Located in the misty mountains of Sri Lanka, Santani is a luxury wellness property that has received recognition from all corners of the world. A one-of-a-kind setting, award-winning architecture, amazing cuisine, world-class spa treatments and the warmest service await you at Santani.

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Style of hotel
Boutique | resort | small | wellness | private | relaxing | retreat | escape | stylish | personalised service | contemporary interior design | minimalist architecture

Hotel setting
Hilltop | 48-acre grounds | rice fields | tea estates | valleys & rivers | mountain panoramas | pure natural surroundings | peaceful | near Kandy & The Knuckles

Ideal for
Solo travellers | couples | honeymooners | groups | wellness & yoga guests

USPs

Pure natural setting: The striking hilltop location was chosen for the purity of its natural setting and tranquility—which encourages rest and relaxation

Minimalist award-winning architecture: Linear, simplistic, eye-catching architecture channeling intelligent luxury that's been designed to celebrate the views and minimise distractions

Bespoke wellness packages: The spa focuses on Ayurvedic principles and guests can choose to partake in a totally personalised wellness package or simply pick a treatment or two

Nutritious food: Excellent gourmet food, and individually personalised menus based on the intelligent eating concept of rasa haya (six tastes) – a solution to balancing out food cravings

Rate inclusions:
Breakfast, lunch, dinner, non-alcoholic beverages, daily morning and evening group yoga and access to spa facilities such as sauna, steam, salt bath etc.

Key facilities
Elevated restaurant | lounge | pavilion | wine/juice bar | 16-metre infinity swimming pool | spa with hydrotherapy facilities | yoga shala | 48-acre grounds
**Total number of rooms**: 20 guestrooms: 16 Mountain view Chalets, 4 Garden view Chalets

**Room facilities**: Ensuite bathroom with rain shower | private balcony

**Mountain view chalet**: King or twin beds | each in a stand-alone building | 500sqft | mountain view | minimalist interiors | private balcony

**Garden view chalet**: King | beds | garden view | private garden terrace | designed for families

**Standard room amenities**: Ceiling fans | hot water | complimentary WiFi (on request) | built-in cupboards | hair dryer | in-room safe | tea/coffee making facilities | bathroom amenities

**Extra beds**: Not available (maximum number of guest per room is two)

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**Dining**

Bespoke menu concept in that all meals are personalised whether guests have signed up for a package or not. Intelligent concept of eating which focuses on the rasa haya or six tastes concept. This means that meals throughout the day and wherever possible for each meal are customised to balance out the six main tastes (such as sweet, salty etc.) and are designed to avoid food cravings. Those staying on bespoke wellness packages will have their meals further customised based on their body type and the nature of their wellness package.

**Menus**: N – the chef will speak to guests individually

**FB inclusions**: 3 gourmet meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner) & non alcoholic beverages

**Private dining**: On the lawn by the restaurant (upon request)

**Special requests accommodated**: Y (raw food diets, vegetarian and non-vegetarian diets)

**In room dining**: Y
Spa/wellness

This is a dedicated wellness retreat though spa treatments and wellness packages are totally optional. There is no requirement for guests to sign up to wellness packages. Santani blends the latest wellness innovations with the deep-rooted Ayurvedic culture of Sri Lanka.

Spa facilities: The tri-level spa is the largest in Sri Lanka, and has the island’s first complete hydrotherapy facilities complete with salt bath, sauna, steam. There is also a yoga shala and daily morning and evening (free) yoga and meditation classes guests are welcome to join. Packages: Wellness programmes treat the body and mind, and are accentuated by realistic advice and recommendations for keeping the mind and body healthy upon returning home.

Spa getaway (minimum 3 nights): FB Inclusions + Daily Spa Treatment

All other wellness packages above 5 nights are completely personalised and will have the inclusions listed below. Wellness packages (5 nights+): Ayurveda | recovery | detox | personalised yoga | anti-ageing | healthy living | weight loss | sleep | stress management | rebalancing

Wellness package inclusions: Three personalised healthy gourmet meals per day (breakfast, lunch, dinner), non-alcoholic beverages including cold press fresh juices, laundry, consultation upon arrival and prior to departure by the Head of Wellness (or with the yoga teacher, for yoga retreats), daily wellness treatments according to the package selected, scheduled group wellness activities included in the package such as daily morning and evening yoga, meditation, lifestyle workshops and use of all spa facilities such as sauna, steam, salt bath etc.
Location & accessibility
The hotel is located to the north west of Kandy, close to The Knuckles Range. It sits on the site of an old tea plantation and has 300-metres of private river frontage.
Nearest town: Kandy, 32km or a 60-minute drive (depending on traffic)

Distance to other major towns:
- Dambulla, 90km (2.45-hours’ drive);
- Passikudah, 179km (4-hours’ drive);
- Galle, 254km (6-hours’ drive);
- Yala National Park, 201km (5-hours’ drive)
- Colombo International Airport: 134km or 4.5-hours’ drive
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Local train station: Kandy, a 60-minute’ drive away
Air Taxi landing spot: Polgolla Lake, Kandy, 40-minutes’ drive
Helicopter landing spot: Victoria Golf & Country Resort, 40-minutes’ drive

Other facilities
Doctor on call (24hrs) | laundry (free for stays of three nights+) | media room with 15-seat theatre & computer facilities with internet | complimentary WiFi (in rooms)

Child Policy
No children under 12 years old due to the tranquil nature of the resort. The mountain top location and the open architecture are also not safe for children. Families travelling with teens could stay in the Garden View Chalets. No extra beds may be added to any rooms.
Excursions | experiences | activities
At the hotel: Swimming | spa treatments | wellness packages | yoga & meditation | walks

Treks/walks:
Hulu River Walk - 4km | 2-hours
Hanging Bridge - 7km | 3-hours
Bulathaththa Village Walk - 8km | 3.5 hours
Narampanawa Temple Walk - 10km | 4-hours
Knuckles Trek (1 hour Drive + 16km-24km) : Full Day excursion

Within 1-hour drive:
Kandy City | Temple of the Tooth | Peradeniya Botanical Gardens | Victoria Golf Course
Eco-policies & sustainability

Santani has been designed in such a way so that neither air conditioning nor heating are needed, and this reduces the hotel's energy consumption by about 70% compared to standard hotels. Most of the buildings are constructed on stilts allowing for natural thermal flows to cool the rooms and this type of structure also ensures there is minimal contact with the earth below. The whole spa is built underground, which provides natural cooling. Almost 80% of the wood used for both structural elements and furniture is recycled.

Awards & Affiliations

Greatest Places in the World (2018) : Time Magazine
Best Wellness Retreats in the World (2018) : Vogue Australia
Most Unusual Hotels in the World (2017) : Forbes
Best New Hotels in the World(2017): Conde Nast Traveller
Best New Hotels of 2017: Travel + Leisure
Best Spas in the World (2017): Tatler
Bawa Award for Excellence in Architecture (2017)
Member of The Sri Lanka Collection