

# Ocean Haven

**Region:** Southern Coast **Sleeps:** 12

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## Overview

Sitting in an incredible sea-front location above Sri Lanka's Weligama Bay, Ocean Haven is a delightful single-storey home that can comfortably accommodate up to twelve guests. Close to the villa are vibrant towns, surf schools and serene beaches, meaning you do not have far to travel to find a great range of amenities.

Ocean Haven is a warm and welcoming home, a fantastic base for your trip to Sri Lanka. With open-plan living rooms, a lush and expansive garden and five bedrooms, this is a brilliant choice for families. All on one floor, the house is a friendly space with rooms that wind into each other and open out onto the garden.

The living room is large and leads to a covered veranda that wraps around the whole home. The living room has comfortable sofas, a TV, and a pool table, and it is a fabulous space where everyone can come together in the evenings and make memories. The rooms here are decorated in muted, beachy tones with terracotta floor tiles, ceiling beams, and wooden furnishings, which create a lovely space to unwind. Next to the kitchen, you will find the kitchen equipped to a professional standard; the chef will work here, preparing a wide array of meals from local dishes to Italian cuisine for your party.

The villa is set on one floor; the rooms look outwards to the garden and the sea beyond or inwards to the interior courtyard. Light floods the living spaces and bedrooms from the floor-to-ceiling windows and the doors out on the terraces. Five bedrooms are available here, and four are in the main villa. These include two large rooms with luxurious king-sized canopy beds, seating areas, and bathrooms with inviting baths and showers. Additionally, there is a twin room with two bunk beds, which is perfect for the kids. Both rooms have en-suite bathrooms, too. The final bedroom is a private hideaway in the garden with a double en-suite room.

Outside, a landscaped, tiered garden is yours to enjoy for your trip. This vast garden has few seating nooks, dining spaces, and shady spots underneath the towering trees. A private swimming pool takes centre stage and offers views of the ocean's crashing waves. You can easily reach the beach through a gate from the garden and take a paddle in the sea. If you would like shelter during the day's heat, why not read your favourite book under the cover of the veranda that envelops the house?

The house is within walking distance of a selection of breathtaking beaches



that are great for sunbathing and taking surfing lessons. You also have a selection of shops, restaurants and attractions in Weligama, just 3km away.

This area, in Sri Lanka's Southern Province, is an ideal base for those wishing to visit tea plantations, see some of the local wildlife and wander around historic towns.

## Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Beach • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • TV • Gym/Fitness Room • Table Tennis • Pool/Snooker • DVD • Ceiling Fans • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Beachfront • Seaview • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Surfing • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior

- Living room with garden access, sofas, desks and pool table
- Professional standard kitchen
- 2 x bedrooms with courtyard access, king-sized canopy beds and en-suite bathrooms with bath, shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with twin beds and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with two sets of bunk beds and en-suite bathroom with shower

## Garden Suite

- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bathroom with shower, sink and WC

## Outside Grounds

- Private salt-water swimming pool
- Large tiered garden with lawns, trees and beach access
- Private gate to beach
- Wraparound veranda
- Internal courtyard
- Covered dining terrace
- Outdoor seating and coffee tables
- Pool side sun loungers
- Fitness equipment
- Children's play area and pool toys
- Barbecue
- Parking

## Facilities

- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)
- Wi-Fi
- TVs
- Ceiling fans
- Stereo system
- DVD player
- Pool table
- Table tennis
- Hairdryers





## Location & Local Information

Set just a stone's throw away from the beach in a popular area of Sri Lanka's Southern Province, Ocean Haven is precisely as the name suggests: a peaceful escape overlooking the Indian Ocean where you can enjoy rest with your nearest and dearest.

With fantastic weather year-round, Sri Lanka is a great place to visit for those who love spending time outdoors. The beaches are a wonderful place to start, the closest being the attractive Secret Jungle Beach, which has white sand and is backed by thick jungle-like vegetation. Further around the bay, you will find little coves where stilt fishermen work and beaches lined with sun loungers and offering an array of water sports. The beaches here are the places to go for surfing classes, which brilliant instructors and reasonably priced lead, or you would prefer taking a yoga session on the beach.

You can also reach the Handunugoda Tea Estate by Tuk Tuk or by car from the villa. Just 12km from the house, this is the only tea plantation in this area and one of the finest on the island. Sri Lanka is renowned for its tea production, and here on the estate, they grow 25 varieties, including their famous Virgin White Tea. Tours of the estate are free, and you can also sample teas or buy some to take back home.

If you are an animal lover, it would be a shame to visit Sri Lanka without meeting the beautiful Asian elephants. One of the best places to see the elephants in the wild is Udawalawe National Park, which is well worth the 110km drive. You can see deer, wild boar, buffalo, crocodiles, exotic birds, and elephants.

On top of these impressive natural attractions and sites, the Southern Province of Sri Lanka is home to many villages and towns. Weligama is your closest town; it is a mixture of a historic fishing village and a modern town, so there is something there for everyone. Many cafes, restaurants and bars in town offer everything from local cuisine to international dishes. If you would prefer to shop for yourself, Weligama has some great markets, including a fish market. While here, you can also visit the off-shore Taprobane Island, explore Buddhist temples and take trains to other areas.

To visit a bustling city, you should spend a day in Galle, 26km away. This coastal city comprises a UNESCO-protected old town called Galle Fort and the modern part of the city, filled with shops and restaurants. Coastal walks, historic sites and museums are all available here in Galle.



### Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Bandaranaike International Airport (175km)</b>
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Nearest Train Station	<b>Kumbalgama (1km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Weligama (3km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Galle (26km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Weligama (3km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Weligama (3km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>(On-site)</b>

## What we love

- Perched above the ocean, overlooking Weligama Bay, Ocean Haven offers incredible views from the terraced gardens and the private swimming pool
- With five bedrooms and spacious living rooms, this villa can comfortably sleep up to 12 guests
- Ocean Haven is a wonderful home for those with children; cots, car seats and babysitting are all available here
- With beaches, national parks, tea plantations and historic sites nearby, the Southern Province of Sri Lanka has plenty to see and do

## What you should know...

- The villa is fully staffed with a helpful team, including a highly regarded chef. While the staff and chef are included in your booking, the cost of meals will be charged separately based on your menu choices. This is to be paid locally in cash - which we recommend taking out prior to your arrival.
- One of the bedrooms is located within a separate garden suite, which offers privacy to the occupants. Please see the 'Features' tab for more information.
- Private access to the beach at the end of the garden via a 5m walk over the rocks, where the sea will come in over the sand at certain times of the year. At these times, you can still access the sea for a swim.
- If you wish to see more of the island, we recommend you bring a car or book a driver, though there are lots of beaches and amenities within walking distance of the home.
- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: A deposit equivalent to the price for 1 night is paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 2.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 11.00 a.m.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights in peak season. 2 - 5 nights during all other seasons.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Pool opening dates?: Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Tax: Visitors Tax is included.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
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