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Ambalangoda



Sri Lanka

Ambalangoda is a coastal town located in the Galle District, of the Southern Province of Sri Lanka. This little town by the ocean is a sweaty, workaday town, and not touristy. Ambalangoda is known as a Buddhist city in Sri Lanka. Ambalangoda is the place where "Masks" originated in Sri Lanka during the days of the kings and this is still thriving sometimes but a bit modernized. In addition the place is reputed for its golden beaches, puppet shows, devil dancing, moonstone, and antique furniture. Plantations of low country tea, rubber, coconut and cinnamon plantations and factories.

Ambalangoda

 All meals included	Yes (1)
 Free beverages	Yes (2)
 Persons per room	4-10
 Wifi in public areas	No
 Laundry facilities	Yes (3)
 Safety box	Yes
 Lockable rooms	Yes
 Hot shower	No
 Private bathroom	No
 Bed linen	Yes
 Towels	No
 Mosquito protection	No
 Fan	Yes
 Air conditioning	No

(1) Three meals per day during weekdays and two per day on weekends

(2) Water, tea, and coffee

(3) At an additional fee



Accommodation & Food

About the Accommodation

You will be accommodated in our center which is located a few meters from the ocean. The beach is closer to the accommodation where you can hang out with fellow participants. Furthermore, there is a refrigerator which you are welcome to use to store food and beverages. Safety lockers are available to store your belongings. Please bring your own padlock to be used.

Food Arrangements

You will be provided with three meals a day on weekdays and two meals per day on weekends. The meals are mainly Sri Lankan food, consisting mainly of vegetarian dishes including rice and vegetables. You can eat out at any of the local restaurants.

Facilities

Our house is located a 10 minutes walk away from the city center, where you can find anything you might need.

The nearest ATM and supermarket are located a 10 minute walk away from our accommodation.

Mandatory Orientation Day

At this location there is no mandatory orientation day offered.

Activities & Events

No scheduled activities outside the program.

Sights & Surroundings

Visit the Sailatalarama Vihara which lies about 7 km inland from Ambalangoda. This temple sits on a domed hill with broad views over spice plantations and lakes towards the ranges of the Province of Sabaragamuwa. The temple has a 35m-long sleeping Buddha statue, built by donations. Pilgrims approach the dagobas and devale (a complex designed for worshipping a Hindu or local Sri Lankan deity) via 208 steps, but there's also a road to the top.

Also visit The Ariyapala Mask Museum, with its dioramas and explanations in English, they give an excellent insight into Sri Lankan masks and the meanings behind them. It also sells the booklet The Ambalangoda Mask Museum, a useful publication if you want to delve into the mysterious world of dance, legend and exorcism, and the psychology behind the masks.