

A “NOT QUITE NEW” INITIATIVE



Talipot Palm - a remarkable plant, an adequate description of which is not possible within this caption!

Over the past few years we've been exploring the possibilities of building on Halgolla Plantation Home's diverse attractions to go beyond the traditional “Bed & Breakfast in a plantation home” experience. One of the initiatives is what has now

become the very well received Walkabout and **Planter's Lunch at HPH for those guests only** able to spend a day with us.

Starting as early in the day as is convenient, a maximum of four guests are conducted on a



Arlene, Emil, Nutmegs, Mace & Vanilla beans

tour through the Vanilla field, the Cinnamon patch, the Soaking Pool, Boulder Path and Meditation Flat accompanied by a

comprehensive description of the spices and other flora grown, harvested and processed on Halgolla Plantation Home; the fauna sharing HPH with its owners; and the history of the van der Poorten family which has resided here since the mid-1800s. Apart from spices, there are also such plants as the Talipot Palm which produces



The beginning of the Boulder Path



Pathma holding Entada pod - the largest in the world!



"Adolescent" Entada vine

the largest flower in the world and on the leaves of which were inscribed Sanscrit, Pali and Sinhala history in a manner similar to that which Egyptian scholars of old used Papyrus; the Entada vine which produces the largest (bean) pod in the world, often in excess of five feet in length, and the Panama rubber tree which provided the Mesozoic Indians of Central America with the raw material for the first object used for purely recreational purposes by humans! A journey along the Walking Trails of HPH is an experience completely out of the ordinary and will end with a drink of *thambili* (King Coconut) water, lime juice or similar thirst-quencher and a noon repast of Sri Lankan cuisine which can only be adequately described **by someone who's experienced** it!

All of this for a modest \$(US)70 per person, with a maximum of 4 per group.