



your ultimate travel and accommodation guide to Sri Lanka

Negombo - Sri Lanka Travel & Accommodation Guide

Negombo Beach was Sri Lanka's first beach resort and is not only an ideal place to start or end your holiday in Sri Lanka. Conveniently located only 15 km from Sri Lanka's International Airport, Negombo offers wide beaches, a great selection of hotels and guesthouses - ranging from budget to 5* resorts, excellent restaurants, well stocked supermarkets and many watersport facilities.



Used by the Portuguese, Dutch and British as main export harbor for cinnamon you still can see many historical buildings.

Enjoy watching the old world fishing crafts like the outrigger canoes and the catamarans bringing a variety of marine fishes like seers, skipjacks, pomfrets and amber-jacks. In the lagoon lobsters and prawns are caught and served as fascinating delicacies in the restaurants.



On Negombo's long Beach you'll find many seafood restaurants, bars and shops. The town itself shows its interesting colonial past which was heavily influenced by the Catholic Church.

There are many ways to explore Negombo but one of the most recommendable ones is by traveling along the many canals which are connection the Negombo lagoon and the sea.

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Negombo has plenty of accommodation choices ranging from top hotels to budget guesthouses and, last not least, a very active nightlife, making it a prime destination for couples and singles alike.

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Negombo - Sri Lanka Activities

Negombo's is an ideal starting point for trips into the hill country of Sri Lanka and only 30 km north of the commercial capital Colombo. The beaches are ideal for swimming, kite surfing as well as wakeboarding and waterskiing. Diving is possible but you will need a boat to cross the reef.



Portuguese Fort and Dutch Cemetery

The Negombo fort was taken over by the Dutch when they arrived and used as a jail. The fort is still a jail today and the cemetery is near the front gates.

Negombo Waterski

The Negombo waterski course has only a length of 500 m but the perfect water conditions are making it possible to barefoot waterski all day long.

For more information about our **Sri Lanka Waterski Packages** please [click here...](#)



Negombo Wakeboarding

In Negombo you find some of the best dream spots for wakeboarding, wake surfing and wake skating. Regardless of the time of the day you always get the most perfect conditions.

For more information about our **Sri Lanka Wakeboard Packages** please [click here...](#)

Shopping

At the **Rani Shopping Tower** you'll find the best selection of high quality products for all occasions.

At the ground floor get dazzled by **Rani Jewelry**. Finest Sri Lankan gems, gold from Switzerland and diamonds from Australia are leaving no taste unsatisfied.

The displayed jewelry is all hand-made in their own workshop. All stones and jewelry are sold with a certificate.



On the second floor a handcraft emporium displays beautiful hand-carved masks , traditional and modern batiks, oil and velvet paintings as well as a good selection of casual designer cloths.

An exclusive furniture store on the top floor is more aimed at the local residents. Imported leather ensembles and relaxing chairs can be found here in top-quality.

Negombo - Sri Lanka Restaurants

Negombo'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.

Negombo also has good German and other European food due to the high number of European residents to the area.



Rodeo Pub'n Restaurant

The Rodeo Pub is not only the busiest pub in Negombo but serves a good selection of international foods as well. Good quality and reasonably priced the Rodeo Pub is certainly worth a visit. The Rodeo Pub is located right in the center of the so-called "hotel-side" of Negombo.



Coconut Primitive

If you are looking for the best rice & curry in Negombo, the Coconut Primitive is certainly the place to go to. Good range of inexpensive local and Italian dishes. Always busy in the evenings, reservation is recommended. The Coconut Primitive is located right at Brown's Beach junction.



Dolce Vita

More a coffee shop than a restaurant. Original Italian Espresso and Cappuccino, home-made croissants and a range of snacks. Nice beach location with a small garden. The Dolce Vita is located next to the Oasis Hotel.



Rani Village

Long established restaurant with focus on European and local specialties. Huge choice and fully stocked bar. The Rani Village is located just next to the Tourist Police Station.



Icebear Restaurant

Set in a tropical garden this colonial style restaurant is a great place for dining in style. Excellent service, a daily changing menu and a relaxing atmosphere are only some of the points making the Icebear restaurant worth a visit. The Icebear Restaurant is located on the beach, close to Lewis Place.



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

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