



your ultimate travel and accommodation guide to Sri Lanka

Unawatuna - Sri Lanka Travel & Accommodation Guide

Unawatuna is a beautiful and quiet beach resort just 5 km south of Galle. While Unawatuna suffered heavily in the Tsunami of 2004 it was rebuilt quickly and the hotels and guesthouses are open again for all travelers in search of a uncrowded, authentic Sri Lankan beach resort.



The name Unawatuna derives its name from the Sinhalese words, Onna-wetuna, which translates into "there it fell". Over a period of time, Onna-wetuna became Unawatuna.



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Traveling time from Sri Lanka's International Airport to Unawatuna takes about 4.00 h by car / taxi.

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The Village of Unawatuna offers accommodation for all budgets, including private guest-houses and up-market hotels, and you can find the usual mix of small supermarkets, Internet cafe's and handicraft shops.

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Unawatuna Surfing

In the Unawatuna area are some excellent reef breaks that are well worth investigating. The surf conditions in Unawatuna are ideal for beginners, too. If you want to learn surfing you can hire a local instructor and get started right away. Early morning offshores are best and the sun does not get in your eyes.



Unawatuna Diving

Off the coast of Unawatuna, beneath the placid Indian Ocean lies a wealth of underwater wonderment, including coral reefs, shipwrecks, great variety of fishes and turtles. The turtles still wade on to the shore to lay their nests and eggs. For more experienced divers, there are a few wrecks and some underwater caves between 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.



Eco-Tourism

Unawatuna is rich in its biodiversity. Over sixty species of endemic birds, including Terns, Egrets, Herons, Sandpipers, Kingfishers, and more rare Lesser Whistling Duck, Asian Palm Swift, White Breasted Waterhen, Turnstone Loten's Sunbird, Black Bittern, had been sighted in the locality by the ornithologist, Clive Byers. These birds are mostly sighted in the remaining marshy area and Rumassala Hillock.

Excursions

Unawatuna is a good starting point for 1/2 or one day trips to the Yala National Park, the Kottowa rainforest, Hikkaduwa or the Dodanduwa Lagoon with its millions of fruit bats. Very recommendable are visits to the Doovili Ella waterfall in Hiniduma and the Kaneliya Nature Reserve, close to Imaduwa about 15 miles from Galle. At this nature reserve you can find plenty of unique flora and fauna and various insects, small waterfalls etc.

Unawatuna - Sri Lanka Restaurants

Unawatuna caters for every taste & budget. Delicious local specialties, fresh seafood in abundance and many Western specialties ranging from pizza to steaks can be found all over town. Here are some recommendations:



Hotel Neptune Bay

Large spaced, higher standard non a/c restaurant. Specialized in Oriental & Western dishes.
Open every day



The French House

If you are looking for a special treat, the French House Restaurant is a must while staying in Unawatuna. French Specialities, including poule au pot with french mustard, gratin dauphinois, various pies, couscous, steak sauce bordelaise, steak au poivre, hachis parmentier and boeuf carottes. Just to name a few. Full set dinner for Rs. 900 only.
Open every day



The Villa

Stylish beach-front restaurant with a wide range of Western, Chinese and Sri Lankan Dishes.
Open every day



Zimmer Rest

Well known for their excellent local cuisine Zimmer Rest offers you a big range of fresh prepared specialties.
Reservation recommended



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

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