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Anantara Kalutara Resort Celebrates a Decade of Unforgettable Journeys



Anantara Kalutara Resort marks its 10th anniversary this September, celebrating a decade of luxury hospitality, meaningful journeys and a distinctive sense of place on Sri Lanka's west coast. Set on a secluded peninsula where the tranquil waters of the Kalu Ganga meet the Indian Ocean, the resort has become known for combining contemporary luxury with Sri Lankan warmth, immersive experiences and an architectural identity deeply connected to its surroundings.

Under the anniversary theme "The Stories We Share", the milestone celebrates not only the resort's journey, but also the guests, team members and experiences that have shaped its first decade. Just one hour from Colombo, Anantara Kalutara offers a rare sense of escape within easy reach of the capital, surrounded by tropical gardens, waterways and the expansive Indian Ocean.

A Legacy Shaped by Geoffrey Bawa

At the heart of Anantara Kalutara's identity is an architectural story connected to Geoffrey Bawa, widely regarded as the father of Tropical Modernism. Bawa began the design of the property in 1995, with a vision for architecture that would exist in harmony with the surrounding landscape. The project was later completed by his protégé, Channa Daswatte, while retaining the spirit of Bawa's original concept.

Today, open spaces, natural light, tropical gardens and a strong dialogue between architecture and water continue to define the resort, creating a distinctive sense of place and an expression of luxury rooted in Sri Lanka. Across its 141 rooms, suites and private pool villa residences, Anantara Kalutara welcomes couples, families and groups seeking destination weddings, wellness journeys, culinary experiences and meaningful celebrations.

The Stories That Made a Decade

Over the past ten years, Anantara Kalutara has been shaped by the moments and memories shared within it. It is shaped by first arrivals and familiar returns, by families who revisit year after year, couples celebrating milestones, meals shared around the table, and the quiet moments remembered long after a journey ends.

Behind each of those memories are the people who brought them to life. As part of the anniversary, Anantara Kalutara is placing guest and associate stories at the heart of its celebrations. Long-serving team members, including those who have been part of the resort since pre-opening, will share memories from their own journeys, while valued returning guests will also be recognised for the role they have played in the resort's story.

"Ten years is an important milestone, but what makes it truly meaningful are the relationships and memories created along the way. Our guests have entrusted us with some of the most important moments in their lives, while our associates have brought those moments to life every day. This anniversary is our opportunity to celebrate both, and to look ahead with great pride to the stories still to come," said Christoph Duckert, Cluster General Manager of Anantara Kalutara Resort and Avani Kalutara Resort.

Rediscovering Kalutara

The anniversary also places renewed focus on Kalutara as a luxury travel destination in Sri Lanka. Framed by the Kalu Ganga and Indian Ocean, and within convenient reach of Colombo, Kalutara offers a gentler rhythm of travel shaped by coastal landscapes, spiritual heritage, local culture and tropical beauty. For Anantara Kalutara, this connection to destination has always been central. From architecture and Sri Lankan hospitality to local flavours, wellness traditions and immersive experiences, the resort continues to offer a luxury escape defined by an authentic sense of place.

And So, the Journey Continues

A decade on, the Kalu Ganga still flows towards the Indian Ocean, sunsets continue to settle over the water, and new guests arrive with stories of their own. As Anantara Kalutara enters its next chapter, it does so with gratitude for every guest who has made the resort part of their journey, and every associate who has given that journey its heart.

A decade of stories, born in Kalutara. And so, the journey continues.

Discover Anantara Kalutara Resort and experience a refined sense of place between the Kalu Ganga and the Indian Ocean. Begin planning your next unforgettable journey to Sri Lanka at www.anantara.com.

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