



## **Discover Bentota at EKHO Surf**

At EKHO Surf, will redefine every beach experience you have ever had. Located on the longest stretch of beach on the south-west coast of Sri Lanka, edged by the Indian Ocean, EKHO Surf brings together golden sunsets, soft sand and a sprawling lawn with well-appointed rooms and the freshest of seafood, encouraging a truly authentic tropical escape.





## ROOMS

The property hosts 100 well appointed rooms, each overlooking the Indian Ocean. The stylishly designed 26 deluxe rooms, 71 superior rooms and 3 suites serve up views of what is known to be the longest stretch of beach on the southwest coast, which brings one to a sublime state of serenity and tropical bliss. With all the modern amenities and facilities included in each of the rooms, your stay at EKHO Surf is sure to be a comfortable one.



### DINING

With 4 different restaurants available at EKHO Surf, guests are offered a wide choice of culinary delights on their beach getaway. EKHO Surf pays homage to its location by offering guests the days freshest catch, and cooked to order at the Seafood Restaurant, Fruits de Mer. The main restaurant, L'Heritage, offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner with a choice between international buffet and an À la carte menu. Wind down with a cocktail in hand, watching the sun set and take in the salty breeze at the Comfy Bar, which offers a wide range of local and foreign spirits. And finally, for that much needed caffeine kick, Der Cafe has everything you need!



# Things to do

#### Ambalangoda Mask Museum

Situated 30 minutes away from Bentota, Ariyapala and Sons in Ambalangoda are famous for being practitioners of the ancient craft of Mask-making for the past 5 generations. Masks are an integral part of Sri Lankan folk rituals, folk dances and plays (especially the "Sanni" and "Kolam" rituals). The centre functions as a workshop, museum and cultural repository for the 120-odd traditional masks of Sri Lanka.

#### Swimming, Snorkeling & Diving

The turquoise waters beckon! Bentota arguably has some of the best bathing beaches in the country – especially the one kilometer strip of beach in front of the EKHO Surf Hotel. Head over to Canoe Rock, South Reef and Hundirangala to witness dazzling corals and large schools of fish, including Lion Fish and Porcupine Fish.

#### Water-sports

From windsurfing to jet-skiing to banana boat rides, Bentota has it all and it most definitely is not for the faint hearted!

#### **Brief Gardens**

Despite the name, the Gardens are quite extensive and charming and located just 15 minutes away from Bentota. The Brief Garden was designed by Bevis Bawa, a well-known Sri Lankan artist who is also the brother of renowned architect Geoffrey Bawa. This beautiful garden is laid out over five acres, and includes a profusion of exotic and endemic plants, unexpected statuary and little nooks and cul-de-sacs that are a constant delight to wander through.

### **Buddhist Temples**

Take a walk along the Galapatha Raja Maha Vihara, located in Bentota, which contain stone inscriptions, stone carvings, pillars, ponds and troughs from the medieval period.

### **Toddy production**

Coconut Toddy or "Pol Ra" is a traditional alcoholic beverage made from the fermented sap of the coconut palm flower. After watching the toddy tappers tightrope walk from one tree to another on a rope suspended over thin air, more than 50 feet off the ground, with no protective gear or tethers, you may definitely feel the need for a freshly fermented glass or two to calm your nerves!

### Galle Fort

Located just an hour away from Bentota, the UNESCO world heritage site of the Galle Fort is a must see. Built by the Portuguese, expanded by the Dutch and finally occupied by the British, the Fort is a living heritage site. The imposing 500 year old ramparts and gun emplacements embrace a bustling town full of old architecture – for the most part carefully restored – and numerous residences, shops and restaurants. The Fort also contains the Groote Kerk, built by the Dutch in 1755, which is one of the oldest Protestant Churches still in use in the country.



### **Additional Facilities**

Swimming Pools Balinese Spa

Entertainment Lounge

Gymnasium

# How to get there

By Car:

Take in the views of the coast as you drive up to EKHO Surf from Colombo which would take you less than 2 hours.

By Train:

EKHO Surf is located conveniently next to the railway station. This would be an easy trip which would take you an hour, if you are starting your journey from Colombo.

## Climate

Pack your sunscreen and get your swimsuits out, because it's sunny all year round! It's the perfect weather to get a tan and enjoy a bit of fun in the sun.