

HALGOLLA PLANTATION HOME (HPH)



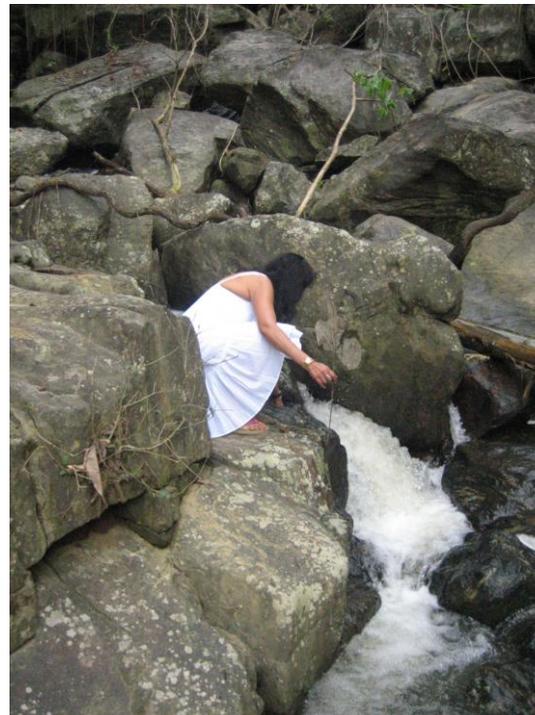
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NOT ONLY A JUMPING OFF-POINT
FOR MAJOR ARCHÆOLOGICAL
AND CULTURAL SITES BUT A
DESTINATION WITHOUT EQUAL
FOR THE DISCERNING VISITOR TO
SRI LANKA

impeccable taste its superb craftsmanship is evident in every inch of its 65-foot height which makes it the largest of its kind in the world

Within a very short distance is *Ridi Vihare*, a wonderful place of worship, its atmosphere exemplifies the peace and tranquility that distinguishes classic Buddhism while figuring prominently in the history of Sri Lanka during the time of King Dutugemunu, more than 2000 years ago.

And in solitary splendor, surrounded by the North Western Provincial Plain, is the unique *Nelli Gala Saamaya Chaitiya* which exudes an indescribable peace all its own.



A guest in the stream that borders HPH.

HPH is **not** simply a “home stay” but offers those staying with the couple whose home it is the opportunity of being welcome guests in the ancestral home of a family that has lived there for three generations.

Looking down the Weuda Valley of the Northwestern Province from the foothills of the Kandyan Kingdom’s Central Province,



Sunset down the Weuda Valley

it puts guests within easy reach of the Cultural Triangle, the most venerated Buddhist site in the world (the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy, a mere 20 kilometres away), the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya with more than 200 hectares of pure sylvan delight and the unique Elephant Orphanage.

Apart from the established tourist destinations, we have begun to explore some of the true gems in our neighbourhood, all lending themselves to a morning’s or day’s excursion.

Among these is the fantastic *Samadhi* Buddha statue at Moneragala. Carved out of a granite hill in

. These are but a very few of the myriad attractions in and around HPH and if you give us an indication of where your interests lie, we'll be only too happy to set up something appropriate.

But what is truly unique about HPH is that it is a working plantation in which all the major spice crops of Sri Lanka, bar cardamons, are grown, harvested and, in many cases, processed for market by local residents. In addition, many of the better than 40 varieties of fruit on the land are made into jams, jellies, chutneys, preserves and 100% natural, organic drinks. Most times, guests will have the opportunity of observing these processes, inclusive of the



HPH Dining room

traditional open-hearth cooking from whence comes some of the finest in rural Sri Lankan cuisine.

It hardly seems necessary to state the obvious, but HPH is a haven of peace and tranquility, ideal for painting, reading, or meditation. HPH even has a spot named Meditation Flat, within a short distance of the house!



Roof support structure of Panavitiya Ambalama

For those guests who are interested in the written word, HPH has an excellent library encompassing everything from Sri Lankan history through books that can be described as an ornithologist's and naturalist's dream to non-fiction and fiction, both Sri Lankan and international, which your hosts will be only too glad to give you access to on request.



Moneragala Samadhi Buddha

We have three bedrooms. Nellie's Suite accommodates four with an en-suite shower and toilet. The windows run the length of the western wall and a large part of that on the north.

Ben's Bedroom provides for two with an en-suite bath, shower, wash basin and toilet and its windows open out on our lovely central courtyard.

The Selva Gamini's windows open out on the central courtyard as well and it is provided with a toilet, shower and wash basin exclusively for the use of its occupants.

We have a very large dining room, most of its light coming through a huge stained-glass window from the van der Poorten studios in Brussels and dating back to the mid-nineteenth century. The living room is large and airy and contains brass and other ornaments and artifacts which will dazzle. Windows extend the length of two of its walls.



Island at entrance to HPH

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