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Hikkaduwa - Sri Lanka Travel & Accommodation Guide

In the early 1960's Hikkaduwa started its change from a small fishing village into one of Sri Lanka's international holiday destination. Today backpackers, travelers and package tourist alike favor the beach party atmosphere of Hikkaduwa created by the surfing & diving scene. Beautiful white sand beaches, colorful coral reefs and an excellent surf are attracting people from all over the world.



Beach restaurants and bars, shops and nightclubs are providing the background for a carefree stay.



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Hikkaduwa - Sri Lanka Activities

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Hikkaduwa Bird Lake

Five kilometers from the center of Hikkaduwa you can find the Hikkaduwa Bird Lake which makes a pleasant change to the active beach life.

Uncrowded, you can watch exotic birds, water lizards and traditional sweet water prawn fishing. Very recommendable is a canoe ride at sunset.

At the east end of the lake you'll find waterski and wakeboard possibilities.

For Hikkaduwa waterski and wakeboard packages please [click here...](#)



Hikkaduwa Diving

Hikkaduwa is the best-known beach resort on the southwest coast and a major center for diving in Sri Lanka. Easy shallow conditions make this a very good place for beginners to do their training dives. Further offshore, between 30mins and an hour from the coast, you'll find much clearer water and a greater abundance of fish; including lots of tame reef fish, snappers, sweetlips and the occasional large grouper or napoleon wrasse.

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Hikkaduwa Excursions

Hikkaduwa is a good starting point for 1/2 or one day trips to Galle, the Yala National Park, the Kottowa rainforest, Unawatuna or the Dodanduwa Lagoon with its millions of fruit bats.

Hikkaduwa - Sri Lanka Restaurants

Hikkaduwa's position on the west coast ensures that there is plenty of wonderful fresh seafood, such as lobsters, prawns and crab, and dishes

usually include coconut.
Hikkaduwa also has good German and other European food due to the high number of European residents to the area.



Spaghetti & Co

Long established Italian restaurant with the best pizzas in Sri Lanka (at least we think so). Excellent service and chilled atmosphere. Spaghetti restaurant can be found at the South end of Hikkaduwa. Open every day.



Loretta's

Specialized in what you won't find on other menus. Home-made burgers, fresh salads, imported steaks and outstanding seafood are only some of the highlights. A must for every visitor to Hikkaduwa. Open every day.



Surfer's Rest / Roger's Garage

One of the oldest restaurants in Hikkaduwa and very popular with regulars. The front (Surfer's Rest) offers an inexpensive range of Western and Sri Lankan Dishes, in the back (Roger's Garage) are two pool tables to pass the time. Sports or new movies every day at 7.30 pm. Open every day.



Ranjith's Beach Hut

Another well established restaurant overlooking the Main Surf Break of Hikkaduwa. Big menu with Western, Chinese and local dishes. The roast chicken is definitely worth a try. Open every day.



If you have any suggestions or would like to recommend a restaurant in Hikkaduwa please [contact us!](#)