



New Oriental Hotel, Galle

*Situated within 400-year old Galle Fort —
a UNESCO World Heritage Site — Amangalla is housed
in historic colonial buildings formerly known as the
New Oriental Hotel. The property was founded in
1863 and traded under this name for 140 years.*

Amangalla is Amanresorts' first property in Sri Lanka.

*It re-opened in February 2005 after extensive
renovation and restoration.*

*Traders, merchants and Dutch and English colonists
have all left an indelible stamp on the character of
Galle Fort. Today it is part of Sri Lanka's living heritage
and Amangalla plays an integral role.*

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The stately grande dame of Galle Fort, the historic heart of Galle on Sri Lanka's south coast, Amangalla boasts all the period charm of a bygone era and is gracious in every respect.

Combining *aman*, the Sanskrit word for 'peace' and *galla*, Sinhalese for the town of Galle, the hotel offers accommodation in 28 Bedrooms, Chambers and Suites, and a two-storey Garden House.



Extending the length of the hotel on the ground floor is a lofty-ceilinged verandah. From here one can watch the comings and goings of the Fort while dining, enjoying a traditional afternoon tea, or sipping an evening drink.



Opening onto the verandah on one side, the Great Hall or “Zaal” as it was known in Dutch colonial times features soaring ceilings, period lighting and stately overhead fans.





The Great Hall is a versatile space providing intimate settings with a colonial accent. Here one can sip a solo cup of Ceylon tea, enjoy an evening cocktail with friends or dine in style.

Situated at one end of the Great Hall and furnished with period tables and chairs, crisp white linens and antique silverware, the Dining Room (*left*) serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with a menu of traditional Sri Lankan and European fare.





Originally built in 1684 and converted into a hotel in 1863, Amangalla boasts more than 300 years of history. Polished teak floorboards date back to the building's origins and countless antiques decorate the halls, Bedrooms, Chambers and Suites. Large picture windows offer views of the Fort or the hotel's lush gardens from every room.





Airy and spacious, the Bedrooms, Chambers and Suites are decorated in the timeless, elegant style of the colonial era. White linen, dark wood and rattan are complemented by classic prints and touches of solid silver. Delicate Chinchinchee in glass vases are the hotel's signature bloom.





Furnishings also include king-size or twin beds, a writing desk, chaise lounge, planter's chair, dining table and *pettagama* chest.



Bathrooms feature twin vanities, a shower, separate water closet and freestanding bathtubs. Hardwood towel stands, framed full-length mirrors and an ample armoire contribute to the genteel ambience.

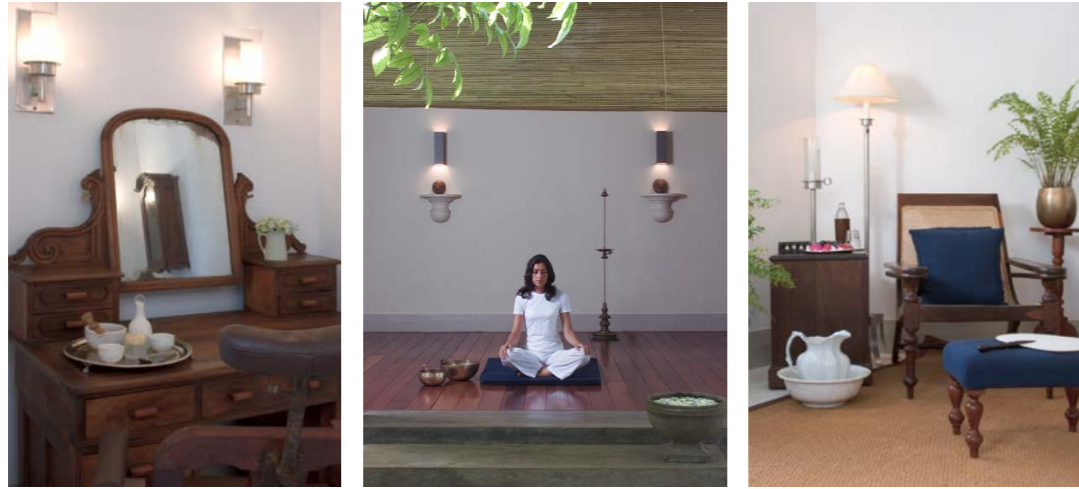




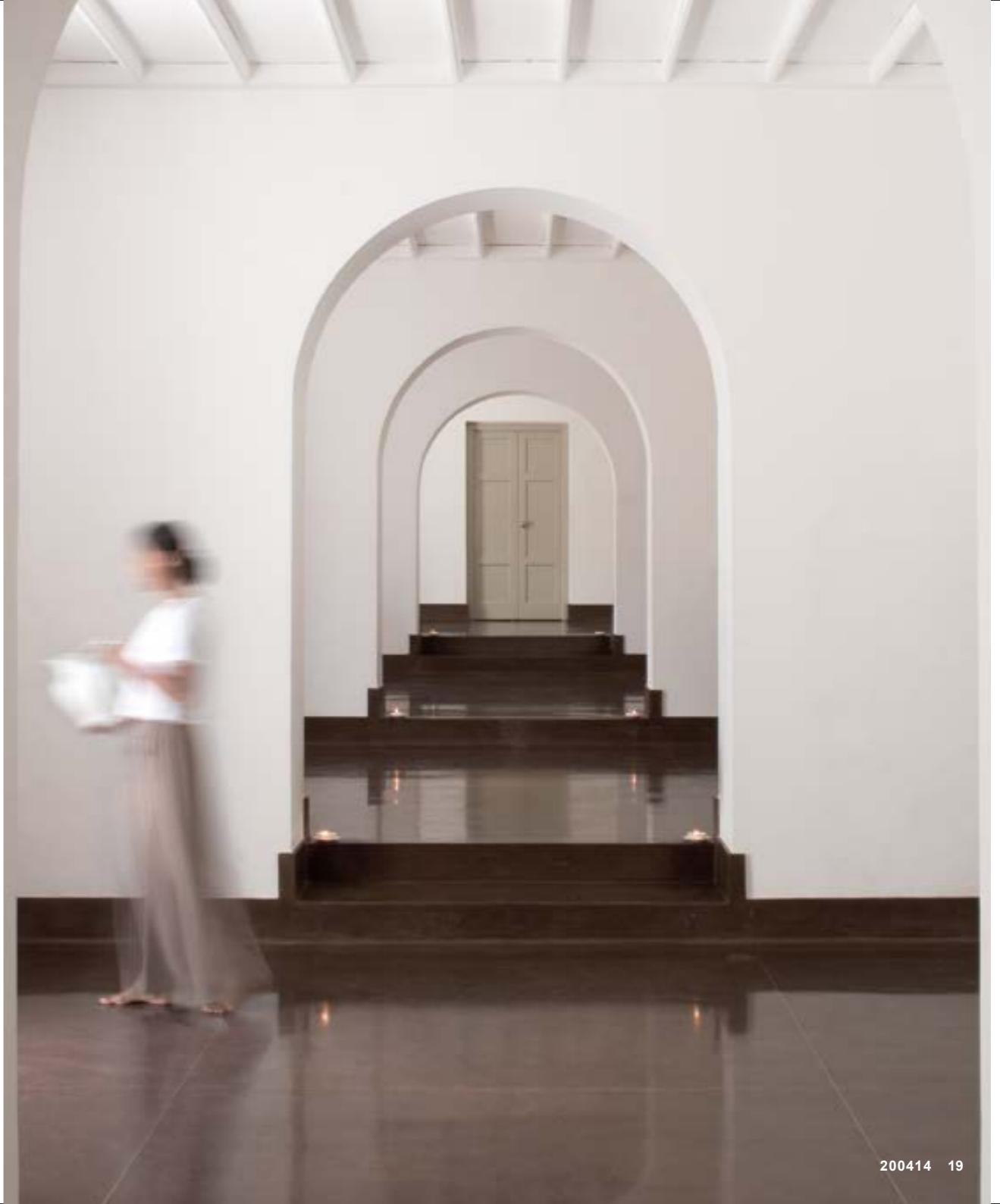
The two-storey Garden House with its romantic past and original antiques is located within the resort's gardens. Surrounded by greenery, it feels removed from the hotel itself, yet is just steps from the main pool.

From the sitting room on the ground floor, double doors open to the bedroom and a staircase leads to the lounge, dining area and balcony above. Pantry facilities are serviced by a private butler.





Amangalla's spa is known as 'The Baths'. An arched hallway leads to five serene treatment rooms, an Ayurvedic consultation room and hydrotherapy chambers. The Baths also offers a Yoga Pavilion, a traditional Barber Shop and a Salon where manicures and pedicures can be enjoyed from the comfort of original planter's chairs.



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The Baths offers two hydrotherapy chambers which recapture a bygone era of 'taking the waters'. Each features a dressing room, hydrotherapy pool, steam room, sauna and cold plunge pool.

Ayurvedic therapies including the relaxing 'Shirodhara' oil treatment (*below*) are a speciality.



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Set within the resort's gardens, the swimming pool offers five shaded *ambalamas* and a number of sun loungers. Poolside service includes breakfast and lunch, and private dinners can be enjoyed under the coconut trees in the pool courtyard.





The Library is a peaceful retreat featuring a range of engaging books on the history, culture and arts of Sri Lanka. Along with reference books on Galle Fort's tumultuous past, an archive traces Amangalla's colourful history as the New Oriental Hotel. Internet access is also available.



A leisurely stroll through the Fort's bustling, narrow streets reveals colonial buildings still in use such as the Dutch-era Groot Kerk, the Governor's house, spice warehouses and the lighthouse. At day's end, residents stroll the seawall or gather on the ramparts to chat, fly kites and play cricket. Beyond the Fort, excursions to temples and tea plantations offer insight into the region's rich culture and natural beauty.





Within Galle Fort's historic walls, Amangalla is a genteel symbol of a bygone era, where colonial charm and Sri Lanka's rich culture combine to offer a unique and rewarding experience.

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