



## FACT SHEET

### *Where the Indian Ocean meets the Jungle*

Wild Coast Tented Lodge is adjacent to the Yala National Park, renowned for its dense leopard population. This spectacular luxury tented camp is situated in a stunning location where the jungle meets a pristine beach, overlooking the blue waters of the Indian Ocean.

Wild Coast Tented Lodge's unique design, masterminded by a consortium of Dutch, English and Sri Lankan designers, sees the man-made structures blending seamlessly into the surrounding landscape thanks to the use of carefully selected natural materials. The use of arched fabric structures allows each of the twenty eight cocoon tents to take on the shape and colour of the rocks and boulders that lay scattered nearby, whilst a clever layout in the shape of a leopard's paw print alludes to the area's most famous resident.

While our main buildings, made of bamboo, blend in with the distinctive rock formations of Yala, our uniquely shaped tents, called Cocoons & Urchins, truly represent a luxury five star resort room under canvas, offering all amenities including air-conditioning.

The open-air bamboo-clad Bar and Dining Pavilion – designed to mirror the boulders scattered across the golden beach beyond – wrap around the resort's enormous free-form swimming pool. Guests can enjoy creative daily-changing menus of authentic Sri Lankan cuisine in the restaurant, as well as sundowner cocktails and picnics al fresco on the sand dunes, watching dusk settle over the Indian Ocean. The library doubles up as an educational centre where guests learn about the wildlife in the park and watch documentaries, further explained by the lodge's expert guides.

All Resplendent Ceylon resorts are underpinned by an unwavering commitment to sustainability and ethical business practice, which Wild Coast exemplifies. Water is desalinated from the ocean and recycled into water holes for animals to drink from, a solar plant meets energy needs, and organic waste is composted on site. The hotel is building a Leopard and Climate Change research station next to the Lodge.



## ACCOMMODATION

The 55m<sup>2</sup> king bedded **Cocoon Suites** boast soaring vaulted ceilings, offering jungle views from the double-height double glazed facades. The interiors fuse colonial expedition chic with contemporary design innovations, from freestanding handmade copper bathtubs to sumptuous four-poster beds. Teak floors and canvas walls complement dark leather touches and repurposed metallic hardware for an eclectic and design-led aesthetic. The Cocoons are dotted around watering holes attracting wildlife, which can be viewed from outdoor decks. Four secluded beachside **Cocoon Pool Suites** also offer private plunge pools. The **Family Cocoon Suites** sport an adjoining twin-bedded 20m<sup>2</sup> Urchin, perfect for older kids, offering privacy and space for parents and children alike. All rooms offer air conditioning, teak floors, Wi-Fi, included minibar & Sonos audio.

- Cocoon Pool Suite x 4 with king bed
- Cocoon Suite x 16 with king bed
- Family Cocoon Suite x 8, comprising a Cocoon and separate Urchin with twin beds. The Urchin is about 5m away from the Cocoon, connected by a raised walkway.

## GUIDING

A nature-lover's paradise, Wild Coast offers exceptional wilderness experiences, allowing guests to immerse themselves in some of the richest biodiversity in Sri Lanka. Our rangers will take you to the quietest corners of Yala National Park and explain the incredible diversity of flora and fauna, including elephants, sloth bears and leopards. We offer various other activities such as guided walks and nature based activities for kids and fascinating excursions to ancient Buddhist & Hindu sites. *See the Resplendent Experiences brochure for full details.*

So that we may arrange your first game drive on the day of arrival, please ensure arrival at Wild Coast Tented Lodge before 12:30. If arriving after 12:30, your first game drive will take place the following day. Minimum age for a game drive is 3 years. We strongly advise against going on game drives if pregnant, especially beyond the 2nd trimester as roads in the Park are bumpy. Game drive times are 5:45 AM or 2:30 PM for Block 1; 5:15 AM or 2:00 PM for other sectors. Times may vary.

The Yala National Park annually closes one sector for rehabilitation of infrastructure, usually between September and October. This does not affect the guest experience as we run guided safaris in other sectors of the Yala National Park.

### **CUISINE**

At Wild Coast Tented Lodge you'll be treated to an array of gourmet safari cuisine with a Sri Lankan flair, served in our bamboo Dining Pavilion open to the ocean breezes. Or dine romantically in our beautiful natural beach garden under a star-studded Sri Lankan night sky. Breakfast features a wide array of traditional Sri Lankan & international breakfast favourites. Lunch is a la carte with perennial favourites with a wild coast twist, comfort food, healthy options & more. Post evening game drive cocktails and snacks takes place on our rugged beach. Dinner is a wondrous affair featuring uniquely wild coast fare, inspired by nature and the freshness of local produce.

### **SANCTUARY SPA**

The Sanctuary Spa at Wild Coast Tented Lodge is a tropical haven for the Spa enthusiast, offering a double and 2 single treatment rooms. Situated in one of the most vibrant and spectacular settings in Sri Lanka, bordering pristine ocean and dense bush. This unique setting contributes to a sense of well-being. Key to our wellness experience are two native Sri Lankan ingredients, Ceylon Tea and Ceylon Cinnamon, both of which we use liberally in our oils, scrubs and poultices.

### **OCEAN SWIMMING**

Swimming in the ocean is not recommended in front of the resort.

### **HOW TO GET TO WILD COAST TENTED LODGE**

The Lodge is located in south east Sri Lanka, 300km from Colombo airport, approx. drive time 4 hours. Drive time from Tea Trails is about 5.5 hours and Cape Weligama 2.5 hours. A floatplane service is also available from Colombo and Tea Trails. *Please refer to the Resplendent Transfers brochure for full details.*

### **RATES INCLUSIONS**

Fully Inclusive rates include breakfast, lunch, afternoon cream tea, dinner, beverages including select spirits, wines & cocktails, in room mini bar, one game drive daily, laundry, Wi-Fi, taxes & service charge

### **CHILDREN**

The Family Cocoon Suite is ideal for older kids aged 10 or above, offering a Cocoon for parents with adjacent Urchin for kids. Alternatively, upto 2 children can be accommodated in a Cocoon sharing with parents, with futon mattresses.

### **DIFFERENTLY ABLED ACCESS**

Two Cocoons offer differently abled guest access.

### **PAYMENT TERMS**

30% deposit at the time of booking, balance payable 30 days prior to arrival. During the peak period (20 December to 10 January) 30% non-refundable deposit is required to guarantee, balance 60 days in advance.

## **CANCELLATION TERMS**

Within 30 days of arrival - 30% of total stay, within 14 days - 50% of total stay, within 7 days - full charge. For stays during the peak period (20th December to 10th January); within 45 days of arrival - 50% of total stay, within 30 days of arrival – full charge.

**Check in** time 14:00 and **Check out** 12:00

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

15% of pre-tax profit allocated for social justice and environment through the MJF Charitable Foundation and Dilmah Conservation

First leopard research station in Sri Lanka under development, to support conservation initiatives

155kva solar plant to meet 50% of energy needs

Typically, remote resorts which do not have piped water supply rely on bowser trucks. We invested in a sophisticated desalination plant, taking in water from the ocean so we are entirely off grid.

All water used in the resort in guest bathrooms, kitchens, staff areas are recycled through a sophisticated sewage plant that puts out water fit to drink. This water is fed into a series of ponds we have dotted around the lodge to support wildlife, particularly in the dry period this would be a boon. The surplus is used for landscaping and will support the planting we have done, to conceal the staff quarters for instance, even during drought periods which are quite common in Yala.

All food waste goes through a digester which provides cooking gas and organic manure.

The exhaust from the air-conditioning in the tents provides hot water

The public areas are of a unique design out of bamboo and recycled teak shingles, executed as a community project by 100 fishermen from the nearby village of Kirinda. We trained and upskilled them, they've done a marvellous job in putting up this unique structure and are now geared to take on other similar projects. Previously when they could not go out fishing, they had no income.

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## Cocoon Pool Suite

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- 55sqm / 592sqft
- 1 King bed
- Furnished private outdoor deck with plunge pool
- Colonial style décor with teak wood floor
- En-suite bathroom, twin vanities, copper bathtub and separate shower
- Ophir handmade bath amenities
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Sonos audio with music library
- Telephone
- Writing desk
- Individually controlled air conditioning
- Safe
- Minibar with selection of specialty Dilmah Tea, espresso machine with Illy coffee
- One rollaway bed or two futon mattresses available on request for children, charge applies
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- 2 adults and 2 children maximum

## Family Cocoon Suite with Urchin

We offer 8 Family Cocoon Suites, comprising a 55m<sup>2</sup> Cocoon and an adjoining (about 5m away) twin-bedded 20m<sup>2</sup> Urchin, offering privacy and space for parents and children alike. They are connected by a raised walkway. The Urchin is enchanting for older kids, aged 8 and above. Like the Cocoon the Urchin is uniquely designed to tickle the senses and trigger the imagination. The two single beds in the Urchin are even suitable for adults. An additional futon can be added for a 3rd child.



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- 20 sqm / 215 sqft Urchin 2 Single Beds
- Furnished private outdoor viewing deck that overlooks a watering hole designed to attract a diverse array of fauna and flora
- Colonial style décor with teak wood floor
- En-suite bathroom in Cocoon, twin vanities, copper bathtub and separate shower
- Urchin en-suite WC, outdoor shower
- Ophir handmade bath amenities
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Sonos audio with music library
- Telephone
- Writing desk
- Individually controlled air conditioning
- Safe
- Minibar with selection of specialty Dilmah Tea, espresso machine with Illy coffee
- One rollaway bed or two futon mattresses available on request for Cocoon for children, charge applies
- Twin beds in Urchin
- 4 adults or 2 adults and 2 children maximum



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What time is check-in & check-out?**

Check-in is at 1400 hrs and check-out is at 1200 hrs.

### **What do you mean by “guided”?**

Across our Resplendent Ceylon portfolio, we pride ourselves on offering the best of Sri Lanka through carefully curated narrative-driven experiences that are hosted by experts in the field. At Wild Coast Lodge, our game drives (safaris), nature walks, and most excursions are “guided” by our team of qualified, passionate and knowledgeable rangers. They interpret the jungle, animal behaviour, nuances of the wild, and the history of the region through an in-depth, fun, and entertaining narrative.

### **What is the recommended length of stay?**

Whilst the perfect stay would span 4 to 6 nights, the minimum recommended is 2-3 nights. During this time, we recommend 3-4 game drives to improve chances of quality sightings, experience the different ecosystems and habitats of Yala, and allow our rangers to bring the wilderness to life through their expert guiding. We also suggest an excursion to a historic jungle monastery or try our guided bike tour that explores life in the villages around us that defines the lodge’s “sense of place”. Try a guided nature walk around the lodge (where you can gain an insight into the art of “tracking”), get hands-on with an interactive Sri Lankan cookery class, and treat yourself to a spa treatment.

### **What time are game drives/safaris?**

We typically leave the lodge at 0545 hrs for morning drives and 1445 hours for evening game drive. Each drive lasts approximately three hours.

So that we may arrange your first game drive on the day of arrival, please ensure arrival at the Lodge before 1230 hrs. If arriving at the lodge after 1230 hrs, your first game drive will take place the following day unless a prior arrangement has been made.

### **What is an “exclusive” safari?**

Standard game drives (safaris) are in vehicles that are shared amongst 5 or 6 guests of the lodge, with a ranger. An exclusive drive is a private experience for you or your group, with a ranger.

### **What is Yala Block 1? And what are the other blocks?**

The Yala complex comprises of 5 sectors, called “blocks”. Our game drives are predominantly to Block 1 which is a 10-minute drive from the lodge. We also visit Bundala National Park, Yala Block 5 and Lunugamvehera National Park, depending on



guest preference or special interests such as birding. Our rangers will be happy to discuss these options with you once you're at the lodge.

### **What is a typical day at the Lodge like?**

The beauty of the jungle is that no two game drives are ever the same – so many wildlife lovers like to go on as many as they can! However, Wild Coast Lodge offers more than just safaris to Yala National Park. In addition, we can tailor an experience to suit individual preferences such as for keen birders, honeymooners, families or groups.

However, a typical day may be as follows:

If you choose a morning game drive:

0515 The birds outside your tent will wake you up with their dawn chorus

0530 Head to the restaurant for pre-game drive tea or coffee and meet your ranger

0545 Head out to a game drive

If you choose an afternoon game drive instead, wake up with the birds and partake in an interesting morning wilderness experience such as a guided nature walk.

On returning from the drive or walk, enjoy our extensive breakfast. Retreat to the cool air-conditioned library for a read of some of our classic books, or take a spa treatment. A refreshing swim in our ocean-facing pool awaits along with the bar next to it! Alternatively, have a nap and recharge for the afternoon.

1230 hrs onwards: Lunch

1430 Afternoon Game drive

or if you skip the afternoon drive

1600 Afternoon cream tea

1800 Sundowners on the beach (the afternoon game drive returns in time)

1930 hrs onwards - Dinner

After dinner: Stargaze on our isolated beach, under the stars, listening to the waves.

### **What is “sundowners”? Is it included in the rate?**

Every evening, we host guests for sunset drinks by the beach and yes, it is included in the rate.

### **Is Wild Coast Lodge in the jungle?**

Yes. Although the Lodge is 2km outside the Yala National Park we enjoy an unfenced boundary with the park. A contiguous stretch of forest connects the Lodge and the national park.

### **Are there animals in the lodge?**

Yes. Wild animals frequently roam through the lodge, including elephants, wild boar, deer, monkeys, peacocks, reptiles, small mammals and amphibians, and a host of birdlife. We have also had sightings of leopards just outside the lodge.

### **Is it safe?**

Yes. While the lodge is extremely safe if guests follow our safety guidelines (keeping doors closed at all times, not walking on paths alone at night), we remind guests that we are in a wild environment so there is always a probability of encountering wild animals. Our staff is on hand to escort guests throughout the lodge for their comfort and safety. In fact, between sunset and sunrise (night time), we insist on it.

### **Are children welcome at Wild Coast Lodge?**

Children of any age are welcome to our resort and we even offer a Junior Ranger Program. We also include family accommodation options that include a larger cocoon tent, with a smaller, “urchin” tent connected via a short bridge.

However, it is important to note the following:

- Children under the age of 3 are not allowed on game drives for their own safety (our recommended age for game drives is 6 and above)
- We do not have babysitting or childcare services
- We do not offer in-room dining as it can complicate matters with the jungle critters around us!
- We enjoy an unfenced border with Yala National Park, which means that wild animals traverse our lodge frequently.

### **What's there for children to do?**

Our Junior Explorer Program (designed for 3 or more night stays) is designed to introduce the magic of nature, the wilderness, and the importance of conservation to children aged 6-12. It includes a dedicated ranger for your stay, activities for children such as introduction to tracking, guided walks, indoor sessions that cover topics that vary from leopards to elephant to marine mammals.

### **What if I'm not part of the Junior Ranger program?**

Our ranger team will be happy to discuss options that suit your stay and your child's interest.

### **Do you offer baby-sitting facilities?**

No

### **What is the weather like and what is the best season to visit?**

Wild Coast Lodge is a year-round destination. The driest part of the year is between April and September which also coincides with the best time to visit the park. During this time (except August) the park sees less visitation so sightings are more intimate – especially those of leopards. A key character of Yala's cast of entertainers is the Sloth Bear, whose sightings are more common from April to June due to the ripening of their favourite “palu” fruits. Keen birders would enjoy visiting from November through

April which is the height of the migratory season and many winter visitors make Yala and neighbouring national parks their home.

The rainy monsoon season is traditionally from November through January, but variations are becoming more common.

Temperatures range on average between 27 to 34 degrees Celsius, and nights are cool (by tropical standards!). The Yala area is in the arid zone, so humidity is less of a factor than other parts of the island.

**Do you have a dress code?** “Jungle Chic” is our recommended attire! But no, we do not have a dress code. Here are some guidelines though to help you pack:

*For Meals* – Our restaurant is casual. Our guests prefer to dress comfortably, in safari attire, or smart casual during meal times. We’ve noticed some guests like to dress up for sundowners on the beach and dinner but we do not impose any rules as such.

*On Safari* – we advise neutral colours (khaki, beige, greens, dark blues, whites, browns) on a game drive and avoid bright vibrant colours.

Walks and exploring the area – We do recommend you bring a comfortable pair of walking shoes in case you try one of our guided nature walks through the jungle or over the dunes.

We offer complimentary laundry for up to 5 pieces a day per room.

### **What should I pack for my trip to Wild Coast Lodge?**

- Clothes in khaki, green, beige and neutral colours, T-shirts
- Shorts or a light skirt
- Jeans or safari trousers, summer dresses for evenings
- Swimwear
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, insect repellent, moisturiser and lip salve
- Binoculars and camera equipment

### **Why are all meals & drinks included on a Fully Inclusive basis?**

When we host you in the wilderness, we want you to simply immerse with nature and spoil yourself without being presented with bills. And due to our isolated location, there are no other restaurants and bars nearby. Thus our rate includes daily breakfast, lunch, afternoon cream tea, dinner, all beverages around the clock, including spirits and wines, snacks, laundry, taxes & service charges.

### **Do you provide Gluten-free meals?**

Yes, we can tailor-make the menu based on our guests’ dietary preferences and restrictions. We ask all our guests to provide us with this information in order to ensure they have a flawless dining experience.

**How many restaurants does the resort have?**

We have one main dining area that features scrumptious and creative modern Sri Lankan cuisine serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The restaurant leads into the Ten Tuskers bar which serves classic and modern cocktails with a Sri Lankan twist. We also offer dining in unique and interesting locations such as on the beach, on the sand dunes or in the bush.

**Does the resort suit honeymooners?**

Definitely. The plush and tastefully designed cocoons have been a favourite amongst young couples. Also, a combination of the adventure of a Sri Lankan safari with the ambience of sundowners on a deserted coastline, outdoor dining in the bush, great food and drink, and our special honeymoon amenity package combines to make the lodge an ideal and memorable honeymoon destination.

**Is there an adult's only pool area? Is there a pool area for children?**

We have one pool for the entire resort suitable for both adults and children. However, four of our cocoons have private plunge pools that offer privacy.

**Are we provided with mosquito repellent?**

Yes, we routinely place mosquito repellents in each room.

**Do you offer photography equipment?**

We advise guests to bring their own optics. However, each vehicle is equipped with a pair of binoculars for guests to share on a game drive, but unfortunately, we do not have any photography rental facilities yet.

**What kinds of transport arrangements are available from the airport / Colombo?**

Most guests come by private car either as part of a bigger exploration around Sri Lanka or arranged by Wild Coast Lodge. The journey time is 3.5 hours from Colombo or the Airport. We will be happy to arrange any transfers for you. For assistance, please contact our reservations team by email on [reservations@resplendentceylon.com](mailto:reservations@resplendentceylon.com) or call +94 11 774 5730

We also offer both Float Plane and Helicopter transfer options.

**Do you have accommodation for drivers?**

We have limited accommodation for drivers at the resort. We provide this service on a complimentary basis.

**Do experiences need to be booked prior to our stay? What are the recommended activities?**

Experiences and excursions can indeed be booked during your stay with us however this would then be subject to availability. We would recommend confirming which experiences you would like to partake in prior to your stay with us in order to avoid

any disappointment. For assistance, please contact our reservations team by email on [reservations@resplendentceylon.com](mailto:reservations@resplendentceylon.com) or call +94 11 774 5730

**What is the beach like at Wild Coast Lodge? Can I swim**

The lodge sits along a wild, beautiful stretch of beach. Unfortunately, we do not allow guests to swim due to the strong currents and large waves that are a feature of this stretch of the coast.

**Can we pay on arrival?**

Our room inventory is very small; therefore, to guarantee a reservation we ask for an advance payment. Details are in the Booking Confirmation.

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