

Sri Lanka: A golfer's paradise

Lush green mountains overlooking a tranquil lake; majestic trees lining green fairways; smiling faces; luxury accommodation; a relaxing swim and herbal massage. If you're thinking golf, it's the place to be. The Victoria Golf and Country Resort near Kandy in central Sri Lanka is indeed a golfer's paradise.



Victoria Golf Resort hole

Donald Steel, former President of the British Association of Golf Course Architects and author of 10 books on golf who was also the designer of the Victoria Golf Course once remarked, "«Some

golf courses have a splendid undulating terrain over which the holes are routed. Some golf courses have scenic backdrop of hills and lakes, which excite the senses. However, The Victoria Golf Course near Kandy is blessed with both attributes.»

“As much as it is an excellent venue for a game of golf, it is also an excellent retreat for a couple, family or small group” noted Ms

Heba Al Ghais Al Mansoori, Middle East Director of Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau.

The Tamarind Lodge is a 5-bedroomed property situated just 100-metres above the Victoria Dam with its own private infinity pool. The 500-acre Resort also features several other properties offering both comfort and privacy. It's a nature lover's dream where you can go on horseback through

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deep forests with its 70 species of exotic birds and deer and monkeys.

Golfing in Sri Lanka began well over a century ago on Galle Face Green in the heart of Colombo. The British who introduced the game also set up Asia's second oldest and the world's third oldest golf course, the Royal Colombo Golf Club in 1880. Historically a Championship course, it features long par fives and almost

impossible par fours. It presents a sporting challenge with deep traps and water hazards.

The British golfing legacy in Sri Lanka was not restricted to Colombo. The picturesque course at the foot of the highest mountain in the country is one of the most naturally scenic in the world. Situated in 160 km away and 1890 m above sea level in the hill resort

of Nuwara Eliya, most of the course is situated within the town. It is also at the heart of the verdant tea plantations that have made Ceylon Tea famous the world over.

The newest in Sri Lanka is a par 72, 18-hole golf course just outside Colombo. The Water's Edge Golf Course is spread across 200 acres of land and features several

waterways.

A visit to Sri Lanka would hardly be complete without sampling the wild natural beauty of the country including the scenic waterfalls, spice and tea plantations, bird and wildlife reserves, tropical jungle excursions and the luxurious yet eco-friendly accommodation. The country' has beautiful beaches all around.

