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ÀNI Sri Lanka

Sitting at the edge of a plunge pool overlooking a stunning strip of palm-fringed beach in southern Sri Lanka, one is mindful that we are on the last spit of land before the endless blue of the Indian Ocean, all the way till Antarctica. ANI Sri Lanka is a private resort designed for a single group of guests and is hidden away in a village near Dickwella on the southern coast. It is spread across five acres with 15 suites, lush gardens, and two salas, each with an infinity pool and bar. The tropical modernist architecture frames the changing shades of the sea and sky and for those who want more, the staff can curate bespoke experiences. From Ayurveda-led spa treatments to movies by moonlight, local masked dance performances, helicopter tours, surfing lessons, safaris at Yala National Park, and a pub crawl in Hiriketiya—Sri Lanka's greatest hits are a request away. DIYA KOHLI (aniprivateresorts.com; from ₹14,17,000 per night for six suites and a minimum booking of five nights)

