



**"Be warned, the GLF is a heady cocktail: history, culture, gossip; and some great food!"**

*-Nicholas Lander, Restaurant Critic, Financial Times*

## Where to Shop

Legend has it that King Solomon shopped in Galle for gold, spices and precious stones. The Moors, Portuguese and Dutch came to Galle for spices, the British for coffee, gems and rubber. Today, the city is referred to as the new Manhattan. Take time off to browse, negotiate a bargain or stock up on your reading matter.

## The Lit Feet Bookshop

Situated in the building adjacent to the Hall de Galle, this temporary bookshop, operated by Berehara stocks titles from all our featured authors.

## In The Fort

HSBC has an ATM machine in the Spys Hat next to the Hall de Galle. There are also quite a few ATM machines in the Fort, the only one being converted being the Commercial Bank at Church St. Bank of Ceylon also has an ATM in the roundabout just inside the main Fort gate.

## Antiques

**Quick Wall Antiques**  
No. 25 Rampart Street, Tel: 091 482 8307  
Old photographs, prints, small antiques.

## Art

**Arts House**  
No. 32 Church Street, Tel: 091 224 8037  
Local artist Catherine Therochandra has a unique selection of hand-painted trays, ceramics, and wall hangings.

**Bilhuweli Gallery**  
No. 55 Layn Street, Tel: 0777 914 277 / 091 222 2028  
Reproductions of antique temple paintings by local artists and craftsmen. Jambha.

## Bookshops

**Berehara**  
No. 47 Pedlar Street, Tel: 091 222 6249  
Carries a wide range of fiction, design, art, history and guide books. It also stocks a substantial collection of English books, comics, toys and accessories.

## Clothing

**The Ceylon Sewing Collection**  
79 Layn Street, Tel: 091 224 8031  
Newly opened and selling sewing kits, fabrics, dress make and beautiful top flips.

## Mini-Mango

At the Junction of Lighthouse Street and Pedlar's Street, Galle Fort, Tel: 0777 273 4732  
Recently opened, this shop stocks hand-made toys, toys, toys, clothing and accessories. It also has a great juice bar. Besides and everything a girl might need! Also has a small hairdresser section, a great place for informal beach and aprons beach wear.

**Mini-Mango Sale Shop**  
10 Layn Street, Tel: 091 222 2049  
The main shop has moved to Pedlar St and the shop has become the sale shop, so come here for those wonderful bargains!

## Gems and Jewellery

**A. R. M. Casson**  
No. 57 Layn Street, Tel: 091 224 7567  
MR Casson is well known for his integrity and expertise as a gem merchant.

**Chrysalis**  
38 Church Street, 091 222 4754 (chrysalis@galnet.lk)

**Compass/De Galle**  
No. 53 Layn Street, Tel: 091 438 0887  
For those in search of the perfect occasion.

## Je-Je

79 Pedlar Street, Tel: 091 221 4946 (jejejeje2002@hotmail.com)  
Mangala has relocated his shop to the Fort. He is the leading advertisement in the city and makes good other things.

## Lehams

No. 22 Hospital Street, Tel: 0777 900 119  
Great quality gems, design and craftsmanship.

**Lihaya Gems**  
42a Hospital Street, Tel: 091 222 4602  
E. Lihaya@galnet.lk, W: www.lihayagems.com

**Millemium Gems**  
No. 70 A Church Street, Tel: 091 482 5413  
Handles fine jewellery commissions.

**M. M. Ranjini**  
No. 47 Church Street, Tel: 091 222 4232  
Sunglasses designed/jewellery 99% made for you that this number you have always wanted!

**Sandakan**  
5 Pedlar Street, Tel: 091 438 2081  
Authorised Montresiers, Jewellery, Antiques and Gifts.

## Handicrafts and Homewares

**The Church Street Gallery**  
No. 20 Church Street, Tel: 091 222 0204 or 072682098  
Vintage Ceylon & Bollywood Art, Pottery and Pottery. Exhibitions.

**Elephant Walk**  
No. 79 Layn Street, Tel: 091 224 8037  
Sells 800 prints of Ceylon, Elephant, palm, monoliths, umbrellas and a wide range of bags.

**The KK collection**  
No. 35 Church Street, Tel: 091 228 8717  
Sells a collection of home accessories from Bali, India and Thailand.

**Shela Gallery**  
No. 87 A Pedlar's Street, Tel: 091 222 4387  
A fine collection of hand-crafted lace products, shown courtesy of a cottage industry tradition Galle was famous for in the 15th century.

**Stark 88**  
No. 58 Church Street, Tel: 091 222 2088  
A creative hub and occasional lifestyle show filled with an eclectic mix of home interiors, bespoke furniture and contemporary organic kids clothes.

**Sun's Memorabilia**  
Tel: 0777 151 570  
Sun's makes strong, durable and colourful handbags. His most popular design is an entire vintage Car! Best for most budgets.

## Galle Town

The main street in Galle has the usual collection of shops, shops, shops and Soukhopia. It is also the site for the fruit, vegetable and fish markets.

## Banks

**ASBC**  
125/5 Malana Rd, Periyapawwata, Galle, on the waterfront 100 metres before the naval base, Tel: 091 414 7222

HSBC have just opened a branch in Galle. During the festival they will also have ATM machines in the Spys Hat next to the Hall de Galle.

## Lakshmi

Tel: 091 222 2783  
An outlet of the government handloom emporium. Just outside the Fort, opposite the main post office and police station.

**The Old Railway**  
42 Havelock Road, Galle (situated on the canal between the railway and bus station)  
Tel: 0776 263 4221 Locally handmade antique items including clothing, soft furnishings, children's toys and accessories. Scooter repairs also available.

## Beyond Galle

**The Beach Shop**  
Alvya Beach, Thoppa, Dikwella, Unawatuna, Tel: 0777 403 437  
A funky 100% beach shop, just past Unawatuna at the 124 km mark. Drop in before your sunbather.

**The Natural Silk Factory**  
No. 691 Colombo Road, Dikwella gate on the Colombo side of The Lighthouse Road, Tel: 091 438 1262 / 091 438 0122  
A varied selection of silk clothes and gifts all made in Sri Lanka. Silk is also available by the meter.

## Unawatuna

**Antiques**  
Unawatuna (On the main road just past the 102 km post)  
Tel: 091 222 4315  
Auntie's Gemmer will give you the best price for your. Great selection and really good for a souvenir.

## Ambalangoda

Ambalangoda is the centre of the antiques trade in Sri Lanka. On stop over or your way back to Colombo, it is approximately 20 minutes south of Galle. We recommend the following:

**Southern Antiques**  
No. 72 Unawatuna, Galle Road, Ambalangoda, Tel: 091 222 8523  
Possibly the best source in Ambalangoda for antiques and reproducible furniture. Cheaper, the owner, has great ideas and understands immediately your needs.

**Suprema Antiques**  
No. 480 Galle Road, Ambalangoda, Tel: 0777 272 372  
Run by Obayev's brother, another Aladar's sake of course.

**Sudath Antiques**  
No. 314 Galle Road, Balakumbura, Tel: 091 225 893 / 0773 171 549  
Situated on the Colombo side of Ambalangoda, this giftshop also is set back from the road.

## Where To Eat

**The Lit Feet Café**  
Situated immediately behind the Hall de Galle, the informal & casual cafe is the meeting point for all festival goers. Take a table or just sit back on outdoor seats and watch the festival unfold. Open from 10:00am to 6:30pm, the Café serves curries, salads, wheat, rice, sandwiches, pizzas, tea, coffee, and other drinks. Students and workers sign their books, and everyone relaxes.

## Eating In The Fort

In keeping with its international history, the Fort serves a variety of cuisines. This year, most locations will be serving buffet style lunches to enable you to relax in time for the evening afternoon sessions.

## Sci Lankan

Controls are the flavour of the day, just choose your setting:

**Fort Inn**  
No. 37 Pedlar's Street, Tel: 0777 294 830  
A family run guest house. Serves home cooked curries, with views facing the ocean and lighthouse.

**Mama's Rooftop Café**  
No. 78 Layn Street, Tel: 091 222 6418  
355 degrees views over the roof tops of Galle, sea breezes and great home cooking.

**Mrs. Khalid's Guesthouse**  
No. 102 Pedlar's Street, Tel: 091 222 4607  
A Galle restaurant this woman's kitchen is famous in the Fort. Advance bookings required and no stand service.

**Punch**  
42 Pedlar St, Tel: 0777 595 864  
Serves simple but satisfying Sri Lankan food, great low prices.

**Rampart Hotel**  
No. 31 Rampart Street, Tel: 091 438 0123  
In addition to Sri Lankan cuisine, this hotel also serves a mean fish and chips, great vegetable dishes and salads. Its covered rooftop veranda has the view of the lighthouse and ocean and is light and breezy. It also serves the coolest beer in town!

**Seagreen Restaurant**  
No. 19 Rampart Street, Tel: 0777 528979  
This family run cafe next to the Army barracks has a lovely terrace which captures the breeze coming over the ramparts.

**Seaman's Training Centre**  
Situated immediately outside the old fort gates and just yards from the lighthouse in Galle, the cafe serves simple Sri Lankan food. An American themed cafe will also open refreshing (coconut) beverages your drink.

## Asian Fusion

**A Walk on the Wild Side**  
At the Corner of Lighthouse and Pedlar Streets, innovative hot food with a humorous twist.

## Indian

**Indian Hut**  
No. 55 Rampart Street (next to the Dutch Wall) stop and the lighthouse Tel: 091 432 9500  
This popular outdoor food stall, its garden location is best served great Indian food at cut prices. Order a take away and eat it on the ramparts!

## Italian

**Aurora's Restaurant**  
No. 13 Hospital Street, Tel: 0776 222 219  
Serves simple Italian food, well known for its pizzas.

## Galle Fort Cafés

**Heritage Café**  
5, Layn Street, Galle, Tel: 091 438 2278  
Situated in the former Fort bakery, at the corner of Pedlar St and Lighthouse St. This charming cafe serves great Asian food. Try the hot pan soup, seafood salads and seafood pizzas 99% are locally sourced.

**Joins Bar**  
On the corner of Lighthouse Street and Pedlar's Street, Tel: 0773 747 477  
Recently opened, with a great selection of fresh juices and smoothies.

**The Wamson Café**  
No. 79 Layn Street, Tel: 091 432 3457  
Recently opened, the cafe sells Lavazza coffee, smoothies and muddlers. It also serves salads, sandwiches, Chinese and Sri Lankan food.

**Mr's of Galle Antiques, Bakery & Cafe**  
30 Layn Street, Galle, Tel: 077 832 3027  
Situated at the back of Dikwella antique store, on Layn Street, this cafe, the only cafe Galle has its own courtyard. This is good for coffee, water, handcrafted bakeries, artisan sandwiches, and Sri Lankan pizzas.

**Pedlar's Inn**  
No. 92 Pedlar's Street, Tel: 0773 141 477  
Popular for its chocolate brownies, milkshakes and loaded sandwiches with sweet chutneys. Last back watching facing the street.

**Royal Dutch Café**  
No. 72 Layn Street, Tel: 0771 579 849  
This cafe next to Mama's prices based on its cakes and ginger tea. Fascinating owner, will regale you with many a Fort tale.

**Sandwichery Arts Café**  
No. 55 Layn Street, Tel: 0776 888 888  
Recently relocated to this popular hot location, the cafe has a new menu and a lovely covered terrace on the first floor.

## Gourmet Eating in the Galle Fort

**Amangalla**  
No. 19 Church Street, Tel: 091 222 3389  
Once the New Grand Hotel, the grand dame of the Fort was born in 1893 and serves mid morning coffee, light lunches and gourmet dinners at 100% of its price. (Dish: 200). Daily evening cocktails return you to another era.

**The Fort Pickers**  
No. 58 Pedlar Street, Tel: 091 224 7317  
Once the site of a gambling house, this private boutique hotel serves local food by the post or in its gallery restaurant, a subtle twist. The Portuguese Tree in The Tree, 107 km post (Tel: 091 223711) is also open for lunch, dinner and sunset drinks by the sea.

**Forta Liza**  
At the Southeast corner of Lighthouse and Church Street, 200m.  
This small, newly opened hotel is named after the first Portuguese settlement in Galle. It serves local seafood and Portuguese dishes in a lovely courtyard setting.

**Galle Fort Hotel**  
No. 29 Church Street, Tel: 091 222 3870  
You can enjoy a snack on the terrace or a more leisurely meal in its posh courtyard. Aesthetics in a 16th-century theme.

## Street Eating

**3 Dilly's**  
Lunch packets can be ordered from the stand, situated just inside the main gate by the Galle Services Club and also from the food stalls at the stadium. The best burgers and all are available from stores near the nearest junction, Sabana being the most popular.

## Galle Town and Beyond

**Aditya**  
No. 10 Malana Road, Malangoda (102 km post), Tel: 091 229 7708  
All-India high-end restaurant in a hotel directly on the sea front.

**Glensberg Hotel**  
Galle Harbour Road, Tel: 091 222 4313  
Once the private house of a British Captain, with magnificent views of Galle harbour and the Ramesweli peninsula. Popular for its buffets.

**The Jewling Lighthouse Hotel**  
Dikwella, Tel: 091 222 2044  
Situated on the Colombo side of the city, this Geoffrey Lewis designed hotel serves buffets in its Caribbean Cafe, breakfast in the Colonial Room and BBQs on the rocks. Another great place to sit and watch the sunset.

**Kalamita Kanda**  
Tel: 091 228 6717, 091 562 2517, 091 432 855  
Approximately 30 minutes from Galle on the Akurasa Road. The hotel is set on top of a ridge surrounded by its own 12 acre sea estate and offers fabulous lunch or dinner experiences with views over Kippala Lake and its surroundings.

**The Sun House and Dill's Bar**  
No. 18 Upper Malana Road, Tel: 091 439 2070  
Two award-winning establishments set on a hill above the town, minutes from the fish and fish markets on Marine Drive. Eat on the ramparts veranda, enjoy the courtyard of the Bamboo Bar and Grill, or order one of its signature cocktails. "The Sun House was perfection." - Vice News, Far Eastern Cityscape.

## Unawatuna and The Talpe Riviera

There are numerous beach side restaurants all serving cuisines of Sri Lankan, Indian, Chinese and European food. It all depends on your breakfast and preference!

**Dream House**  
Nehruwala Road, Tel: 091 438 1541  
Good home-cooked Italian food served on the veranda of this secluded garden guest house.

**Elle's Vegetarian and Vegan Restaurant**  
Nehruwala Road, Tel: 091 438 2282  
Best of the vegetarian options available! Try this.

**Kingfisher Restaurant**  
Tel: 0773 408 434 / 0773 408 435  
Set at the north end of the Unawatuna Bay, near the temple, this is a great little beach restaurant, with good swimming in front of it, and a comfortable shaded outdoor area. Good food and lovely views.

**Unawatuna Beach Resort**  
Unawatuna, Galle, Tel: 091 438 5549  
Situated in the middle of the bay, the resort hotel serves all a cafe and buffet views.

## Thalpe

**Carriage Ages**  
Thalpe (Malangoda Junction, Nehruwala, 2 kms from the 127 km post just 7 km from Galle)  
Phone Number: 0772090906  
This recently opened beachside boutique hotel serves world-class fusion cuisine with an emphasis on Sri Lankan and Thai food. As the sun sets, the already vibrant atmosphere is turned up a notch when the ambient lighting switches on, music goes up a notch and drinks are brought to you. The secluded atmospheric beach setting makes it the ideal party destination.

**Elle Hotel and Restaurant**  
126 km post, No. 834 Galle Road, Thalpe, Tel: 077 222 4167 / 091 228 2212  
Recently taken over by the jewelry group, this hotel is Sri Lanka's answer to Bali's famed 300,000, black and white inns. Its bar serves a regional menu and its restaurant serves very reasonably priced fusion food.

**The Fortress**  
Malana Road, Kippala, Tel: 091 438 2009  
Surrounded by 16 magnificent beach side cottages, this hotel is a little beach B&B. It would be nice to see and fine gourmet dining makes it a perfect place to unwind. A very short walk from the Malin Museum and the Fish Museum.

**Why Beach**  
No. 1042 Galle Road, Thalpe, Tel: 077 892 9020  
Thalpe sea front restaurant featuring Asian fusion food and a great line of cocktails, the "strong" bar on the roof and a lovely pool. Ideal for lunch or an evening drink or two.

**Why Beach**  
Thalpe at 126 km post, Tel: 077 892 9020  
Why Beach restaurant is situated in Nehruwala, along the Malana road. The swimming is perfect because of the coral reef which leaves a natural pool in the ocean. Why Beach serves mainly Asian home-made cuisine and has a reputation for the best food in town! Bookings are a must.

**Hijaya Beach Cottage**  
Dikwella, Thalpe, just south of Unawatuna at the 129 km post, Tel: 0777 833 431  
A beautiful 600 sq ft house on the beach. Situated on a quiet sea region, its laid back wood and palm-tree atmosphere attracts beach-lovers because of its simple but back environment. An extensive menu ranges from curries to wood-fired pizzas to fresh seafood and drinks. The frozen margarita is legendary.

**Hikkaduwa**  
Many of the hotels and guest houses on the beach have restaurants. However our favourite restaurant is the No. 1 Restaurant opposite the Araya Reef Hotel.

**No. 1 Reef Restaurant**  
No. 37 Galle Road, Wiyani, Hikkaduwa, Tel: 091 482 1540

**Nightlife in the area**  
For those seeking brighter lights than Galle, a trip to either Unawatuna or Hikkaduwa is recommended. In Unawatuna try Honey Beez, Kingfisher, The Day Centre or Hijaya Beach. In Hikkaduwa try Merona or Vibrona.



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## Programme Summary

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