are treated as VIPs at Amari Galle. Babysitting services are also available upon request.

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