



your ultimate travel and accommodation guide to Sri Lanka

## Talpe - Sri Lanka Travel & Accommodation Guide

The quiet village of Talpe offers you a gorgeous soft white beach for sun bathing and strolling and the sparkling blue green sea for swimming, surfing and snorkeling.

A small coral reef forms a natural swimming pool. If you are looking for sun, sea, surf and serenity, Talpe is definitely the place for you.



Talpe is a quiet village on Sri Lanka's South Coast with coconut palm fringed beach stretching for miles to the north and south. The popular holiday resort, **Unawatuna**, is only a kilometer away. The serene **Koggala** river and the cinnamon estates in the interior can be reached by a short walk or by tuk tuk.



Traveling around is not difficult since you can walk or cycle to the nearby places of attraction and public, transport is easily available on the main Galle - Matara road.

Talpe is situated 122 km south of **Colombo** and six km ( 15 minutes) south of **Galle**.

You can reach Talpe by road or by rail, but being a small train station all trains do not stop there.

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Talpe is known for its villas and **boutique hotels** but, nonetheless, offers some budget accommodation, too.

Talpe is one of the few places where the ancient stilt fishing still continues.

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## Talpe - Sri Lanka Activities

The soft sandy beach of Talpe are perfect for sunbathing and strolling.

Watch memorable sunsets and enjoy open waves for exciting surfing and the reef for snorkeling. What about unforgettable moonlight swim in the natural swimming pools protected by the small coral reef?



### Talpe Surfing

Talpe is a perfect gateway for your surf explorations of Sri Lanka's South and West Coast. There are some excellent reef breaks close by. Most major surf spots on Sri Lanka's South Coast can be reached within half an hour.



### Shopping & Nightlife

While Talpe is a very relaxed place you can find more excitement one kilometer away in [Unawatuna](#) with beach parties and an active nightlife. Shops and supermarkets can be found in [Unawatuna](#) and [Galle](#).

### Galle Fort

You can spend hours exploring the famous [Dutch Fort](#), go shopping at one of the oldest markets of Sri Lanka and the modern shopping complexes or you can enjoy the feeling of "*the good old times*" at one of the colonial-style hotels and restaurants.

### Koggala

[Koggala](#) is more popular for its scenic river and the lake scattered with islets including the legendary Madol Doova ( mangrove islet), which has become famous by the book written by the internationally renowned Martin Wickramasighe. An ideal surrounding for bird watching, boat trips and canoeing.



### Kathaluwe Village

Ten minutes walk from [Koggala](#) is the tiny village Kathaluwe, where about 300 meters off the main road you'll find the famous Giniwella temple, well known for its murals and for the preserved first printing press, brought by the Dutch to Sri Lanka.