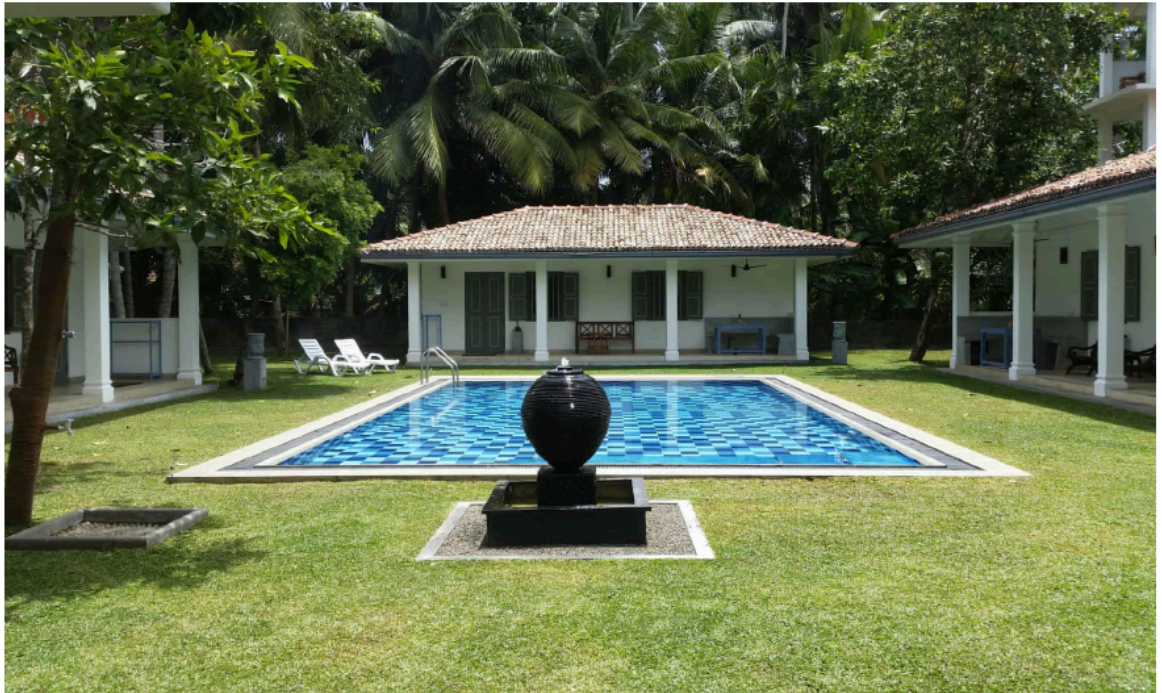


Sri Lanka's best new hotels, hostels and cottages

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Totally tropical ... Talpe Bungalows, Sri Lanka

A tea plantation bungalow, surfer hostel, cottage near the beach and off-grid lodge are among our picks of great new places to stay in Sri Lanka

Family bungalows with pool, near Galle

For families, **Thalpe Bungalows**, south-east of Galle, are an affordable alternative to renting a villa. Each of the three one-bedroom cottages also has a lounge, with fold-out beds for two children, kitchen area and long veranda overlooking a leafy walled garden with central pool. Friendly owners Murray and Seema live on site with their young daughter, and will share additional equipment for children on request. The swimmable lagoon at Dalawella beach is a 25-minute walk away.

● *Bungalows from £76 B&B, thalpebungalows.com*

Farm stay, Amba Valley



On an organic farm in the Amba Valley, a 30-minute drive from Ella, **Amba Estate's** family-friendly guesthouse began life as just one century-old four-bedroom bungalow back in 2013. Two newer cottages were added in July to take the room total to 11. The community-based guesthouse is staffed by villagers from the valley who receive a 10% share of the revenue. Activities include farm tours, tea rolling, trail hiking and mountain biking, and the estate also produces artisanal teas and spices, which make lovely gifts to take home.

● *Doubles from £92 B&B. ambaestate.com*