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Sri Lanka.



MARCO POLO CALLED Sri Lanka "the finest island of its size in all the world" when he landed on the teardrop-shaped isle's shores in the 13th century. Similar superlatives could easily be applied today to the country, where new resorts stretch from the palm-fringed shores of the west and south to the wild nature reserves of the east.

On the shores of Koggala Lake, the 11-room **Tri Lanka** (trilanka.com) opened in December with a restaurant helmed by the former chef at Seychelles' North Island. Also in December, roughly an hour's drive east, **Ani Villas** (anivillas.com)—a vacation-rental company based in Anguilla—debuted a two-villa estate above a white-sand beach in the Southern Province. The 15-bedroom property offers guests absolute privacy in a tranquil coastal village near Dickwella, along with resort-style amenities such as an ayurvedic spa and tennis courts.

This year's openings include Sri Lanka's first wellness resort—the 50-acre **Santani** (santani.lk), which is slated to debut in February in the Kandy hills—as well as the **Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort** (anantara.com) on the southern coast and Dilmah Tea's **Wild Coast Camp** (resplendenceceylon.com), a 28-tent leopard-safari lodge set on a secluded beach in Yala National Park. Dilmah is also adding a new three-suite bungalow and a one-bedroom owner's suite to its **Ceylon Tea Trails** (teatrails.com), an exquisite Relais & Châteaux property above Castlereagh Lake in Sri Lanka's tea country.

Linking all these new havens are freshly paved highways—an ongoing undertaking since the end of the country's 26-year civil war in 2009. Faster still are the open skies traversed by the Colombo-based **Simplify's** (simplify.com) fleet of helicopters and seaplanes. —CYNTHIA ROSENFELD

Above: Ani Villas Sri Lanka. Opposite, from top: Adler Mountain Lodge; sailing off the coast of Bermuda.

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