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# Foreword

Colombo, July 1997

*It gives me great pleasure to write an introduction to the first edition of the book "Hands On Colombo".*

*I wish to congratulate the publishers for this initiative in publishing a Colombo consumer book and wish them all succes in this endeavour.*

*As an expatriate living in Colombo, I find the number of shops, boutiques and other places where one can purchase goods and services, quite striking. Apart from a number of areas in town where one sees a certain segment of business being overrepresented, e.g. Sea Street in the Pettah with a large number of jewellers, gold- and silver shops, most consumer articles and services can be purchased in virtually all districts.*

*This book that guides potential consumers through the maze of possibilities in the city of Colombo, is very useful indeed if one does not have the intention of driving half a morning through heavy traffic in order to purchase a Rs. 100/- worth item.*

*A quick glance in "Hands On Colombo" before you shop might save you a tank of petrol, keep the family happy, and prevent frustration.*

*I trust that "Hands On Colombo" proves to be a very practical guide for the shopping community of Colombo*

*Alphons Hennekens*

*Charge d' Affaires of the Netherlands,  
Colombo.*



## Publisher's note

*Knowledge is of two kinds:  
we know a subject ourselves,  
or we know where we can find information upon it.*

*W. Samuel Johnson* (English writer 1709-1784)

### *Dear Consumer*

Although written two centuries ago, the above phrase still holds strong and is a definite must even in today's world.

Thank you for purchasing "Hands on Colombo" your source on consumer-knowledge in Colombo. For people who are clever enough to save time and money and not just go "hunting" for things.

You may have experienced it yourself and one question is frequently asked:

**"many things are available in Colombo, but how can I find it!"**

Now, the answer on this is simple: look it up in the 1997 edition of "Hands on Colombo".

It gives you hands-on information about products and services. But much more, the write-up's act as a word of mouth addition so you will be able to make better judgements. Because we at "Hands on Colombo" believe that you, the consumer, should come first, second and last. You are very well able to make the correct decisions as long as you have access to up-to-date information.

In the approach to this, it is important to know that none of the write-up is, or can be influenced by those we write about! We are committed to providing you with straight forward and "unbiased" information. All entries provide goods or services of a high standard and are listed free of charge.

This book includes a response card, so that you can let us know about goods and services we have missed in this years issue. If worthwhile, we will surely include them in the '98 issue.

By sending in the card, you make yourself legible to enter the grand draw on December 17th 1997 to win fabulous jewellery worth over US \$ 3,000/-.

Your comments and suggestions to improve on the information for the '98 issue are highly appreciated.

*The Publisher*



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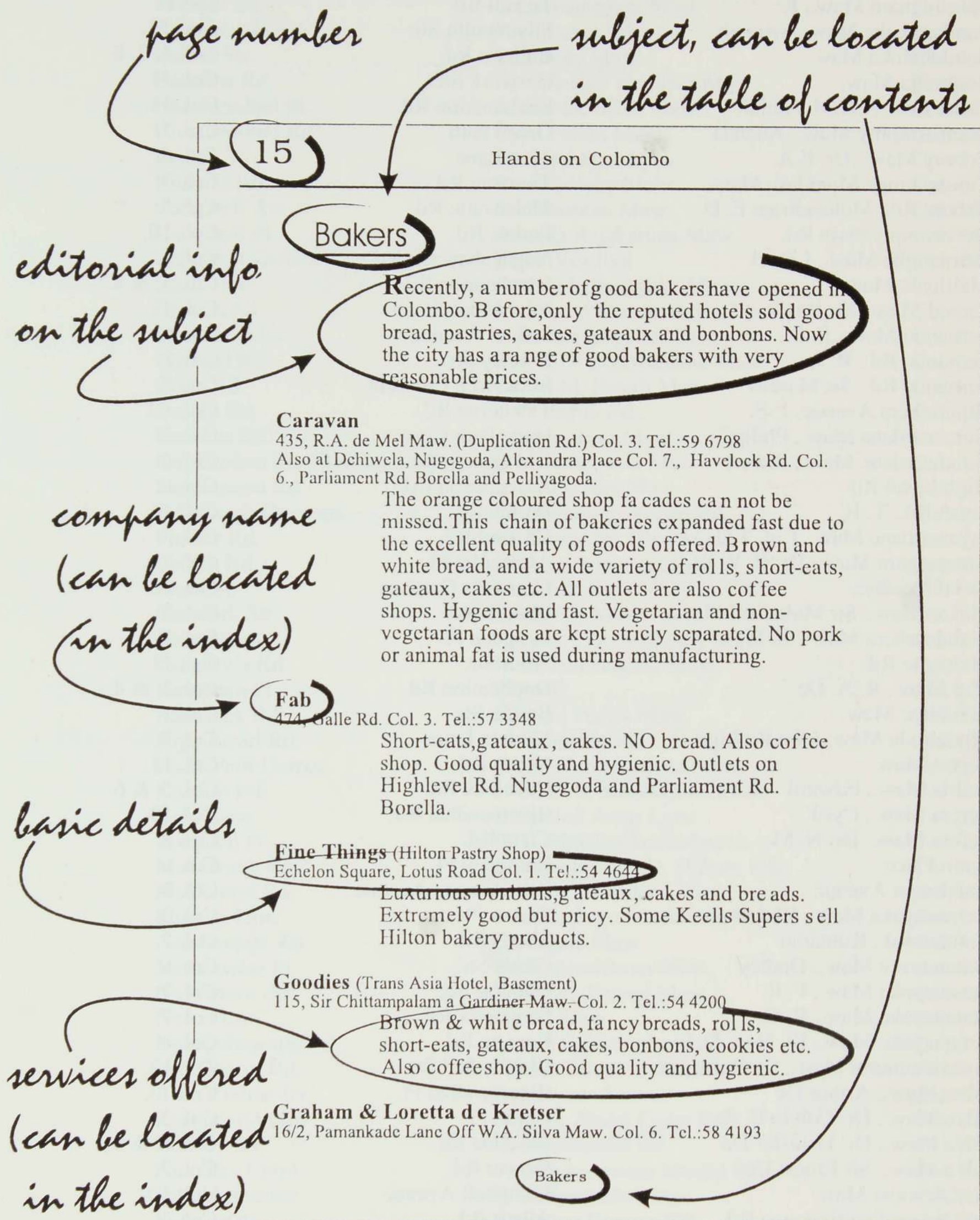
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## **Air-Conditioning**

In a tropical country like Sri Lanka, air-conditioning is a virtual necessity in (part of) the house and car. It's comfort is often not realized until it breaks down. If there is a malfunction contact your supplier, who should have the necessary spares and knowledge of the specific brand. However, as is common in Sri Lanka, many companies specialize in service and repair of any kind of air-conditioning equipment. Regular maintenance can save a lot of trouble.

The airco in the car can either be repaired by the dealer or at one of the many "auto airco" repair shops. Keep in mind that air-conditioning consumes a lot of energy, either electricity or fuel.

### **Repair / Service**

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## **Airlines**

Virtually the only way to reach Sri Lanka is by air. Ferries previously operating to and from South India have stopped due to the security situation. The only international airport is Bandaranaike International Airport, near the village of Katunayake, about one hours drive north of Colombo. Advertised as the Paradise Island, Sri Lanka attracts tourists from all over the world. A large number of airlines are represented in Colombo, where you can book or reconfirm your flights. It is advisable to reconfirm your flight as soon as you arrive, otherwise chances are your seat will not be available on the return date. You can try to do this straight away at the airport, but mostly this takes a long time. Reconfirm flights with your airline or representative, preferably in person so that your ticket will carry a reconfirmation sticker. Reconfirmation by phone is not recommended. Visit the offices in the early morning, to avoid long queues.

### **International**

#### **Aeroflot, (Atlas Lanka)**

86/1 Chatham Str. Col. 1. Tel.:33 4255-6, 33 8459 Fax.:43 5292  
Flight information airport. Tel.: 25 2277



#### **Air France**

Connaissance de Ceylan, Galle Face Shopping Complex. Tel.:32 7605

#### **Air Holland**

United Holiday, 6th Floor East Tower, World Trade Centre,  
Col. 1. Tel.:34 6026-9, 34 6032 Fax.:34 6030

#### **Air Maldives**

Hemas Airservices, 81, York Str., Col. 1. Tel.:34 2291

#### **Air New Zealand**

Worldlink, Galadari Hotel, Lotus Rd., Col. 1. Tel.:43 0707-8

#### **Airlanka**

37, York Str., Col. 1. Tel.:42 1161, 073 5555  
e-mail: ulweb@sri.lanka.net Website: <http://www.airlanka.com>

#### **AOM French Airlines**

323, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:43 5597 Fax.:44 7978



**Asiana Airlines**

11A, York Str., Col. 1. Tel.:43 0380

**British Airways**

Trans Asia Hotel, 115, Sir. Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:32 0231  
Fax.:44 7906

**Cathay Pacific**

186, Vauxhall Str., Col. 2. Tel.:33 4145

**Condor**

115, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:54 4200

**Emirates Air Line**

75, Braybrooke Str., Col. 2. (Hemas Building) Tel.:30 0200-5 Fax.:30 0211,  
300219

**Finnair**

Vauxhall Towers, 305, Vauxhall Str., Col. 2. Tel.:43 8680

**Gulf Air**

Mackinnons Building, 11 York Str., Col. 1. Tel.:44 8808

**Indian Airlines**

Bristol Complex, 4, Bristol / York Str. Col. 1. Tel.:32 6844

**JAL Japan Airlines**

Galadari Hotel, 64, Lotus Rd., Col. 1. Tel.:54 1291

**KLM, Royal Dutch Airlines** (Carsons)

29, Braybrooke Str., Col. 2. Tel.:43 9747, 43 9762 Fax.:44 5035

**Kuwait Airlines**

South Asian Travels, 33-34, Cargills Building, Sir Baron Jayathilake Maw., Col.  
1. Tel.:44 5531-3 Fax.:44 9980

**Lauda Air**

M.A. Lanka, 332/2, Galle Rd. Col. 3.

**LTU International Airways**

11A, York Str., Col. 1. Tel.:42 2590

**Lufthansa**

Colombo Hilton, Lotus Rd., Col. 1. Tel.:33 1976 Fax.:33 1980

**Oman Air**

Galadari Hotel, Lotus Rd., Col. 1. Tel.:34 2150, 34 2151, 25 3843

**Pakistan International Airlines PIA**

342, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3475



**Quantas Australian Airlines**

Trans Asia Hotel, 115, Sir. Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw., Col.2.  
Tel.:34 8490-3 Fax.:44 7906

**Saudi Arabic Airlines**

Aeroworld, 466, Galle Rd., Col. 3. (next to fab) Tel.:57 7241-3, 57 7536-7  
Fax.:57 7249

**Silkair**

Vauxhall Towers, 305, Vauxhall Str., Col. 2. Tel.:43 8743

**Singapore Airlines**

Colombo Hilton, Lotus Rd., Col. 1. Tel.:42 2711 Fax.:44 7976

**Thai Airways International**

Ceylon Intercontinental, 48, Janadhipathi Maw., Col. 1. Tel.:43 8894

**National**

**D**omestic airlines are in a turmoil these days. The Government has forbidden all private flights due to the security situation. When this ban is lifted, there are a number of places where local operators can take you. The domestic airports are no more than landing strips located near places like Kataragama, Galle, Nuwara Eliya, Trincomalee, Kandy, Polonaruwa etc. From Colombo, flights generally take off from Ratmalana Airport (30 minutes south of Colombo) or by helicopter from places within Colombo City. When operational, domestic flights save the hassle of travelling for long hours to remote places.

**Ace Airways**

Aitken Spence Building, 315, Vauxhall Street, Col. 2. Tel.:32 4586 Fax.:42 2381

**CDE Helicopters**

140, Dawson Str., Col. 2. Tel.:32 0917 Fax.:42 2224

**Lankair**

104, Nawala/Narahenpita Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 0742 Fax.:50 3755

**Lionair**

62 1/4, Park Street, Col. 2. Tel.:071-31 600

**Sky Cabs**

294 1/1, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:33 3104 Fax.:43 0203



## **Animals**

A wide variety of pets may be kept: dogs, birds, cats, snakes, fish, rabbits, turtle, mice, rats etc. by their respective owners. In contrast to western countries, shops that sell live animals are restricted to mainly fish and birds. All other sales go directly through advertisements in the newspapers by (more or less) private persons. Inquire if the person you want to buy from is reliable and has given the animals their first vaccinations. It is sensible to go to a veterinarian to have the animal checked and vaccinated once bought. It is also highly recommended to do this regularly to keep pets in top shape without a health hazard to you and your loved ones.

Keeping endangered animals is forbidden in Sri Lanka. Refrain from keeping monkeys as pets, they are NOT.

### **Quarantine**

Pets can be brought into the country if they have valid health documentation. In case of doubt notify the Department of Animal Production & Health for quarantine regulations prior to arrival of the pet. For departure from Sri Lanka, ask the specific regulations at this office. Inquire also in the country to where the animal will be shipped.

### **Animal Quarantine Office**

41, Morgan Rd., Col. 2 . Tel.:43 3797

### **Supplies**

#### **Bernard Enterprises** (aquariums)

101, Maradana Rd., Hendala, Wattala. Tel.:53 1460 Fax.:53 1030

#### **Brown & Co.**

481, T.B. Jayah Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:69 7111

#### **Haytech Marketing**

25, Foster Lane, Col. 10. Tel.:69 7814 Fax.:69 1679

#### **Jathika Pola**

Elvitigala Maw., Col. 5. (opp. police filling station)

A market place for life animals as well as supplies.



**K9 Shop**

29c, Nawala Narahenpita Rd., Nawala.

**Lanka Aquarium**

227, Thimbirigasyaya Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 6832 Fax.:58 6964

**Mansel**

2nd Floor, AEC Building, 140, Vauxhall Street, Col. 2.  
Tel.:43 2897 Fax.:44 5714

**Ocean & Tropical Fish Export**

104, Galle Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:73 2970 Fax.:73 2970

**Pet Shop**

74/76, Bonjean Rd., Kotahena. Col. 13. Tel.:33 5058 Fax.:43 3239

**Unical**

Lady Catherine Estate, Ratmalana. Tel.:63 5971 Fax.:63 2049

**Veterinarians****Dr. Franklyn Amarasinghe**

2/10, Polhengoda Rd., Kirilapone. Col.5. Tel.:85 2285

**Dr. Mrs. C. Athauda**

24/2, Tickell Rd., Col. 8. Tel.:69 9008

**Dr. V.A. Ching**

14, Fife Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 1580

**Colombo South Animal Hospital**

55/40, Atapattu Terrace, Dehiwela. Tel.:71 2496

**Dr. George E. Kodituwakku**

337, Park Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:50 1414

**Pet Clinic (also shop)**

74/76, Bonjean Rd., Kotahena. Col. 13. Tel.:33 5058 Fax.:43 3239

**Dr. Mrs. Hilary de Silva**

9A, Havelock Rd. Col. 5. Tel.:58 2930



## **Antiques**

What looks “antique” may not be as old as it appears. Ask around and find somebody reliable to advise you. Not all (real) antiques can be exported. To make sure, ask information from the Department of Archaeology. Watch the newspapers for sales, exhibitions, auctions etc.

### **Antiques Collection**

142, Dutugenunu Str., Kohuwela.

### **Asaan Antiques**

86, Vihara Maw., Bellanwila, Boralesgamuwa. Tel.:71 3633, 078-80034

Sale on different locations, address given is

Mr. Fernando's home, NO sales at this place.

### **Kandyan Antiques**

102, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 4.

Very tiny shop, with antiques and unfortunately also non-antique items.

### **Paradise Road Promenade** (see also under: Home decorations)

213, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:68 6043

### **Raux Brothers**

164, Galle Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:71 3457

### **De Silva Antiques**

94, Dutugemunu Str., Kohuwela, Dehiwela. Tel.:81 2025 Fax.:50 0544

Furniture, Prints, China etc.

### **The Treasure Trove**

247, Galle Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:71 7253

### **The Treasure House**

133, Cotta Rd., Borella, Col. 8.

### **Serendib Gallery**

51, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:34 5818

### **Villa Saffron**

4, Chandra Wethasinghe Maw., Koswatta Rd., Rajagiriya. Tel.:072-280981



## **Art Materials**

### **Collor Camp**

41, Bankshall Str., Col. 11. Tel.:44 8818, 44 9127 Fax.:44 5559

Fabric paint in a wide range of colours.

### **Colorcraft Chemicals**

119, Bankshall Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 7918

Acrylic colours for fabric, pottery, canvas, printing etc.

### **Grafix Centre** (Faber Castel dealer)

42-M, Ground Floor, Liberty Plaza. Tel.:57 5241

Provides a wide range of artistic tools for drawing and architectural use. Also plan printing.

### **Lamco** (Letraset dealer)

19/4C, Pagoda Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:85 4827

### **Novelty's Art Supplies**

286, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3816 Fax.:43 0969

25, Palmyrah Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:58 1262

For a huge collection of paints, brushes, paper, linen, canvas, easels and accessories. Best collection in town.

### **Olga Studio** (airbrush)

61, Kandy Rd., Kiribathgoda. Tel.:91 2199, 91 3461 Fax.:91 1538

### **Plâté Ltd.**

580, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 3366, 59 1018 Fax.:58 6206

### **Sakura Agencies**

2, Trelawney Place, Col. 4. Tel.:59 1723

The full range of artistic materials, oil, acrylic colours, brushes, inks, charcoal, canvas, pastels, paper etc.

### **Sasash Trading**

156/10, Negombo Rd., Peliyagoda. Tel.:53 1712

### **Srina Palace**

61, Danister de Silva Maw. (Baseline Rd.), Borella. Tel.:69 4042 & Nugegoda Supermarket.

A wide variety of everything. Materials for sewing and hobby. Amazing what they have!



## **Audio-Visual Rental**

### **Audio Kine Engineers**

52, First Floor, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:33 1833 Fax.:63 8113

### **Audio Visual Business Systems**

14, Malwatte Avenue, Nugegoda. Tel.:85 4023 Fax.: 82 1974

### **Ceylon Busines Appliances**

112, Reid Avenue, Col. 4. Tel.:32 6547 Fax.:50 3121

### **PanAudio**

3 1/1, Station Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4430 Fax.:57 5741

### **Tele Cine**

72, 2nd Floor, Ananda Coomaraswamy Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:57 3898  
Fax.:57 3898

### **Swedish Trading Audio Visual**

Red Cross Bldg. 106, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:074-715056-7 Fax.:33 3445

Rent and sales of overhead projectors, videoplayers,  
slide projectors, P.A. systems, video projectors etc.



## **Bakers**

**R**ecently, a number of good bakers have opened in Colombo. Before, only the reputed hotels sold good bread, pastries, cakes, gateaux and bonbons. Now the city has a range of good bakers with very reasonable prices.

### **Caravan**

435, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:59 6798

Also at Dehiwela, Nugegoda; Alexandra Place, Col. 7.; Havelock Rd., Col. 6.; Parliament Rd., Borella and Pellyyagoda.

The orange coloured shop facades can not be missed. This chain of bakeries expanded fast due to the excellent quality of foods offered. Brown- and white bread and a wide variety of rolls, short-eats, gateaux, cakes etc. All outlets are also coffee shops. Hygienic and fast. Vegetarian and non- vegetarian food is kept strictly separated. No pork or animal fat is used during manufacturing.

### **Fab**

474, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3348

Short-eats, gateaux, cakes. NO bread. Also coffee shop. Good quality and hygienic. Outlets on Highlevel Rd. Nugegoda and Parliament Rd. Borella.

### **Fine Things** (Hilton Pastry Shop)

Echelon Square, Lotus Road, Col. 1. Tel.:54 4644

Luxurious bonbons, gateaux, cakes and bread of excellent quality. Extremely good but pricy. Some Keells Supers sell Hilton bakery products.

### **Goodies** (Trans Asia Hotel, basement)

115, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:54 4200

Brown & white bread, fancy breads, rolls, short-eats, gateaux, cakes, bonbons, cookies etc. Also coffee shop. Good quality and hygienic. Open from 8:00.

### **Graham & Loretta de Kretser**

16/2, Pamankade Lane, Off W.A. Silva Maw., Col. 6. Tel.:58 4193

Create the most beautiful cake structures according your wishes for a fair price.



**Little Lion**

11, A G Hinniappuhamy Maw., Col. 13. Tel.:42 2165

Sells cakes and short-eats baked by a central bakery. Has outlets throughout the city and their products are sold in small shops and supermarkets. Not of high quality but hygienic and low priced.

**Optims**

65A, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:44 0308

You have to know it to find it! Normal cakes, but also “works of art” made to order in shapes, sizes and colours hard to imagine. The best I have seen! Also pastries and short eats.

Ⓐ **Le Palace** (see also under Restaurants & Coffee-shops)

79, Gregory's Rd., Col. 7. (Kynsey Rd. entrance) Tel.:69 5920 Fax.:69 4798

Excellent cakes, bonbons, short-eats, croissants, brown- and white bread, french bread and fancy breads. Beautiful gateaus can be chosen from a book. All items are prepared with fresh, natural and Halal ingredients without using preservatives, additives and other chemicals like colouring and artificial flavours. Ice-cream and fruit juice are available at the coffee shop. Open from 7:00 - 23:00.

**Perera & Sons**

217, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:32 3295

For tasty brown bread and pastries. Outlets throughout the city.

**Primart**

Ⓐ 50, Parliament Rd., Rajagiriya (Between Borella & Kotte, next to LOLC / ANZ bank). Also at 74, Thimbirigasyaya Rd. Col. 5. (new outlets will be opened in and around Colombo).

Very tasty brown and white bread, freshly baked twice a day. Also other Prima products like chicken parts, noodles and baking oil. New products will be added during this year (subsidiary of Prima bakeries).

**Sponge Pastry Shop**

347, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3321, 57 7880



## **Banks**

Sri Lanka is striving hard to become a financial centre for the Indian Sub Continent. As such, a large number of foreign banks can be found in Colombo. A NRFC (Non Resident Foreign Currency ) account can be kept by any foreigner. To open a rupee account, one has to have permission from the Central Bank. This permission is normally granted if a work permit and/or Resident Visa can be shown. Addresses given are the head offices, most banks have branches throughout Colombo, the suburbs or throughout the country.

### **ABN-AMRO Bank**

103A, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:44 8448 Fax.:44 6986

### **American Express Bank**

104, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:68 2787, 68 1205 Fax.:68 2786

Open on Saturdays 10:00 - 12:00 for personal banking.

### **ANZ Grindlays Bank**

37, York Str., Col. 1. Tel.:44 6150 Fax.:44 6158

### **Bank of Ceylon**

4, Bank of Ceylon Maw., Col. 1. Tel.44 6790 (next to World Trade Centre).

### **Citibank**

65c, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:44 7316 Fax.:44 5487

### **Deutsche Bank**

86, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:44 7062 Fax.:44 7067

### **Development Finance Corporation of Ceylon (DFCC)**

73/5, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:44 0366 Fax.:44 0376

### **Hatton National Bank**

10, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:42 1885, 33 7501  
Fax.:44 0658

### **Hongkong & Shanghai Bank**

24, Sir Baron Jayatilaka Maw., Col. 1. Tel.:44 6591 Fax.:44 8388

Their new office will be located at the corner of R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.) and Dharmapala Maw. Col. 4. Global Access is the service provided for Hongkong Bank customers, which provides access to over 300,000 ATM's worldwide.



**National Development Bank**

40, Navam Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:43 7350 Fax.:44 0262

**Pan American Bank**

3rd Level, East Tower, World Trade Centre, Col. 1.

**Sampath Bank**

110, Sir James Peiris Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:075-331441

Fax.:075-331531

New Premises!

**Seylan Bank**

33, Sir Baron Jayatilleke Maw., Col. 1. Tel.:43 7901,

Fax.:43 3072

Extended opening hours.

**Societe General**

6th Floor, 110, Sir James Peiris Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:074-711000 Fax.:074-711010

**Standard Chartered Bank**

17, Janadhipathi Maw., Col. 1. Tel 32 6671

Offers 24 hours phone banking free for customers on  
Tel.:44 1155.

**Union Bank**

3rd Level, East Tower, World Trade Centre, Col. 1. Tel.:34 6346

Fax.:34 6356 Website: <http://www.unionb.com>



## **Beds & Mattresses**

### **Hubert N. Anthony & Sons**

36, Dickman's Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 3802

### **Arpico**

69, Hyde Park Corner, Col. 2. Tel.:68 7306 Fax.:68 7172

Foam mattresses and simple steel beds.

### **Ceyesta**

327, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3834

Mattresses and folding beds.

### **Ideal Home**

41, Galle Face Court, Col. 3. Tel.:33 1576 Fax.:078-68674

Dico beds and Slumberland boxspring mattresses. Also bed linen, lamps etc. Also shop at Liberty Plaza.

### **New Interiors**

(A) 115, Maya Avenue, Col. 5. Tel.:50 3661 Fax.:86 3917

A fine collection of beds. Waterbeds from Canada and boxsprings from Europe. Also other furniture and office furniture. Undertake interior decoration for home and office.

### **Posturetop International**

92, Nawala Rd., Nugegoda. Tel./Fax.:82 6917

Imported mattresses from UK.

### **Sleepytime**

473A, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 3081

A beautiful collection of bed linen and beds.

### **Suyamas International**

98, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 0911 Fax.:81 1735

Boxspring mattresses imported from Korea.



## **Bicycles**

Visit Dam Street and the end of Deans Road, Maradana for a wide choice.

### **Citison Cycle Industries**

56, Dam Str., Col. 12. Tel.:43 3514 Fax.:43 9744

### **City Cycle House**

77, Dam Str., Col.12. Tel.:43 1714

### **City Cycle Stores**

233, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:50 8316

Lumala brand of bicycles, but also gifts, fitness equipment, toys etc.

### **Faizal Hardware Stores**

74, Dam Str., Col. 12. Tel.:42 3273, 32 5571 Fax.:44 6088

### **Shimano / Suriyages**

524, Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:69 1505

Very good bicycles for sales and a very good repair shop. Original Shimano accessories.



## **Body Care**

### **Body Talk**

24/1, Sri Maha Vihara Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:73 0335

### **Exclusive Lines**

1-19, Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:58 7224, Colombo Hilton, Tel.:54 4644

42-G, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 6038

A good choice of perfumes and body care products.

### **Folio**

24, Ward Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 3054 Fax.:54 4664

The shop in town to get all materials, essences, creams, lotions etc. for total body care and aroma therapy. Also gift items, home decorations, candles, exclusive clothing, bathing suits etc. A visit worthwhile.

### **The Parfumerie**

① 1-55, 1st floor, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 7977

1-31, Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:59 5757

4-2, World Trade Centre, Echelon Square, Col. 1. (to be opened soon).

A complete selection of the best world renown brands in perfumes, eau de toilette, make-up, soap, skin-, hair- and body care. Regular promotion by famous perfume houses. Friendly staff which can provide you with good advise. Samples available. (Some items are even cheaper than those bought duty free)!

### **Salon Cheks Mobile Service**

5/2, Sulaiman Terrace, Col. 5. Tel.:50 0264

Mobile service at your doorstep for hair and body care. Uses product from U.K.

### **Shahnaz**

28, Inner Failine Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:71 5539

Pure herbal products on a alcohol and fat free basis. Not tested on animals. Also hair salon.



## **Bookshops**

There are a number of good bookshops in town. Imported books from U.S.A., Singapore or UK can be costly. Ask if an Indian version is available, these can be very cheap. (although sometimes of poor quality). For borrowing books see under the “library” section. Another phenomenon can be found at the corner of D.R. Wijewardena Maw. and T.B. Jayah Maw.(Darley Rd.) Col. 10. Here you can buy and borrow books at a fixed price; once the books are returned, the deposit minus a deduction is paid back (very worthwhile).

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### **Barefoot Bookshop**

704, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 9305, 58 0281 Fax.:57 6936

e-mail: barefoot@eureka.lk

An excellent series of books on subjects such as: Sri Lanka and other countries, nature, art and hundreds of other subjects. All of the best quality and highly visual orientated. The range of postcards by Dominic Sansoni is also available. Don't forget to visit the other “hidden” Barefoot sections such as the coffee shop, Gallery and the fabric section.

### **Bibliomania** (second-hand books)

Hospital Street (behind Chatham Str.) Col. 1.

Chock full of books, books, and more books. A unique collection of second-hand books. Collectors items at fair prices can be found.

### **Bookcity** (Cargills)

Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:59 3035

### **Bookland**

430-432, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:074-714444

### **Buddhist Cultural Centre**

125, Anderson Rd., Nedimala, Dehiwela. Tel.:73 4256 Fax.:73 6737

English books on Buddhism. From the teaching of The Lord Buddha, to poems, picture stories and novels.



**Cargills Bookshop**

40, York Street, Col. 1. Tel.:32 9331

**M.D. Gunasena**

217, Olcott Maw., Col. 11. Tel.:32 3981-4

**Jeya Book Centre**

91-99, Upper groundfloor, Peoples Park Complex, Col. 11. Tel.:43 8227, 43 8688, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 0594

**Lake House Book Shop**

100, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:43 2105  
1-34 G-K, 1st. Floor, Liberty Plaza, New Wing, 162A/1, Galle Rd., Dehiwela & 50, Hyde Park Corner.

**Robert Agencies** (computer books)

88, Reclamation Rd. (N.H.M. Abdul Cader Rd.), Col. 11. Tel.:34 4306, 42 1009

Located on the first floor, a large range of manuals and books on computer and related subjects can be found. A lot of these books are printed in India, which means cheap, but often poor quality.

**Sadeepa Bookshop**

1060, Maradana Rd., Borella. Tel.:68 6114, 68 3813

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**Sarasavi bookshop**

2, Stanley Tillekeratne Maw., Nugegoda. Tel.:85 2519

Open from Monday to Saturday 10:00 - 18:00 The Nugegoda bookshop with much more than books. It also has magazines, toys, stationary etc. A special Sarasavi stationary shop is located about 50 mtr. down the road.

**Suriya Bookshop**

425/15, Thimbirigasyaya Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:50 1339 Fax.:59 5563

Open from Monday to Friday 9:00 - 16:00.

An on-usual bookshop which specialises in Topical, Alternative and Controversial Books sold no-where else in Sri Lanka. Alternative publications and foreign magazines on these subjects are available, also in Sinhala and Tamil.



**Vijitha Yapa Bookshop**

376, Galle Rd. Col. 3. Tel.:57 7624 Fax.:58 4801

& Ground Floor, Basement Unity Plaza (next to Majestic City, corner of Galle Rd. & Station Rd.) Col. 4. Tel.:59 6960

Opening times: Weekdays:10 - 18:30, Saturday:10 - 19:00

The largest bookshop in town. Received the '97 Gurulugomi Award for the best bookshop in Colombo from the National Book Development Council. Titles of books and magazines can be ordered when not in stock. A range of magazines and foreign newspapers is also available. Open 6 days a week. (The Galle Rd. shop will be shifted to No. 392 in August, inquire if the telephone No. has been changed).



## **Cards (picture postcards)**

### **Archies Gallery**

351, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3.

A wide range of cards for every occasion. A variety of gift-items also available.

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### **Barefoot Bookshop**

704, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 9305, 58 0281 Fax.:57 6936  
e-mail: barefoot@eureka.lk

The complete range of cards by Dominic Sansoni.

### **Kapila Baticrafts**

8/1, 2nd lane, Koswatte Rd., Nawala. Tel.:86 3030

Handmade batik cards. For sale also at handicraft shops.

### **Lakmedura**

113, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:32 8900

Wide range of cards on Sri Lanka are available.

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### **Lanka Hands Handicraft Centre**

135, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 4. Tel.:074-512311

Card book and hand made items (see also under handicraft shops).

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### **Odel Unlimited**

5, Alexandra Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 2863, 59 0288,  
e-mail odel@sri.lanka.net.

Opening times: Mon-Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Closed on Poya days.

Cards from recycled paper, scissor techniques and artistic post cards. Very different.

### **Paradise Road Promenade**

213, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.: 68 6043

### **Uthum Pathum**

21, Deal Place Col. 3. Tel.:57 7102-3

### **Wishes & Thoughts**

55, Alfred House Gardens, Col. 3. (on your way to the British Council).



## **Cars**

### **Authorised Dealers / Agents**

**AMW** (Nissan / Maruti dealer)

185, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:43 3371-8

Also Yamaha motor cycles, outboard motors and jet-skis.

**Brown & Co.** (Suzuki dealer)

60, Park Street, Hyde Park Corner, Col. 2. Tel.:074-714510, 078-66574

**Car Mart** (Peugeot / Mazda / VW dealer)

424, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:69 6311-12, 69 6317-18 Fax.:69 8382

**Carplan** (KIA dealer)

297, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:34 2131

**David Pieris Motor Co.** (Ford dealer)

69, Hyde Park Corner, Col. 2. Tel.:68 7167, 68 7169 Fax.:68 7175

**Diesel & Motor Engineering Co.** (Mercedes / TaTa / Proton / SsangYong dealer)

65, Jethawana Rd., Col. 14. Tel.:33 2810 / 44 9797 Fax.:44 9080

**Korean Motors** (Hyundai dealer)

200, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:43 2622 Fax.:34 2898

**Precision Motors** (Daewoo dealer)

746, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:59 6559, 59 6560 Fax.:91 0469

At the same address: Regency Automobiles for Jaguar and Eurocars for Porsche.

**Premier Automobiles** (Alfa Romeo dealer)

30, Nawala-Narahenpita Rd., Nawala.

**Prestige Automobile** (BMW / Landrover / MG dealer)

1st Floor, 108, W.A.D. Ramanayake Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:33 1801-3 Fax.:33 1800

Sales at the above mentioned address, service at 153, Elvitigala Maw., Col. 8. Tel.:68 4812.

A purpose built head office, service centre and show-room is presently being build at Pannipitiya Rd. Battaramula which will be in operation by the end of 1997.

**Sathosa Motors** (Opel dealer)

496, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:59 5790



**Senok Automobiles** ( Audi, Subaru dealer)

3, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 5. Tel.:59 1650, 50 1036-37  
Fax.:50 1038

**Stafford Motor Co.** (Honda dealer)

718/7, Maradana Rd. (off Maradana Rd.), Col. 10. Tel.:69 8150, 69 4362  
Fax.:69 7423

**Swedisch Trading Co.** (Volvo / Renault dealer)

191, Galle Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:73 8674, 71 2256 Fax.:73 5812

**Toyota Lanka** (Toyota dealer)

1st Floor, 50, Hyde Park Corner, Col. 2. Tel.:33 0169, 32 0696 Fax.:33 2163 &  
60, New Kelani Bridge Rd., Wellampitiya Tel.:43 6175, 44 6263 Fax.:43 1985

**Uni Walkers** (Daihatsu dealer)

73, W.A.D. Ramanayake Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:43 0179, 43 4635 Fax.:44 0905

**United Motors Lanka Ltd. UML** (Mitsubishi dealer)

100, Hyde Park Corner, Col. 2. Tel.:44 8112, 44 8114 Fax.:44 8113

**General Sales****Autoland**

318, High Level Rd., Nugegoda Tel.:82 4820, 82 8603 Fax.:85 3070

**Indra Traders**

131, W.A.D. Ramanayake Maw. Col. 2. Tel.:34 1333 Fax.:34 1331

**Ishara Traders**

438, Havelock Rd. Col. 6. Tel.:58 0467, 59 3302 Fax.:50 2225 &  
447A, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:68 9881

**Mannapperuma Traders**

228, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:50 0500, 50 1980 Fax.:50 0415

**Mercantile Investment**

236, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:34 3720, 43 4412 Fax.:43 4524

**U.S. Car Sales**

59, Alexandra Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 1276, 72 7205 Fax.:73 7218



**Rent**

There are a number of “official” and “unofficial” places to rent a car. Terms, conditions, price per unit, and cars offered vary widely. Jeeps, vans and minibuses can all be rented. Make sure that the vehicle is insured, (preferably “all-risk”) and in good condition. Pay attention to the tyres and always ask for a test drive prior to signing the contract. Have all defects, damages, scratches or malfunction noted down on the contract before signing. In negotiating a deal, ask if prices are including or excluding a driver. If it is including a driver, ask about working hours, meal allowances etc. Needless to say that you should inquire about the persons drivers license, you’ll be surprised how many drive without one! Ask about his driving skills and his understanding of English (Ambalangoda and Balangoda are about 200 Km apart)! Local drivers are not familiar with the use of road maps. However, it is amazing they find places without one. For short trips consider a taxi (see under that section).

**Aitken Spence Travels**

305, Vauxhall Str., Col. 2. Tel.:44 0480, 44 7948

**Air Concern Travel International**

15, Sir Baron Jayatileke Maw., Col. 1. Tel.:42 3934, 072-250641  
Fax.:42 3934

**Andrew Travel Services** (Budget Car Rent)

259, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 4166, 57 4453 Fax.:57 5214

**AVIS** (Mackinnons/Keells)

Mackinnons Building, Leyden Bastion Rd. (opp. Grand Hotel) Col. 1. Tel.:44 8065, 52 4498 Fax.:52 2351

**Casons Rent-a-Car**

1090 1/1, Attygala Maw., New Parliament Rd., Rajagiriya. Tel.:071-31084, 86 6796 Fax.:86 7346

**I.M.S.**

177, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.) Col. 3. Tel.:072-2554991, 43 5958

**Kings rent a Car**

52, Ramya Maw. Sri Subuthipura (behind Sethsiripaya) Battaramulla.  
Tel.:072-42646, 87 5063 Fax.:86 3374



**Mal-key Rent-a-Car**

58, Pamankade Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 4253 Fax.:50 2494

**R.L.M. Holidays**

20/34, Kattiyawatte Rd., Malbola. Tel.:93 0597, 072-246452  
Fax.:93 1242 attn. Randy.

**Repairs****Elcardo Metal Works**

40A, Nawala-Narahenpita Rd., Nawala. Tel.:86 5556  
Specialist in exhaust systems.

**Macro Auto Tech**

212, Nawala Rd., Nawala. Tel.:86 7914

All makes and all repairs. Good service, equipment and knowledgeable people.

**Motor & Electrical Engineers**

60, Nawala-Narahenpita Rd. Narahenpita, Col. 5. Tel.:58 1342

**Novus Windscreen Repair**

418, Galle Rd., Col. 3.

**Pala Auto Electronics**

758, Baseline Rd., Col. 9. Tel.:68 4207, 071-25511

They operate a mobile service during normal working hours on weekdays for electrical problems.

**Piyota Motors**

194, Cotta Rd., Borella. Tel.:68 2771

Very accurate work, service and equipment. Well recommended but at a high price.

**Spain Engineering**

187, Torrington Avenue, Col. 7.

For good body metal work.

**Replacement Parts / Maintenance**

A large number of stores can be found in the Panchikawatte area, Colombo 10 and at the end of T.B. Jayah Maw. (Darley Rd.) (towards Maradana Junction). There are shops which specialise in all sorts of items. Like batteries, tyres, filters, brake-linings, shock absorbers, body parts etc. Other



specialise in parts for particular brands. For essential parts pay attention to what you buy; the original or the “fake”. These imitation parts are widely available and sometimes it is hard to tell them apart. You can find numerous places which offer lubrication services and also others who specialise in caring for the interior and exterior of your car other than the official dealers.

### **Andrew Auto Service**

128, Nawala Rd., Narahenpita. Col. 5. Tel.:50 0360

Lubrication, interior and exterior service.

### **AUML Autogas**

100, Hyde PArk Corner, Col. 2. Tel.:44 8112, 075-333573 Fax.:44 8113

Distribution of Lovato autogas equipment from Italy.

There are only very few places to fill your gas tank. Filling station at 89, Cotta Rd., Col. 8.

### **Convex Car Mirrors**

In the red building on the corner of Maradana Rd. & T.B. Jayah Maw. (Darley Rd). Companies like Olympia, Comrex and many more.

### **Citizens**

761, Maradana Rd. Col. 10. Tel.:69 8375

A whole rang of car- and other purpose batteries. Also dry cells.

### **Clean Park**

37, Wasala Lane, Dehiwela. Tel.:72 2507, 73 0640 Fax.:73 3127

Interior and exterior care, also lubrication service.

### **Confifi Engineering**

33, St. Michaels Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:33 3320-6

Specialises in under-body coating.

### **Douglas & Sons**

273, Panchikawatte Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:43 6232, 43 3128 Fax.:43 2220

A large store with numerous spareparts for different brands.

### **Alfred Edirisinghe**

1009, Maradana Rd., Col. 8. Tel.:68 7117, 69 9783 Fax.:69 9776

OHTSU tyres, maintenance and service.



**Gehan Enterprises**

100/3, Prince of Wales Avenue, Col. 14. Tel.:32 5105

**The Kandy Tyre House** (Michelin / Bridgestone)

1087, Maradana Rd., Borella. Tel.:69 9810, 68 7620

**Macro Auto Tech**

32/11, Narahenpita Rd., Nawala. Tel.:86 3811

Lubrication service.

**S.K. Munasinghe Motors** (Dunlop)

436, Havelock Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 9432, 59 0313 Fax.:50 2258

**Nalaka**

55, Hyde Park Corner, Col. 2. Tel.:68 8109, 68 4301 Fax.:69 9613

Tyres and shock absorbers.

**Radiator House**

421/121, T.B. Jayah Maw. (Darley Rd.) Col. 10. Tel.:69 9230 Fax.:68 9942

also at:238/30A, Panchikawatte Rd., & 575, Highlevel Rd., Delkanda, Nugegoda.

The only specialist for radiator repairs.

**Robert Agencies**

88, Reclamation Rd. (N.H.M. Abdul Cader Rd.), Col. 11. Tel.:34 4306, 42 1009

Battery chargers.

**Taiyo Enterprises**

83, Galle Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:73 5280

Body parts, used and new.

**Toyota Lanka**

38, Panchikawatte Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:074-615050 Fax.:33 2163

Retail sales centre for genuine Toyota parts.

**Tyre Plaza**

379, Prince of Wales Avenue, Col. 14. Tel.:43 2545, 33 4555

**Vehicle Lovers**

310A, Highlevel Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:85 6375 Fax.:69 5782



## **Club / Casino**

Playing games seem to be in peoples blood and as such, this is possible in one of the many club / casinos. Some offer a very high standard in a luxurious setting and much more than only games like baccarat, blackjack and roulette. For a perfect evening out, all taxi drivers can take you to one of the “clubs” as they are often called. Especially at weekends, these places are crowded with both foreign as well as local clientele. Some are open 24- hours, whilst others are open only in the evening until late night.

### **Bally's Club**

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14, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 3. (next to Liberty Plaza), Tel.:57 3497 Fax.:50 3567

New sophisticated club with live music and entertainment and games. Besides that Bally's is open 24 hours of the day, 365 days of the year, it offers complimentary food and premium drinks of a high standard. Free transport will be provided from the hotels to Bally's club.

### **Continental Club**

425, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:59 5432

### **Gaylord Club / Hotel Golden Topaz**

502/1 Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4125 Fax.:57 5036

### **MGM Grand Club**

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772/770, Galle Rd., Col. 4. (Close to Majestic City) Tel.:59 1711, 59 1319  
Fax.:50 3567

Traveling along Galle Rd. at night, you can't miss the blue spiraled neon sign with the MGM logo. One of the latest and most luxurious clubs opened recently with life entertainment and a separate restaurant section. MGM Grand Club offers it's clients a variety of games like roulette, baccarat and blackjack. Unlimited premium quality drinks and an excellent kitchen are offered on a complimentary basis, so no extra charges. If you want style, ambiance and a good game, MGM Grand Club is always open for you with free transport from the Colombo hotels. According insiders, the best limits in town.



**Oasis**

432, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3.

**Ritz Carlton**

433, Galle Rd., Col. 3.

**The Ritz Club**

5, Galle Face Terrace, Col. 3. Tel.:34 1496

**Silver Slipper**

440, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3.

**Star Dust Club**

9, 15th Lane, Col. 3. Tel.:57 3493

**Star Club**

77, Chatham Str., Col. 1. Tel.:33 0951 Fax.:44 9593

**Treasure Island**

290, Galle Rd., Col. 3.



## **Cinema**

The cinema (also known as theatre) culture in Sri Lanka is mainly focused on local productions and those from India. The locals love it and long queues can be witnessed for the shows. These films will often not appeal to the western public, either because of their language or the way issues are addressed (drama, violence, etc.). There are many cinema's, but only those which show foreign produced (English spoken) films of a high standard and attract foreign as well as local clientele are mentioned. Tickets are cheap by foreign standards. Shows can be watched during the morning and afternoons. The last show will start at 7.00 p.m. Billboards announcing movies are a real work of art in bright colours and with 3-dimensional objects.

### **Elphinstone Theatre**

Maradana Rd. (across the Maradana railway station), Col. 10. Tel.:43 3635

A very appealing theatre with balconies, pillars and chandeliers, but no modern equipment or seating.

### **Liberty Cinema**

Opposite Liberty Plaza, on Dharmapala Maw. Col. 2. Tel.:32 5265

An old building, with a new (loud) sound system. Sometimes recent foreign films are shown.

### **Majestic Cinema**

4rd Floor, Majestic City, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 1759

The most modern cinema in Sri Lanka showing newly released films. Good seating and sound system, but like everywhere else, too loud.



## **Children**

### **Baby Items**

#### **Baby Centre**

240, Sea Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 4570, 43 1579

#### **The Baby Shop**

33, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 4. Tel.:82 4991 Fax.:82 3459

Everything for babies till toddlers. Such as cots, furniture, feeding requirements, toys, bottles linen etc.

#### **City Cycle Stores**

233, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:50 8316

Special section for babies.

#### **Orchard Mothercare**

Orchard Building (opp. Savoy Cinema), Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 2054

#### **Púr,**

65A, Galle Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:071-21817 Fax.:59 2799

For mother and baby. High quality imported products.

#### **Queen's**

108, Main Str., Col. 11. Tel.:43 1755 also at Liberty Plaza & Majestic City.

#### **Rio Enterprise**

130 1/10, Main Street, Jezima Arcade, 1st Floor. Col. 11. Tel.:43 6716, 43 7673 Fax.:43 8849

#### **Sharaz**

230, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 9755

#### **Three Lanka Baby Care**

3, Alfred House Garden, Col. 3. Tel.:50 2208

### **Balloonman**

There are several balloonmen around town and each have their own speciality in making specific shapes and figures. For parties they can be hired on a hourly basis. Popular hangouts are the Viharamahadevi park on the Dharmapala side and schools at hometime.



## Cake Decorations

### **Union Holdings**

36, Dickman's Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 3802, 246, Negombo Rd. Wattala.  
Tel.:93 3460

Everything from the world renowned Wilton brand of the USA for cake decoration materials. Books, video, ornaments, colouring, spray equipment, styrofoam dummy's, candles, moulds, icing decoration, pans, tips etc.

## Books

### **Bookcity**

Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:59 3035

Special corners with childrens literature, magazines etc.

### **The World of Early Learning**

351, 1st Floor, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 4259-60

A range of imported educational toys, puzzles, books etc. High quality at a high price. Also for bigger children nice items like science experiment kits, wooden model kits and many more.

### **Lake House Book Shop**

100, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw. Col. 2. Tel.:43 2105  
& First Floor Liberty Plaza, New Wing.

Special corners with childrens literature, magazines etc.

### **Vijitha Yapa Bookshop**

376, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 7624 Fax.:58 4801

Ground Floor & Basement Unity Plaza (next to Majestic City corner of Galle Rd. & Station Rd.) Col. 4.

Has special sections with children's books and educational books in all outlets. Special titles can be ordered.

## Clothing

### **Cotton Collection**

40, Flower Rd., Col. 7. Tel.:57 6882

### **Dayasiri Garments**

143, Main Str., Pettah, Col. 11. Tel.:33 6800



**The New Kidz Shop**

First Floor, Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:68 8558

**Little Women**

339, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3582

**Odel Unlimited**

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5, Alexandra Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 2863, 59 0288,  
e-mail odel@sri.lanka.net.

Opening times: Mon-Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Closed on Poya days.

Perfectly organised isles with children's clothes. Sizes are arranged according age. Also wooden toys, puzzles, books, soft toys, and decorations for your child's room. Supervised children's playarea with video entertainment.

**Entertainment****Wonderworld** (by P.G. Martin)

Basement Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:59 5507, 072-246435, 57 7704

Fax.:82 4543. A small area also on the first floor at Liberty Plaza.

The newest entertainment games, simulators, ball games, video arcade games and many, many more. All are operated with coins which can be purchased at the counter. Separated area's for the small and the young adults. Wonderworld is a meeting point for the younger generation who grew up with video games and computers.

**Furniture****Asian Furniture**

554, 2nd Division, Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:68 6504

**Simplex International**

328, Madapatha Rd., Batakettara, Piliyandala. Tel.:61 4046-48 Fax.:61 4050  
e-mail:simplex@slt.lk

For export quality childrens furniture. (see also under toys)

**Timberlina**

17, Gower Str., Col. 5. Tel.:58 2442, 58 7816 Fax.:58 2442  
e-mail:toys@sri.lanka.net

Very good quality childrens furniture made to order (see also under toys).



**Woodstock**

210/5, Kaolin Refinery Rd., Werahera, Boralesgamuwa. Tel.:072-262097  
Fax.:50 9600

Furniture specially designed and manufactured for children in bright colours according your wishes and standard designs.

**Magician****Mayan The Marvel**

317, Jumma Masjid Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:69 2509

**Wonderro, The Master Magician**

11, Second Lane, Ratmalana. Tel.:82 7825

**Merry-Go-Around****Perera & Sons**

23, Finaya, Lankara Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:69 5937

**Party Decorations****Arpico**

Hyde Park Corner, Col. 2. & High Level Rd. Nawinna, Nugegoda and smaller shops islandwide.

Local manufactured balloons and gift items.

**Ceylon Rubber Industries**

13, China Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 6814, 42 3913 Fax.:44 8855

Balloons in a variety of shapes and colours. Also a great variety in party items, disposables etc.

**Wonderworld Gift Shop (P.G. Martin)**

Basement Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:59 5507, 072-246435, 57 7704  
Fax.:82 4543

Party supplies, gift items, toys, foil and helium filled balloons. Childrens play area with Little Tikes toys, push cars and other toys in front of the shop which can be visited for an entrance fee.



## Party Places

### **Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC)**

Majestic City, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 1747 Fax.:58 1760

KFC offers an all in package for your child's birthday party. Parents do not have to worry about it. Games, food, music and a tour around the kitchen are all organised by the crew.

### **Le Palace**

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79, Gregory's Rd., Col. 7. (Kynsey Rd. entrance) Tel.:69 5920 Fax.:69 4798

Parties can be organised in the afternoons and the garden can be used as a playarea. Fully organised and entertainment as you like it.

### **Pizza Hut**

321, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:33 4760

The Pizza Hut crew are happy to entertain your kids. An all in package is offered so parents do not have to worry about it. Payment is a fixed amount per child. Cake, ice-cream, pizza, lemonade and french fries are offered, a video is shown and games are played. The birthday boy/girl receives a small gift.. The outside play area is favourite with the children.

## Play Materials / hire

### **Fantasia Party Hire**

197A, Rajagiriya Rd., Rajagiriya. Tel.:86 4970

Hire of kids tables & chairs, swings, slides, cars, fun rides etc. Good quality and service.

### **P.G. Martin Entertainment**

297, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 7704 Fax.:82 4543

Fun bouncers (air cushions) in 6 styles, see- saws, slides, ball-pools, tables and chairs for hire at your home. Costumes hire such as clowns, Santa Claus, gorilla etc. with or without staff. Also a wide variety of helium balloons for sale. Very punctual service and courteous staff.



**Parties 'R Us**

171, Kynsey Rd., Col. 8. Tel.:43 6920

Hire of cars, swings, slides, tables and chairs.

**Pony Rides**

Meet the people in the Viharamahadevi park to make an appointment about dates, times and charges.

**Puppet Show****The Lamplight Puppeteers**

40/3, Werakande Rd., Baddegana, Pita Kotte. Tel.:86 5791

This puppet show is great. Mr. and Mrs. Crusz can vary the show according your likings.

**School Materials**

There are also several shops in Liberty Plaza &amp; Majestic City.

**Arpico**

69, Hyde Park Corner, Col. 2. &amp; High Level Rd. Nawinna, Nugegoda and smaller shops islandwide.

Stationary, rulers, erasers, sharpeners, pen cases, bottles etc.

**Lake House Book Shop**100, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:43 2105  
& First Floor Liberty Plaza, New Wing.

A variety of schoolbooks and stationary.

**Piccola Italia**

110, Elvitigala Mawatha, Col. 8. Tel.:68 6109

Very attractive schoolbags in a range of colours, sizes and materials.

**Vijitha Yapa Bookshop**376, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 7624 Fax.:58 4801  
& Ground Floor, Basement Unity Plaza (next to Majestic City, corner of Galle Rd. & Station Rd.) Col. 4.

Schoolbooks, diaries, stationary, dictionaries etc.



## Toys

### **Barefoot**

704, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 9305, 58 0281 Fax.:57 6936  
e-mail: barefoot@eureka.lk

Soft toys and especially mice in all varieties.

### **The World of Early Learning**

351, 1st Floor, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 4259-60

A range of imported educational toys, puzzles, books etc. Good quality but pricy.

### **Simplex International**

328, Madapatha Rd., Batakettara, Piliyandala. Tel.:61 4046-48 Fax.:61 4050  
e-mail:simplex@slt.lk

A name synonymous for wooden toys, furniture etc.  
Large scale factory for export quality items.

### **Sunimal**

1177A, Maya Avenue, Col. 6.

Soft toys, linnen etc.

### **Timberlina**

17, Gower Str, Col. 5. Tel.:58 2442, 58 7816 Fax.:58 2442  
e-mail: toys@sri.lanka.net

The most beautiful doll houses you have ever seen! Export quality made from fine timber with a loving eye for tiny details. A girls dream (also for “grown-up” girls!) comes true can be ordered in natural wood colour, or painted in you favourite colour. Only the house, or fully decorated with furniture, flowers, curtains etc. ready to move in, or packed in a cardboard box with clear instructions of how to assemble. A variety of houses are available but special orders are also taken. Call Mrs. Amaratunga first to make an appointment. Also special orders for children’s furniture, and other furniture items.



## **Clearing Agents**

A clearing agent is necessary to do the paper work for import (on arrival) or export (on departure) of your belongings. They know all the in's and outs with custom's regulations. Sometimes the movers (packers) also act as clearing agents..

### **Bartleet Freighters**

65, Braybrooke Place, Col. 2. Tel.:43 8764 , 43 8525 Fax.:34 1354

### **A. Baur & Co.**

5, Upper Chatham Str., Col. 1. Tel.:32 0551-6, 42 2464 Fax.:44 8493

### **Dart Express Lanka**

246/1, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:43 6801, 57 4699 Fax.:57 4727

### **Expo Lanka**

10, Milepost Avenue, Col. 3. Tel.:57 5169 Fax.:57 4213

### **Greenway**

662A, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 3641 Fax.:68 4397

### **MIT Cargo**

50, Foster Lane, Col. 10. Tel.:68 5971, 68 9003 Fax.:69 8786

### **Roton Vander**

40, Church Str., Col. 1. Tel.:43 4500

### **Trans World Movers**

26, Col. T.G. Jayewardene Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5470, 57 7761



## **Coffee**

Sri Lanka is world renown for its tea. However, tea came to Sri Lanka by accident when the British occupied the country. At first coffee was grown, but due to sickness of the coffee plants, all were wiped out. Tea replaced coffee and was more successful. Nowadays, coffee is grown on a small scale only for local use. When local people make coffee, it is a fine powder directly poured into the cup. After drinking, the brown sediment is left in the cup. There are several places where coffee is roasted. Here it is possible to have the coffee ground as you wish.

### **Hansa Coffee**

85/25, Jawatta Gardens, Col. 5. Tel.:58 8578 Fax.:59 1055  
(open only on Thursday mornings from 8 - 12 morning).

This coffee is grown from organically cultivated plants at the Nuwara Eliya district. Pre-packed, ground or beans. Also sale of organically cultivated vegetables.

### **Inland Coffee Company**

160, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 3780

Coffee can be coarsly ground for use in a coffee machine with a paper filter.

### **New Inland Coffee Centre**

288, Galle Rd., Col. 3. (opposite Carnival ice-cream).

Coffee can be coarsly ground for use in a coffee machine with a paper filter.



## **Coffee Shops**

**B**esides all major 5 star hotels, try the ones mentioned below.

### **7 to 7**

90, Galle Rd., Col. 3., Majestic City Food Court, Liberty Plaza, Sausiri Complex Nugegoda, and Sir Ernest de Silva Maw. (Flower Rd.), Col. 7.

### **Barefoot Coffee Shop**

① 704, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 9305, 58 0281 Fax.:57 6936  
e-mail: barefoot@eureka.lk

The coffee shop in a garden setting, is located next to the Gallery behind the main store. In this tranquile surrounding, the hectic traffic from Galle Road seems far away. A fine place to relax, drink a good cup of coffee, tea or fresh lime juice with perhaps a bite of cake or a sandwich. While you are there, don't miss out on the other Barefoot sections, such as the bookshop, the soft toys and fabric section.

### **Caravan**

435, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:59 6798  
Also at Dehiwela, Nugegoda; Alexandra Place Col. 7., Havelock Rd., Col. 6. Parliament Rd., Borella and Pellyyagoda.

### **Fab**

474, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3348, Highlevel Rd. Nugegoda, Parliament Rd. Borella.

### **Odel Unlimited**

① 5, Alexandra Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 2863, 59 0288,  
e-mail odel@sri.lanka.net.  
Opening times: Mon-Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Closed on Poya days.

The Café is run by Don Stanley's.

### **Le Palace**

① 79, Gregory's Rd., Col. 7. (Kynsey Rd. entrance) Tel.:69 5920 Fax.:69 4798  
Coffee shop and bakery combined in an old mansion. Sitting on the verendah overlooking the large, well maintained, garden recreate that special colonial atmosphere. Extremely good Brazil coffee with a wide choice in sweet or savoury bites. All items are prepared with



fresh, natural and Halal ingredient without using preservatives, additives and other chemicals like colouring and artificial flavours. The French chef and master pâtissier Jean Pierre creates the finest gateaux, cakes and short-eats. Open 7 days a week. Outdoor catering is one off Jean Pierres specialities, be it an intimate diner for four, or a party for 150! (see also under Bakers / Restaurants)

### **Paradise Road Café**

213, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel. 68 6043

Best espresso in town and great cake too served in an artistic decor.

### **Station Road Café**

① 18, Station Rd. (next to Majestic City), Col. 4. Tel.:59 7097 Fax.:43 0338

The relax section of The Oasis Company. Fresh fruit-juices and vegetarian dishes.



## **Communication**

Tele communication has long been a terrible problem in Sri Lanka. It seems that the program now underway will ease this problem by providing a large number of telephone connections through private enterprise participation (Lanka Bell & Suntel). Lanka Payphones (the yellow booth's) Metro (the orange booth's) and SuperCard (the purple booth's) provide public telephone facilities throughout the city. Some of these phones are operated by coins, but mostly by cards. The cards can be purchased in shops carrying the Lanka Pay Phone, Metro / SuperCard sign. There are a number of communication offices spread around the city, small places where a telephone call can be taken. It is often combined with photocopy- and laminating services. Faxes can also be send from these places. Prices will be about 20% higher than calls made from a private phone, but still much cheaper than hotel telephone charges.

The Internet has gained enormous popularity in Sri Lanka. For more information, see "Internet" section.

### **Cellular Phones**

Due to the shortage of phone lines the cellular networks have expanded at a rapid pace. A connection can be provided overnight by one of the four companies who are now operating cellular telephone exchanges. Three of them claiming that they have " the largest" network and one of them has the only digital network. There is heavy competition and it is worth while looking into their charges, tariff structure, safety and other extras. Phones to operate the networks have to be bought, either direct from the access provider or from one of the many dealers

### **Call Link**

175, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:50 1673

Lanka Cellular Services is the official name of the company providing this mobile telephone services.



**Celltel**

163, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:54 1541

The company name "Celltel" has become a household name and indicates a mobile telephone. People tend to give their celltel nr. Meaning, they give the number of their cellular phone, which does not have to be connected to the Celltel network. Celltel was the first network in operation and has the largest number of subscribers. Besides the headoffice there are a number of outlets called "Tele 1" providing services close to the customer.

**Dialog GSM**

502, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:077-531531  
e-mail:dialog@sri.lanka.net

Started in 1995 as the first digital network in Sri Lanka backed by Malaysian Telecom. Technically it offers the newest and highest standard in cellular communication matching those used in highly developed countries. It claims to have the clearest reception and to be the safest since it can not be tapped like the other analogue systems. The real value is in the fact that Dialog GSM stands for "Global" communication, the so called roaming facility. In practice this means that you can take your Dialog GSM phone to any of the countries which have a contract with Sri Lanka and use it as soon as you arrive. You can be contacted under your own number with virtually no limits. Some countries in which roaming facilities is currently available are: Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Germany, The Netherlands etc. In over 80 countries GSM is standard and one day roaming will be provided in all of them, so global indeed. Dialog GSM also provide renting facilities for the short periods with ease. Service centres in Kandy and Galle.

**Mobitel**

108, W.A.D. Ramanayake Maw., Col. 4. Tel.:33 0550  
e-mail:mobitel@sri.lanka.net

Provide roaming facilities in a limited number of countries. Also short term rental.



## Fixed Phones

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### **Lanka Bell**

68, Baudhaloka Maw., Col. 4. Tel.:075-375375, 59 6979-81 Fax.:59 6982

Privately owned telecommunication company. Can provide a connection almost “over the counter” within areas of Colombo. Services will be extended to other regions as well in the near future. According to insiders, the best digital system available operated via a so called wireless loop with state of the art technology. Initial and operating costs will be slightly higher than SLT (Sri Lanka Telecom), in return a much better service will be offered.

### **Sri Lanka Telecom Ltd. (SLT)**

Lotus Rd., Col. 1. Tel.:34 8576 Fax.:42 3043 e-mail:info@slt.lk

The state owned telecommunication company. For applications on telephone lines you have to contact the area office in your neighbourhood. Also an e-mail provider.

### **Suntel**

110, Sir James Peiris Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:074-747474 Fax.:074-747800  
e-mail:info@suntellk.com

Suntel centres also at Highlevel Rd. Nugegoda and R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3.

Privately owned telecommunication company. Offers telecommunication service in Colombo and suburbs. Services will be extended to other parts off the island soon. Costs are higher than SLT, however a better service is promised.

## Equipment

### **Abans**

590, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:59 5731

The company provide Motorola cellular phones and accessories to be connected to several networks. A large company also engaged in the manufacturing and import of household electrical appliances, electronics etc.



**Adelphi Electronics**

110, Maya Avenue, Col. 6. Tel.:50 1911 Fax.:50 1080

Specialise in fixed telephone equipment, antenna's, VHF radio equipment, PABX systems etc. Also repairs.

**CBE**

99/6, Rosmead Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 6820 Fax.:69 5047

**City Telephone Co.**

7, Meerananiya Str., Col. 12. Tel.:32 4345

Specialises in repairs.

**Metropolitan Communications**

85, Braybrooke Place, Col. 2. Tel.:43 7797 Fax.:44 8980

Sell Ericsson and Nokia cellular phones as well as office equipment and electronic devices. Canon fax machines etc.

**Mount Royal Group**

425/5, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4829 Fax.:68 6687

For telephone equipment such as fax machines, answering machines, intercoms, cellular phones etc.

**Uni Walkers** (Panasonic dealer)

73, W.A.D. Ramanayake Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:42 2071 Fax.:44 0905

The importer for Panasonic equipment like phones, fax- and answering machines, PABX etc.

**Internet**

Internet and the World Wide Web have fast become popular in Sri Lanka. A number of companies can provide full on-line Internet access or just e-mail facilities. For business, study, or contacting relatives outside Sri Lanka, using the Internet your contact is only a local call away. Companies have only been active on the World Wide Web for one year. Many companies have their own page now and even more intend to set up a "site" in the near future.

Sri Lanka and it's information can be found on the World Wide Web at: **<http://www2.sri.lanka.net/>**

**Ceycom Global Communication Limited**

2nd Floor, 347A, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:074-514270/1, 57 3759/60 Fax.:57 3752  
e-mail: [info@sales.ccom.lk](mailto:info@sales.ccom.lk), <http://www.ccom.lk>

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**Cyber Café**

211, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.: 33 4723 e-mail: [cafe@cybercaf.lanka.net](mailto:cafe@cybercaf.lanka.net)

Internet services at an hourly rate, multimedia games, CD-rom's etc.. Run by Lanka Internet. Open from 10 to 10.

**Infoscope**

69/7a, Attidiya Rd., Ratmalana. Tel.:61 1061 e-mail: [info@infolabs.is.lk](mailto:info@infolabs.is.lk)

**Internet Café**

371, Galle Rd., Col. 4.

**ITMIN Internet Services Ltd.**

121, Independence Square, Col. 7. Tel.:68 3948, 68 2888 Fax.:68 3945 e-mail: [cce@itmin.net](mailto:cce@itmin.net), website: <http://www.itmin.net>

**Lanka Internet**

156 1/1, First Floor, Walukarama Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:56 5071 Fax.:56 5080 e-mail: [info@sri.lanka.net](mailto:info@sri.lanka.net)

Started providing Internet facilities in 1995 and the number of connections have grown fast.

**Surfboard**

Taj Samudra Hotel, Galle Face Green, Col. 2.

This Internet Café is run by Lanka Internet and provides a service based on an hourly rate.

**Paging Services****InfocomLanka (Page Net)**

70, D.S. Senayake Maw., Col. 8. Tel.:69 4955 Fax.:69 4932

**Intercity Paging Services**

45 & 65, Walukarama Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4281 Fax.:57 5729

**Photo Copy Service**

There are a large number of places that provide a photocopying service. The ones mentioned below can handle large volumes and deliver sharp, accurate copies.

**Alston Photocopies & Laminating**

68, W.A.D. Ramanayake Maw., Col. 2.

**Ceylon Business Appliances**

112, Reid Avenue, Col. 4. Tel.:58 9908 Fax.:50 3121



**HYT**

70, Chatham Str., Col. 1.

**Salaka**

446, Union Place., Col. 2. Tel.:69 8315

Cheapest copies in town but extremely busy.

**Softwave**

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107D, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:50 2295, 50 2134-5 Fax.:50 2135

Fast copy service, binding and laminating, plan- and mini offset printing. Also offset printing for visit cards, letterheads, brochures etc. Fast and accurate service, moderate prices.



## **Computers**

For some people in the Sri Lankan community the word “computer” is still a magic one. However, more and more people are becoming exposed to this phenomenon in their work or as a hobby. There are ample facilities to study simple, general computer use, the use of more complicated software packages, or system analysis and programming. A number of companies in Sri Lanka assemble hardware imported from abroad and sell them locally or export them. The close vicinity of Singapore and Malaysia means that much of the latest technology can be purchased (or ordered) in Sri Lanka.

The fact that Sri Lanka has no law to protect intellectual property, means that the latest software is widely available. It can be purchased on every corner of the street, and the CD is the favourite medium. It is unnecessary to inform you that in fact this is illegal.

Hardware repairs are carried out by some specialised companies or at the point of sale. Protect your expensive equipment against power fluctuations by means of an UPS. Make sure that your modem is also protected by a “surge protector”. But most of all: pull out all the plugs when it starts to thunder.

### **Hard- & Software, peripherals**

#### **3M Lanka**

754, New Parliament Rd., Battaramulla. Tel.:86 7891, 86 7892 Fax.:078-68640

Diskettes, tapes, cleaning material, glass screens, mouse mats etc. from the world renown 3M brand.

#### **ABC (Advance Business Computers)**

25, Shady Grove Avenue, Borella. Tel.:69 1863, 68 4688

#### **AsiaPac Sri Lanka**

48A, Dickman's Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:50 2668 Fax.:68 6990

#### **BC Computers (Tandem dealer)**

80, Navam Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:43 7052 Fax.:42 1593

#### **Business Micro Systems (Pvt)Ltd.**

14/15, Duplication Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 1283, 58 3719 Fax.:58 1283



**CIL Multimedia Centre**

8a, Vajira Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:59 4369, 58 9990 Fax.:59 4369

Specialises in software on CD. Also hardware as sound-cards, modems, cd-players etc.

**Computer Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd.**

39B, 2/1, S. de S. Jayasinghe Maw., Nugegoda. Tel.:82 4449, 071-36841

**Debug Computer Peripherals**

294 2/1, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:50 1773 Fax.:58 9597

**Digitek**(Digital dealer)

116, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:43 5698 Fax.:57 4927

**DMS Electronics** (Compaq dealer)

207/1, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:69 1649 Fax.:69 9586

**Eskaycee Computers**

46, Alfred House Gardens, Col. 3. Tel.:43 9946 Fax.:43 9950

**East West Information Systems** (IBM & Lexmark dealer)

48, Navam Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:44 0810 Fax.:43 4594

**Epsi Computers**

Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:58 0754

**Jagath Robotics**

110A, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 4. Tel.:50 3254

**Keels Business Systems** (Lexmark & AST dealer)

148, Vauxhall Street, Col. 2. Tel.:33 7601

**Micro Computer**

7-1/10, First Floor, Orchard Building (opposite Savoy), Galle Rd., Wellawatta.  
Tel.:59 4423, 072-253126 (ask for Jiffrey)  
e-mail: microcom@eureka.lk

**Multi Tech Systems**

520, Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:69 9145, 071-55826, e-mail:weesons@slt.lk

**PC Land International Systems**

5, 3rd floor, Confidence Bldg. St. Anthonys Maw., Col. 3.  
Tel.:57 4592, 59 5953 e-mail:pcland@sri.lanka.net  
& 3rd floor Majestic City.

Besides hardware, loads of cd software in their Majestic City shop.

**Precision Tech Services** (Hewlett Packard dealer)

65/14, Park Str., Col. 2. Tel.:68 7711 Fax.:68 7731



**Prime Computers Systems**

Colombo Plaza, 50, Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:50 2077, 59 1938 Fax.:59 1772

**Prof Computer Manufacturing**

388, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5887 Fax.:57 5600

**Sala Enterprises**

(A) 380, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5538, 074-712670 Fax.:58 0721  
e-mail:slaent@slt.lk

Good service, fair prices.

**Softlogic Systems** (Dell, NEC and Texas Instruments dealer)

31/1, 1st & 3rd Floor Unique Jewels Bld., Lauries Rd. (corner Duplication Rd.).  
Tel.:59 5444 Fax.:59 5441

**Trax**

311, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 5975, 072-241331

CD-rom copy facilities.

**Wijeya Graphics** (Apple dealer)

36-40, Hyde Park Corner, Col. 2. Tel.:43 8036 Fax.:44 9504

**Repairs****Binary Access**

80, Walls Lane, Col. 15. Tel.:52 2150 Fax.:33 7068

Comes to you for immediate repairs on pc's, accessories  
and also placement of t.v. antennas.

**Blue Chip Customer Engineering Lanka**

110, Nawala Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:074-304041-4 Fax.:074-304045

**Digital Computer Services**

297, 3rd Floor Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:33 4107 Fax.:69 8139

Well recommended, fast service, warranty on repairs,  
for all makes.

**IBS Micro Systems**

40 2/1, Edward Lane, Col. 3. Tel.:58 5631

**Robo-Tech**

142, 3rd Floor, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:34 1442 Fax.:34 1443

**Sala Enterprises**

(A) 1st Floor, 380, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5538, 074-262170 Fax.:57 5538  
e-mail:slaent@slt.lk



## **Courier Services**

### **International**

#### **Ace Cargo (TNT Express)**

315, Vauxhall Str., Col. 2. Tel.:44 7644 Fax.:44 5589

Besides courier services, TNT offer a mail express service called Fast Mail. The mail is couriered to the country of destination and from there onwards by regular mail. It saves time and is more reliable than the ordinary mail system.

#### **Airborne Express**

64/1, Lauries Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:50 0971 Fax.:58 1569

#### **DHL World Wide Express**

130, Glennie Str., Col. 2. Tel.:54 1285 Fax.:44 0686

#### **Mountain Hawk Express (FedEx)**

300, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 7055

#### **Network Courier**

3rd Floor, Don Carolis Bldg., 64 Keyzer Street, Col. 11. Tel.:075-333333, 441434 Fax.:44 1436

#### **UPS, United Parcel Service**

140, Vauxhall Str., Col. 2. Tel.:32 8793 Fax.:43 4287

### **National**

#### **Sprint Pronto**

160/16, Kirimandala Maw., Narahenpita. Tel.:59 4001 Fax.:59 4010



## **Credit Cards**

International credit cards are widely accepted in Sri Lanka. There is also a wide range of local credit cards for use in Sri Lanka only. American Express & Diners Club are accepted in some, but not all places.

### **Master Card**

Sampath Bank Card Centre. 90, Chatham Street, Col. 1.  
Tel.:43 3763 Fax.:43 4896

### **Golden Key Card**

Ceylinco Centre, 2, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 4. Tel.:59 1748  
Fax.:58 6224

### **Visa**

Ceybank Card Centre, 4, Bank of Ceylon Maw., Col. 1. (next to World Trade Centre) Tel.:44 7823



## **Cultural Centres**

### **Alliance Française de Colombo**

11, Barnes Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 4162, 69 8196

A French Cultural Centre. Library, exhibition hall, language courses and schooling in french.

### **The British Council**

49, Alfred House Gardens, Col. 3. Tel.:58 0301, 58 1171 Fax.:58 7079

Films are shown regularly with a special theme. It holds exhibitions, has a fantastic library, an education and study centre. Very well maintained, professional staff, quiet surroundings.

### **Goethe Institute**

39, Gregory's Rd., Col. 5. (opposite CIS), Tel.:69 4562

A German Cultural Centre with library, language classes, performances and films on a special theme.

### **Japan-Sri Lanka Culturel Friendship Association**

21, Gregory's Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:69 9279



## **Domestic Help**

The group in which servants (as they are mostly called) circulate, is quite small. Although there are a large number of people unemployed in Sri Lanka, being a domestic help is considered very menial more so than working in a factory for instance. In many ways this perception is strange considering that many domestic helpers (especially those employed by the expat community) have a higher salary and greater benefits than factory workers. The group of good, reliable domestic help is small and as such it can take some time to find the right person(s) to suit your needs. The expat community is willing to pay a good price for really good help but insists on honesty, reliability and cleanliness. If a family leave the country, a good domestic help can choose whom he / she wants to work for. Most of the time the domestic helpers in the house are taken over by the new family. If not, the former employer will help to locate a new working address. A good opportunity to find help is to place an advertisement in the newspaper, in one of the many community magazines, or on the notice boards of clubs and schools. Always ask for references in writing from the former employer and when possible contact that family or one who was close to them. This gives the best picture of the person you are taking in to your house. There are two types of help; those who come in the morning and leave in the evening, and those who live in your house. Depending on your own preferences, family situation, housing facilities etc. you have to make the decision, since both have their advantages as well as their disadvantages. Depending on what kind of help you want, and how many and experienced people you already have in the house, it is always a good idea for them to at least understand the English language. Fluency in English as well as reading and writing is not always a must. Make sure that both parties know what is expected from the relationship and put it down in writing. Items you may want to specify include: salary, sick leave, meals, accommodation, transport costs, clothing, annual leave, religious leave, working times, duties / responsibilities, health insurance, probation period, annual bonus etc. For every family the rules and regulations will differ. Unfortunately standard rules for working with your



domestic help are not available. In one family one of the more experienced servants may rule the domestic work, including finance, while in another the “madam” or “master” in the house tells them exactly what work to do. Salaries paid vary as much as the house rents in Colombo. They range anywhere from Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- per month. It is a good idea to keep a book in which notes can be taken regarding your help, to enter their sick- or days off and payments which they receive. Once you pay them, have them sign the book so there will be no confusion over what has been paid and what hasn't. Depending on their religion, your servant may wish to have regular days off to attend religious services. Make a firm arrangement about which holidays your servant can take, since there are plenty in Sri Lanka! If the people come from far away they will probably wish to go home once in a while. Normally they will be away for several days, but in the month of April during the Sinhalees and Tamil New Year this stay can be extended to several weeks. Some families give bonuses to their servant, either as a part of their salary or just as they wish. Good times for bonuses are: Sinhalees & Tamil New Year or Christmas time. Good servants are a pleasure to have in the house, which can make your stay in Sri Lanka a more enjoyable one. However, you have to get used to the fact that there are people around you all the time. You are responsible for them and sometimes families and servants simply do not get together. If that is the case, it's best to find somebody else.

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## **Drapes, Curtains, Upholstery**

### **Asian Hardware** (curtain hardware)

144, Messenger Str., Col. 12. Tel.:34 1481-35, 3rd. Cross Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 4443 Fax.:34 2785

### **Barefoot**



704, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 9305, 58 0281 Fax.:57 6936  
e-mail: barefoot@eureka.lk

Besides the fabric, Barefoot also provides a sewing service for all your curtains, cushions etc.

### **Craft Supplies** (curtain hardware)

38A, S. De S. Jayasinghe Maw., Nugegoda. Tel.:51 8326 Fax.:73 4745

### **Creations Lanka International**

423, Nawala Rd., Nawala. Tel.:86 6015, Fax.:86 4035

A large collection of high quality imported fabrics for drapes and upholstery.

### **Curtain Shop of Gehantex**

18-20, Lucky Plaza, St. Anthony's Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4057

A large collection of fabric, rails etc. for curtains.

### **Cushion House**

144A, Galle Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:72 4628 Fax.:73 4630

Upholstery work for car and furniture.

### **Deens**

331, Havelock Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:50 3506

Furniture upholstery.

### **Drapes Lanka**

20, Parakum Maw., Jayanthipura, Battaramulla. Tel.:86 5429

### **Eden Home Decor**

32, Reclamation Rd., Col. 11. Tel.:43 2605

### **The Fabrics**

158, 1st Cross Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 7263



**Kandygs Handloom House**

333, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5127

A wide selection of handloom fabrics. Unfortunately some of the fabric dyes are not waterproof. After washing or even drycleaning your precious print will vanish.

**Nagindas**

163-164, 1st Floor Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 3901

**E.D. Nathanielsz Handlooms**

186, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 7068, 82 7068

Quite a nice range of exquisitely handwoven fabrics for reasonable prices.

**Nawala Cushion Works**

61A, Narahenpita-Nawala Rd., Nawala. Tel.:86 5339 Fax.:86 5527

Upholsterers for household furniture, car seat covers, hoods etc. Good quality work but expensive.

**Royal Drapers**

9, School Lane, Col. 3. Tel.:58 6018, 59 0386 (opposite Barefoot)

First class material shop! What a choice, what quality, what a service. Never seen in Colombo, such a wide choice and variety. Curtains are sewn in their own studio.

**Sathya Cushion Works**

94, Cotta Rd., Col. 8. Tel.:69 6931

Subsidiary of Gamini Furniture Palace 617, Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:68 4662.

For exclusive and quality work in fabric and leather for household furniture and cars.

**Srimal Interiors**

347, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 4270-71

A nice range of curtain fabric can be selected from the latest Japanese catalogues. Also available rails, decorative poles for cord-drawn and hand drawn curtains, trims & tassels for curtains. Exotic woven-wood, ideal for blinds, rollershutters and room-dividers. Washable vinyl wall-papers, carpets, fibre glass panels with aluminium frame-work.



## **Driving**

A valid driving licence is required, either an international one or a Sri Lankan driving licence (see next sub-section). Driving in Colombo can cause some sweaty palms. Not because of an airco fail, but more due to the pushing, shoving and cutting of your fellow road users. Sure there are traffic rules laid down in the so called “Highway Code”, but it seems that you are the only one following them. In the midst of town it is the law of the jungle, the strongest (lorries & busses) have the right of way. Some drivers even write it on their car, it reads: “My Road” which says it all! They are not concerned about other road users. The most important piece of equipment on a vehicle is the horn. Everything else from mirrors, lights, body parts or even seats can be missing as long as the horn works. It is also the part of which the owner is most proud of, that is why he wants everybody to hear it! Or would there be another reason? Surely not to attract attention, since all other road users simply ignore all tooting and horning they hear around them all day. In the morning around 7:30 a.m. the roads leading to Colombo (being Galle Rd. from the South, Parliament Rd. from the East and Kelani Bridge from the north-east) get blocked. Everybody wants to enter the city and very slowly indeed all roads get filled with all sorts of transport modes all competing to be there first. Around 2.00 p.m. schools are finished and going near these vicinities is best avoided when not absolutely necessary. Travelling during daytime in Fort, Pettah or the Maradana area can be very time consuming since the flow of traffic is very slow. After 4.00 p.m. a true exodus out of Colombo takes place. The same roads as in the morning are blocked with traffic and people on their way home. After 6.30 - 7.00 p.m. dusk sets in and apart from the problems mentioned earlier, road users have to cope with an extra one: light, or to be more precise, the absence of light. Apart from pedestrians, push bikes, elephants, cows and dogs who generally are not lit, a great deal of vehicles don't have lights. No front lights, break-, signal- or tail lights. The ones that do have light, also want to show them off. Fog lights (I have never ever seen fog in Colombo!) and main head lights are switched on full beam to blind the oncoming traffic. During the daytime



a light signal means: "I am coming through, don't even try to stop me" (... I will not!) Sometimes it seems that people in other cars wave at you. Don't worry if you don't know them, they are only giving so called "handsignals". To take a right hand turn you open your right window and immediately stretch out your right arm while turning the wheel. Do not confuse this with an up and down movement of the same right arm which means: "I am about to stop.... somewhere". The tricky part is the left hand turn. The easiest is when you have a passenger aside you. You just ask him/her to lower the left window and to stretch out the left arm. If you do not have a passenger with you and your left arm is too short to reach out on the left side of the car please stay in your seat and do NOT attempt to crawl to the passengers side to signal! Instead, open your right window, dangle your right arm out of the window and make a movement like you draw circles on the road in a counter clockwise manner, all while turning the wheel! Since I only have two arms and want to keep them for sometime I do not use these methods. Instead, in the air-conditioned domain of my vehicle I use an invention by Henry Ford from the beginning of this century known as indicators! I use my right indicator for a right turn and my left indicator for a left turn. In Colombo people use these for another purposes, they put on both their lights (the so called emergency lights!) and go straight. The only explanation I can think of is that probably they can not choose between a left- or right turn! Odd as it may seem in the first instance, very few fatal accidents happen. If you meet with an accident the first thing to do is to get the other person's name and note down the number plate. Do not move the vehicles. Get hold of a police man who can record a statement. The rest will be handled at a nearby police station. Keep in mind that the procedure can take a lot of time!

### Driving Lessons

Sri Lanka has a unique system to obtain a driving licence. You simply have to pass a test with one of the driving examiners. Taking lessons with a driving school are not compulsory and as such many people take lessons from their fathers, mothers, uncles and other relatives. The only thing you have to do is to make known to other road users that



you are a “Learner” by placing an L-sign on the front and back side of the vehicle. Most people however, do take a few lessons with driving schools since it makes it easier to pass. There is no regulation what so ever to start a driving school and as such it is up to you to judge quality and safety of the vehicles and instruction as it seems, only the oldest vehicles in a delapidated state are used to teach the art of driving. Prior to your practical exam you have to learn the highway code and have to sit a written exam. Only then you are eligible to do your practical. Your exam can be taken in any car and if you are lucky only a distance of 800 metres will have to be driven with perhaps a turn or backing up. The unlucky ones have to cover a distance of “at least” 2 Kilometres with some turns, parking, backing up etc. Failure or success lies in the hands of your examiner. Needless to say that the whole system of road safety and education is in need of a major overhaul.

### Driving Licence

A driving license is necessary for all motorised vehicles. Vehicles come in categories as: C. All cars, D. Motor cycles, B. Lorries etc. Driving licences have to be obtained from the R.M.V. (see also next sub-section). People who have a valid driving licence from abroad can exchange this for a Sri Lankan driving licence. The procedure is as follows:- obtain an application form in triplicate and fill it out, - have the number of pass photo's made as mentioned on this form from the exact size as mentioned, - give your name, address and date of birth on the reverse of the photo's, - obtain an official translation (through your embassy) from your foreign licence (if not in English), - take a copy of your original foreign driving licence and have it certified as a true copy, - go to the R.M.V. office with this whole bunch of papers and make the payment to the appropriate officer and obtain a receipt. In two weeks time you should be able to collect your, credit card size, everlasting, Sri Lankan driving licence! (which comes handy as an official Identity Card). An international driving licence is only valid for one year.



## Registration of Motor Vehicles

341, Elvitigala Maw., Col. 5. Tel.:69 4331-37 Fax.: 69 4338

Yearly a number of levies and licences have to be paid for using the Sri Lankan roads. Since the order in how to get them is of importance please read this carefully. The first step to take is to go to your insurance company / representative. Make sure you take with you: your original revenue licence, your insurance book and proof of payment and the registration book of the vehicle. First pay the insurance. Next you will be charged according stipulated rules , these are: luxury tax and diesel tax. All private owned diesel vehicles used not solely for the transport of people have to pay a diesel tax. Further, cars are divided in a number of categories: luxury class, semi- luxury, dual purpose and others. Your vehicle will be categorised and charged accordingly. With these receipts you can get your annual revenue license from either the R.M.V. (Department of Registration of Motor Vehicles) direct, or from a secretariat of a Provincial Council, depending on the first registration of the vehicle. You will have to give prove of payment of diesel- and luxury tax as well and you have to show your insurance booklet. Once you have obtained the revenue licence, make a copy and laminate this. This proof has to be placed behind the front windscreen. Keep all original receipts and the licence in a safe place till next year.



## **Dry Cleaning**

All 5-star hotels have a dry cleaning service for your convenience. However, you can try one of the shops mentioned below for a lower rate and equal quality.

### **Ceylon Cleaners**

89, Justice Akbar Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:32 0229  
& 295, Deans Rd., Maradana, Col. 10. Tel.:68 7836

### **Crescent Cleaners**

43, Braybrooke Str., Col. 2.

Drycleaners and laundry service. Fast and accurate service, low rates.

### **Kwality Cleaners**

4, Wekanda Rd., Col. 2. Tel.:42 3774, 44 0785-142, Sir James Pieris Maw., Col. 2.

Dry cleaners and laundry service. Good quality. Pick-up service is available for “members” who register themselves. Fair price.

### **Laundromat**

126, Reid Avenue., Col. 3. Tel.:58 2766

Dryclean and laundry service available. Open 7 days a week.



## **Education**

### **International Schools**

International schools have sprung up like mushrooms during the last couple of years. The term “International school” itself, does not stand for a standard. It can be used and misused to claim some “official” status. The schools are private and get no interference (or support) from the Sri Lankan government.

The institutions mentioned below are reputed and include only those which also have a sizeable amount of foreign students enrolled. The schools mentioned are all of a “western” standard, which means that the curriculum is focused on the continuation of studies abroad. The medium of the education is always English and subjects are taught by both foreign and local teachers. Most schools start the educational year in September and end in June, but vary individually in dates and length of holidays. Demands for places at international schools is high, so inquire as soon as possible to reserve a place. Contact the schools directly for up-to-date information on fees, curriculum and other activities.

#### **British School**

Bullers Lane, Col. 7. Tel.: 50 1669

Founded in 1994, the school is housed at two locations, one for junior and one for senior students. The enrolment at present is 350 students from play-group to upper 6th form with a teaching staff of 30. The school follows the British system and a school uniform is compulsory.

#### **Colombo International School**

28, Gregory's Rd., Col. 7. Tel.: 69 7587 Fax.: 69 9592

e-mail.: ciscomp@eureka.lk Website: <http://www1.eureka.lk/cis>

Founded in 1982, CIS as it is known, presently has an enrolment of 870 students (40 % foreign) from play-group to upper 6th form with a teaching staff of 90 of whom 30 % are expatriates from the UK. The school has 25 foreign nationalities in the school, as well as Sri Lankan ethnic groups of the Burgher, Tamil, Muslim



and Singalees community. There is an active program to integrate, respect for and anticipate in cultural and religious activities from all ethnic and international events. School uniforms are compulsory for all classes to enhance uniformity and unity among students of all creeds, cast, gender or colour. CIS follows the British educational system and is well known for its discipline, teaching methods, facilities and its excellent academic results.

In the last 4 years there has been a real building spree on the school premises to accommodate the high inflow of students and to upgrade standards and facilities even further. The school has a total of four main buildings of which two are 5 storied, one 3 storied and one with only ground level (infant section). All floors can be reached by elevator which means that students in wheelchairs can be accommodated. Although the three sections of the school, being the infant, junior and senior sections are all in separate buildings with their own grounds, there is an active integration between them. Classrooms are accommodated with ceiling fans, while special classrooms such as laboratories, computer rooms, libraries etc. are fully air-conditioned. The school has excellent library facilities with a purpose built section for the senior school with over 10,000 books, publications, magazines, newspapers etc.

Being in the middle of town, the school has no sport field on its own premises other than a basketball court. Sports activities are mostly conducted at the nearby NCC sports ground. The school canteen provides students with lunch and drinks at affordable prices.

There is a variety of extra-curricular activities, ranging from chess, music, debating, poetry, dancing, social welfare, sports, computers etc. Throughout the school there is a very strong and active accent on drama, performance, presentation and singing included in the official curriculum or as an after school activity. The school starts daily with an assembly and yearly highlights are theatre productions, art & science exhibitions, music performances and the price & speech day to finalise the



academic year. The curriculum is focused on the London O- and A level examinations. The school scores very highly academically and students find their way all over the world at prestigious universities.

### **Elizabeth Moir School**

15, Guildford Crescent, Col. 7. Tel.:69 1552 , 68 1295 Fax.:68 1295  
e-mail:moir@eureka.lk

The school was founded in 1995 and is the only English-medium school owned and managed by British nationals. The present enrolment is around 200 student (20 % foreign) with a teaching staff of 30 of whom 25% are expatriates. The school follows the British educational system but keeps in mind the international presence of its students. Although the junior and the senior school are on different locations, a strong community sense is evident. Because it is one of the smaller schools, maximum attention can be given to students, also for those who have English as a second language (TEFL). A range of extra-curricular activities are hosted comprising of sport, social welfare, speech etc. The school has very good computer and IT facilities and all students from age 4 have computer study in the curriculum. The school prepares the students for the London University "O" and "A" levels and a school uniform is compulsory for all students.

### **The Overseas School of Colombo**

Pelawatte, P.O. Box 9, Battaramulla. Tel.:86 4920-22 Fax.:86 4999  
e-mail: admin@osc.lanka.net Website: <http://www2.lanka.net/osc/>

Founded in 1957. Formally known as OCS (Overseas Children School). The O.S.C. is located (coming from Colombo) about 2 km beyond the Parliament complex on a 5 acre site with purpose built school buildings. It is the first founded international school in Colombo and strongly focused on providing integrated international education for its multi ethnic community (35 nationalities). O.S.C. is internationally accredited by both the ECIS (U.K.) and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (U.S.A.) and provide a curriculum preparing for the International General Certificate of

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Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (I.B.). The school is affiliated to a number of reputed internationally recognised educational organisations.

The enrolment at present is 500 students (85 % foreign) from nursery through grade 12 with a teaching staff of 70 of whom 45 % are expatriates, mostly from the U.K. and U.S.A. All academic staff are fully qualified with a minimum of 3 years previous teaching experience.

Classrooms are fully air-conditioned and situated in five main buildings each containing three floors. The set-up of the campus is such that students in wheelchairs can not be accommodated (no elevators). Apart from the excellent facilities for general teaching, the school offers science-, and computer laboratories, libraries and centres for art, drama and music. O.S.C. also offers excellent sports facilities; a 400 meter track and sports ground, a gymnasium and a 25 metre swimming pool. A canteen provides the students with affordable meals and drinks.

The extra-curricular activity program include: art, community service, poetry, computers, sports, music, drama etc. The school provides the opportunity to study the following languages as a foreign language: Sinhala, Spanish, French and Japanese.

No formal school uniform is required but a dress code is maintained.

Throughout the school there is a strong focus on utilising technology and information technology by providing up-to-date IT facilities beyond the normal computer classes.

O.S.C. is highly recommended for its academic results and students are admitted to reputed universities worldwide. Compared with the other international schools in Colombo, the O.S.C. charges the highest fees.



## Part-Time Studies

### **Gateway Institute of Advanced Studies**

6, Rodney Str. (off Cotta Rd.), Col. 8. Tel.:69 9327, 68 6557 Fax.:68 1108  
e-mail:gateway@sri.lanka.net

Has active participation with the University of London  
& the Australian Computer Society.

### **IMPAC The School of Management**

1C, 6th Lane, Col. 3. Tel.:577691 Fax.:572533

A number of courses are given at this institution. The two which may be interesting for expats too are: Diploma in Business Administration and a full MBA course with collaboration from the University of Surrey.

### **NIIT**

754/34, Galle Rd., Col. 4. (First floor at Precision Motors showroom).

Computer study and education with colaboration from a reputed foreign party with similar institutes in Germany, Singapore, USA, Hong Kong etc.

### **Open University of Sri Lanka**

Nawala Rd., Nawala. Tel.:85 3930 Fax.:43 6858

The university offers a great number of programs. Short courses as well as university degrees can be taken. The fees are extremely low and the facilities offered are good. There are also a number of regions where the same course can be taken outside Colombo. Special courses can be set up to accommodate your needs.

### **PIM Post Graduate Institute of Management**

28, Maitland Place, Col. 7.

28, Lesley Ranagala Maw., Borella. Tel.:68 9639-42 Fax.:68 9643

A well known institute for management education, MBA etc.

### **Royal Institute**

191, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.: 58 0564

The school has a number of courses to offer. From full time (day) studies to evening or weekend courses. Mostly focused on local demand but has a connection with University of London under whose supervision it



tutors for B.Sc. in Computing and IT systems, Mathematics, Management and Economics.

### **Singapore Informatics**

31-2/1, Lauries Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:59 4526, 59 4527 Fax.:59 4528  
Computer studies.

### **Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (SLIM)**

3rd Floor, Godagama Building, 422, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.: 57 5658, 57 5210  
Fax.:57 5210

Tution centre accredited by the CIM (Chartered Institute of Marketing UK) gives classes focused on marketing studies recognized by the CIM.

### **Play Groups**

#### **First Step**

44/3, Subuthi Maw., Subuthipura, Bataramulla (behind Sethsiripaya building).  
Tel.:87 4002, 071-25518

An excellent alternative to International Schools for young children age 2 - 5 is to join this play group. The curriculum is focused on the child being a child, having fun and play. Cheryl de Saram (an American lady and founder of First Step) has the spirit, fantasy and energy to keep the children busy. The surroundings are such that there is ample, well protected garden area with toys for playing. About 25 children attend First Step. The school is highly recommended for its hygiene, safety and general program. At present there are two building to accommodate the needs of the different age groups. There is a waiting list to enroll.

#### **Rainbow**

Alwis Place, Col. 3. Tel.:58 2158(Janet) or 32 5922 (Shira)

Rainbow is also a nursery School run by local teachers with international experience. Parents are satisfied and the kids love to go there. Located in a normal house, space to play is limited. There are currently about 15 children of an international mix.



**Sam's Place**

251/24, Kirula Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:078-64953, 50 0359

Sam's background in education is quite impressive. She has many years experience in guiding children of different age groups. The safe surroundings, her experience and flair for handling children will make Sam's Place a good choice for both parents and children. Children from age 2 can attend and there are morning, afternoon and day program's for separate age groups.

**Sunshine**

Joseph Lane, Col. 4.

Sunshine is a play group run by 2 local teachers with international experience. Children enjoy being there although space is limited. A small group of international variety are accommodated. There is active participation from the parents.

**Undergraduate Education****American College of Higher Education**

23, Hospital Rd., Kalubowila, Dehiwela. Tel.:50 3861, 50 2283

Fax.:71 2216 e-mail smyaseen@sri.lanka.net

Started recently in 1996, (so education wise it is too early to form an opinion). Facilities, support, education and management provided are good. Affiliated with universities in the USA to provide level credits and degree credentials to students in Sri Lanka. Students accumulate credits during the two years in Sri Lanka and take the final two years at a university in the USA. Studies, methods, curriculum and facilities are evaluated by US institutions on a regular basis.



**Institute of Technology Studies (ITS)**

7, Kirimandala Maw., Col. 5. Tel.:50 1960, 58 6887-8

Fax.:50 1959

e-mail [info@its.ac.lk](mailto:info@its.ac.lk) Website: <http://www.toptown.com.hp/its>

Founded in 1984 this is the campus of American University of Asia (Washington D.C. USA) and a private university recognised by the Sri Lankan government. Two new 6 storied buildings are currently being built, which will improve the facilities dramatically. It's affiliation with the universities in the USA results in a good curriculum which make it easy to shift to an American university and finalise the degree. At present 11 degree programs can be followed completely at ITS with global recognition from the American University of Asia.

Other programs at ITS start with a 2-3 year transferable degree programme and the final programme of 2-3 years in the USA (all fulltime). This way, costs for a degree programme can be kept very low. At present 500 students are enrolled (10% foreign) but once the facilities are fully operational (Dec. '98), 2000 students can be accommodated. Plans are to start a teaching hospital and conduct medical degree courses as well. A part-time MBA degree course is also conducted.



# **Embassies**

## **and Diplomatic missions**

A large number of foreign countries are represented in Colombo. Some countries have a full embassy, while others only have a consulate.

**Advice: Register yourself at your embassy or consulate as soon as you arrive in Colombo.**

### **Australian High Commission**

3, Cambridge Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 8767

### **Delegation of the European Commission**

81, Barnes Place, Col. 7.

### **Embassy of Bangladesh**

286, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:50 2198

### **High Commission of Canada**

6, Gregory's Rd., Col. 7. Tel.:69 5841

### **Embassy of China**

381A, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:69 4491

### **Embassy of Cuba**

30/58, Longdon Place, Col. 7. Tel.:58 9778

### **Embassy of Egypt**

39, Dickman's Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 3621

### **Embassy of Finland**

81, Barnes Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 8819

### **Embassy of France**

89, Rosmead Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 8815

### **Embassy of Germany**

40, Alfred House Avenue, Col. 3. Tel.:58 0431

### **High Commission of India**

36-38, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:42 1605

### **Embassy of Indonesia**

1, Police Park Terrace, Col. 5. Tel.:58 0113

### **Embassy of Iran**

17, Bullers Lane, Col. 7. Tel.:50 1137

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**Embassy of Iraq**

19, Barnes Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 6600

**Embassy of Italy**

55, Jawatta Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 8388

**Embassy of Japan**

20, Gregory's Rd., Col. 7. Tel.:69 3831

**Embassy of Libya**

120, Horton Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 4874

**Embassy of Malaysia**

92, Kynsey Rd., Col. 7. Tel.:68 6090

**Embassy of Maldives**

25, Melbourne Avenue, Col. 4. Tel.:58 6762

**Embassy of Myanmar**

17, Skelton Gardens, Col. 5. Tel.:58 7607

**Embassy of Nepal**

153, Kynsey Rd., Col. 7. Tel.:69 9280

**Royal Netherlands Embassy**

25, Torrington Avenue, Col. 7. Tel.:59 6914-8

**Embassy of Norway**

34, Ward Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 2263

**Embassy of Pakistan**

211, De Saram Place, Col. 10. Tel.:69 6301

**Embassy of Romania**

2, Independence Avenue, Col. 7. Tel.:69 9110

**Embassy of the Russian Federation**

62, Sir Ernest the Silva Maw. (Flower Rd.), Col. 7. Tel.:57 3555

**Embassy of Saudi Arabia**

39, Sir Ernest the Silva Maw. (Flower Rd.), Col. 7. Tel.:68 2087

**Embassy of Sweden**

47/1, Horton Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 8452

**Embassy of Switzerland**

63, Gregory's Rd., Col. 7. Tel.:69 5117

**Royal Thai Embassy**

43, Dr. C.W.W. Kannangara Maw.(Alexandra Place), Col. 7. Tel.:68 9037



**High Commission of the United Kingdom**

190, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:43 7336

**Embassy of the United States of America**

210, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:44 8007

**UNDP**

202, 204, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:58 0691

(on the same address: FAO, ILO, UNFPA, UNIDO and WFP.



## **Exhibition Centres**

A large number of exhibitions are held throughout the city. There are permanent centres or so called galleries, as well as exhibitions on a temporary basis. Watch the newspapers for announcements on shows, exhibitions and other events.

**B.M.I.C.H.** (Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall)  
2-101, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:69 6364

Large main auditorium, banquet halls, press rooms etc.  
Space can be rented for large scale exhibitions and small scale events. Catering can be provided.

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### **Gallery 706**

706, Galle Rd., Col. 3. (Behind Barefoot shop).  
Tel.:58 9305, 58 0281 Fax.:57 6936  
e-mail: barefoot@eureka.lk

As part of the Barefoot shop, this gallery offers exhibitions on a temporary basis. When there is no exhibition, the space is used as an extension for the Barefoot shop. Don't forget to visit the coffee shop in the garden.

### **Gallery Mountcastle**

2, Arunachalem Avenue, Off Horton Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 9102 Fax.:69 7637

A new place which holds art & sculpture exhibitions on a regular, but not on a permanent basis. The management also provide art consultation for artists, collectors and corporate art investors and they purchase, sell and trade Sri Lankan and foreign artworks.

### **The Heritage Gallery**

61, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7.

### **The Lionel Wendt Memorial Art Centre**

18, Guilford Crescent, Col. 7. Tel.:69 5794

Simply known as the Lionel Wendt, at this art gallery regular presentations and exhibitions are held. No permanent exhibitions. The space can be rented.

### **National Art Gallery**

106, Ananda Kumaraswamy Maw., (opp. Viharamahadevi Park), Col. 7.  
Tel.:69 3965

Changing exhibitions of arts, craft, sculptures etc.



**Sapumal Foundation**

32/4, Barnes Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 5731

Weekdays 10:00 - 13:00. Small gallery in the former home of the late Harry Pieris, artist. Exhibits modern Sri Lankan art.

**Seneka Senanayake**

15, Rother Field Place, off Albert Crescent, Col. 7. Tel.:689256

Seneka is considered to be one of the best known Sri Lankan artists in painting. He held exhibitions around the world and the response to his work is very favourable. Scenes from nature in bright colours are characteristic of his work. Besides paintings, Senaka also works on sculptures. The gallery is open and the works of art can be purchased.

**The Serendib Gallery**

51, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:34 5818

**Sri Lanka Exhibition & Convention Centre**

12, D.R. Wijewardena Maw., Col. 10. (opp. Lake House). Tel.:34 3238-41  
Fax.:34 3237

The only purpose built exhibition centre. No permanent shows or exhibitions. The hall can be rented.

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## **Floor Coverings**

### **Alliance Exel Collaboration**

155/15, Castle Street, Borella. Tel.:68 1096, 69 9921 Fax.:071-51212

A large variety of parquet, tiles, marble and granite.  
Also maintenance products and service.

### **Arpico**

69, Hyde Park Corner, Col. 2. Tel.:68 7306 Fax.:68 7172

Carpets, vinyl and rubber based materials, also suspended ceilings.

### **Aus' Afrasia Designer Tiles (Pvt.) Ltd.**

115 1/1, Jawatta Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:50 2519 Fax.:68 6470

A wide variety in imported granite, marble, slate, sand stone, porcelain, ceramics and terracota for wall and floor. Stunning designs and colours.

### **Crescent Company**

384, 2nd division, Maradana Rd., Col. 10. (left side just before you go under the fly over).

Vinyl flooring. (Also vinyl table cloths etc.)

### **Delmege Forsyth & Co. Ltd.**

101, Vinayalankara Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:69 9500-1, 69 3361-8. Fax.:69 9413

Carpets, carpet tiles, vinyl tiles etc. Professional personal. Also Luxaflex, roller curtains and suspended ceilings.

### **Free Lanka Granite & Marble Exports**

Lucky Plaza, St. Anthony's Maw. Col. 3. Tel.:57 4878 Fax.:57 5444

### **Italiana Images**

279, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:/Fax.: 074-716373  
e-mail:decor@slt.jk

Stunning collection of imported tiles for floor and wall. Also ceramic items for the bathroom. Great selection, large showroom and courteous staff. Well equipped installation team to ensure a high quality end product.

### **Lanka Tiles**

34/5, W.A.D. Ramanayake Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:43 0988 Fax.:43 7846

Sri Lankan made, export quality floor tiles.



**Parquet Ceylon**

10, Albert Crescent, Col. 7. Tel.:68 2778-9 Fax.:68 7896

Wooden flooring in a large variety of motifs, wood and colours. Professionally laid with warranty, or do-it-yourself. Good quality work for a reasonable price.

**Rajabdeen & Sons**

125, Messenger Str., Col. 12. Tel.:42 2101 Fax.:44 9821

Tiles, bathrooms etc.

**Royal Ceramics**

98, Nawala Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:82 1301 Fax.:82 1300

Sri Lankan made, export quality ceramic floor tiles.

**St. Anthony's Consolidated** (vinyl)

516, Sri Sangaraja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:32 4261

**Transwood Flooring**

937A, Parliament Rd., Ethul Kotte. Tel.:86 3255, 86 2467 Fax.:078-68092

Wooden flooring from local or imported wood. Work and materials come with full warranty. Also maintenance products and services.

**Waycoir**

3-47, 3rd Floor, Majestic City. Col. 4. Tel.:071-51564

Manufacturer and exporter of natural fibre carpeting.

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## **Florists**

In the milder climate of the hill country, a variety of flowers are grown such as carnations, roses, gerbera's, alstromeria etc. A wide variety of orchids and anthuriums are also grown in Sri Lanka. They are either sold in a pot, by stem or in arrangements with single flowers. The use of flowers in the Sri Lankan culture is limited to funerals and weddings. A nice bouquet in the house is seldom seen. There are many flower shops along Deans Rd. Col. 10. All 5-star hotels have florists shops and make deliveries. Flower shops can also be found near every cemetery and are open from early morning till late at night. Tourists often take home boxes with arrangements of orchids or anthuriums. These are very long lasting.

### **Flowers of Summer**

71, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:54 1114

### **Jayaratne Florists**

432, Deans Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:69 5545

### **Orchids**

63B, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:59 0157

Fresh and dried flowers and bouquets available.

### **Pot-Et-Fleur**

446/10, Thimbirigasyaya Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 1328

### **Princess Carnation**

460/20, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:68 4655

Small shop but good quality in both fresh and dried creations. Opposite D.S. Sennanayake School near the Borella Cemetery.

### **Shiro Hana**

215/B, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:50 8690 Fax.:44 7760

32B, Sir Mahamed Macan Maker Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:44 0844, 43 7655



**Sterling Flowers**

85, St. Anthony's Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 6305 & 1st Floor, Liberty Plaza.

Open from 9:00 - 18:00. Closed on Sundays. Air-conditioned shop and workplace with cooled cabinets to keep the flowers fresh. This shop always has ready-made creations available but dried creations are also available. Special orders can be accommodated and home delivery is available. Professional service.

**Supreme Flora**

51C, Alexandra Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 6969

**Supreme Orchid**

Lucky Plaza, St. Anthony's Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 7194 Fax.:50 2343

Not much of a choice in the afternoons.



## **Furniture**

**M**ost furniture is made from local wood. Although the salesperson will tell you it is made of seasoned and treated wood, unfortunately this is not always the case. Ask for a warranty period in writing. Furniture can also be made to order, in colours and shapes as you like. Place the order in writing and besides drawings, dimensions etc. also mention the date of delivery. Fabrics are available in plenty to cover your sofa or chairs. Cupboards are mostly made out of plywood or MDF finished with veneer, formica or paint. There is a large variety in quality available. The Moratuwa area is famous for its many (small) factories.

### **Amal Furniture**

126, de Soyza Rd., Moratuwa. Tel.:64 7689

### **Asian Furniture**

554, 2nd Division, Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:68 6504

### **A.T. Cooray & Sons**

445A, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 2414

### **Craft Supplies**

38A, S. de S. Jayasinghe Maw., Nugegoda. Tel.:85 4898 Fax.:51 8743

Very good quality made by first class craftsmen. Also reproductions of antique furniture. Special designs made to order undertaken.

### **Diamond House**

375, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 3455  
671, Baseline Rd., Col. 9. Tel.:32 9677

### **Don Carolis**

280, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Tel.:32 5676

### **Furni Fits**

1C, R.A. De Mel Maw. Tel.:50 2837

### **Gamini Furniture Palace**

617, Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:69 6155



**Jayasinghe Cane Crafts**

115/2, Main Str., Battaramulla (opp. Sethsiripaya). Tel.:86 9301

Cane furniture from local or imported materials. Highest quality and guaranteed. Standard designs or made to order. Beautiful designs and good craftsmanship.

**Jones International**

467, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:69 2347, 69 3719

All furniture for your living- and bedroom. Modern, but also reproductions.

**Lakdiva Furnishers**

491, Galle Rd., Moratuwa. Tel.:64 5480

**Lionel Furnishers**

505, Galle Rd., Rawathawatta, Moratuwa.

**New Interiors**

(A) 115, Maya Avenue, Col. 5. Tel.:50 3661

Sofa's, couches, tables and chairs manufactured in their own factory or imported (see also under interior decor).

**Pearl Interiors**

135 A, Galle Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:72 5967 Fax.:71 2066

Locally manufactured tubular furniture of high quality and good looking designs.

**Simplex International**

328, Madapatha Rd., Batakettara, Piliyandala.

134, Colombo Rd., Piliyandala. Tel.:61 4046-48 Fax.:61 4050

e-mail:simplex@slt.lk

High export quality furniture. Also made to order.(see also under toys and children's furniture)

**Singer Furniture**

445, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 8799

**Sofa City**

372A, Nawala Rd., Nawala. Tel.:86 2940

Imported sofas and furniture.

**Vajira Cane Crafts**

8, Vajira Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:59 2276 &

298, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 3077 Fax.:85 6385



**Woodman Lanka**

191, Galle Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:73 8674, 73 1980 Fax.:73 5812

**Woodways International**

136, Kumaran Ratnam Rd., Col. 2. Tel.:51 8629, 43 3322 Fax.:85 4583

Specialise in reproduction of antique furniture.



## **Garden Decor & Plants**

Regularly there are exhibitions in the weekends at the Viharamaradavi Park on the corner with Alexandra Place. Very worthwhile.

### **A.M.C. Colonial Castings**

134, Galle Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:71 5627 Fax.:73 3721

Garden furniture from aluminium. Also gates, lamp posts, letterboxes etc.

### **Exora Garden Design Centre**

300/2, 300/2, Enderamulla, Wattala. Tel.:93 0858

### **Flori Flora Lanka**

44, Somadevi Place, Kirulapane Avenue, Col. 5. Tel.:85 3471

Plants like orchids and anthuriums, fertiliser and preparation of garden layout.

### **Green Gardens**

136, Kumaran Ratnam Rd., Col. 2. Tel.:33 4469

Sausiri Complex, Nugegoda. & 282, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3.

A large variety of decorative pots, artificial plants and flowers, ornaments and flower arrangements.

### **House & Garden (Pvt.) Ltd.**

20B, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 4. Tel.:58 6734 Fax.:59 4627

Outdoor furniture made from aluminium.

### **Intarts**

159/A, Hospital Rd., Kalubowila, Dehiwela. Tel.:072-270517

Something special for outdoor and indoor murals, sculptures, waterfalls and ponds.

### **Lakshmi Gardens**

24, Malligawa Rd., Ethul Kotte. Tel.:86 3933, 87 2505

Foliage, garden plants and landscaping.

### **Midula Garden Service**

30, Kadawatha Rd., Kalubowila. Tel.:81 2041, 82 3216

### **(Nameless)**

432, Highlevel Rd., Delkanda Junction, Nugegoda (next to Wickramarachi opticians).



**Oasis Nursery**

112, Corner of Cumaratunga Munidasa Maw. & Reid Avenue. Tel.:58 6856

**Sriee Landscape**

13, G.H. Perera Maw., Rattanapitiya, Boralesgamuwa. Tel.:50 9090 , 51 8701

Landscaping, garden plants, waterfalls etc. Good quality work but pricy.

**State Seed Corporation**

Marcus Fernando Maw. State Corporation. (opposite war memorial)

For good quality seedlings of coconut, banana, etc. Also foliage plants.

**Studio Renaissance**

35, Kesbewa Rd., Boralesgamuwa. Tel.:51 8587

Garden design, sculptures, ceramic, murals, decoration etc.

**Succes Nurseries**

145, Dutugemunu Str., Kohuwala, Nugegoda. Tel.:82 3855, 071-38499

Landscaping in- outdoor gardens, garden plants.

**Teradeco Collection**

13/4, Sri Saranakara Rd., Pamankada, Dehiwela.

Pottery in handpainted designs.

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## **Garments / Ready made**

There are a large number of garment factories in Sri Lanka, which mainly manufacture for the export market. Before, these products could not be sold on the local market but now they may, much to the satisfaction of the customers. Some shops are renowned among tourists who take home these cheap but high-quality products. Most have branches in the major shopping malls.

### **Absolut Joy**

1A, Dharmaraja Maw. (off Temple Lane), Col. 3.

Small boutique with a branch at Liberty Plaza.

### **Angel's Park**

253, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 3436

An exclusive range of ladies (Sarees) and gent's ware.

### **Barefoot**

704, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 9305, 58 0281 Fax.:57 6936  
e-mail: barefoot@eureka.lk

Handloom fabrics as well as ready-to-wear clothes made from these fabrics for men, women and children. The fabrics are very distinctive, designed by Barbara Sansoni and manufactured by Barefoot, they are colourful and loved by many people. The special style, colours and choice of material make the Barefoot clothes very attractive. A shop not to be missed during your stay in Colombo.

### **Candy Garments**

252 B, Methodist Central Building, Col. 3. Tel.:54 1235

### **Christaline**

236, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:43 4917

### **Cotton Collection**

40, Flower Rd., Col. 7. Tel.:57 6882

A large variety of ready-to-wear garments for ladies, gents and children.

### **El Club / Elle**

1-38, 1st floor, Liberty Plaza; Ground floor, New wing Majestic City.



**Etam**

409, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3.

**Folio**

24, Ward Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 3054 Fax.:54 4664

Special designed cloth, lingerie, bathing suits etc.

**Hameedia**

1st Floor, Colombo Plaza, Col. 6. Tel.:58 0307

Hameedia is famous for its tailoring in men's wear. However, a large range of ready-to-wear men's and women's wear are available along with accessories. They offer an exclusive range of evening wear, including a full range of Indian clothing, such as shalwar, panjaby's and sarees. Also shops at Majestic City and Liberty Plaza.

**Haren International** (sportswear)

3 rd floor, Majestic City, 1st floor Liberty Plaza.

**Harrods**

654, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 0932

T-shirts and underwear for the whole family.

**House of Fashion**

288, Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 8758

**Levi's**

39a, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 5330

Specialise in jeans.

**The London Shop**

252, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:50 2552

Exclusive men's ready-to-wear garments.

**Nicola Collections**

23, Milagiriya Avenue, Col. 4. Tel.:58 5778, 50 3720

**Odel Unlimited**

5, Alexandra Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 2863, 59 0288 Fax.:58 1656

e-mail:odel@sri.lanka.net.

Opening times: Mon-Sat.10:00 -19:00 Sun.10:00 - 15:00

Closed on Poya days.

Sri Lanka's most famous shop for clothes. Children's and ladies wear, men's wear, bags and suitcases. How-



ever, Odel offer much more: cards and exclusively designed Sri Lankan T-shirts, household linen, toys, shoes, books, jewellery and gift items, recycled paper items, perfumes and candles. All this is offered in a spacious setting, neatly arranged, while a helping hand from Odel's friendly staff is never far. Top quality and world famous brands at very affordable prices.

If you haven't visited Odel, you haven't visited Colombo!

Odel actively promotes sustainable production, recycling and environmental protection and also sponsors community activities on these subjects.

Outlets at: Trans Asia Hotel (basement), Majestic City and Dickmans Rd.

### **Penguin Sportswear**

2/1, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 6003

### **Pesons**

136, Main Str., Col. 1. Tel.:32 5351

Offers a wide range of quality clothes from reputed brands. Also available duty-free at the Bandaranaike International Airport.

### **Polo Lanka**

18, Randoli Lane, Col. 5. Tel.:58 0111

### **Puma**

at Majestic City and Liberty Plaza.

Very good quality sportswear. Also sportsgoods.

### **Riot & Raid**

97, Maya Avenue, Col. 6.

Nice selection of ready made garments.

### **Rohans Emporium**

3-12, 3rd Floor, Majestic City, Col. 4.

1-54, 1st Floor, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3.

Specialise in export quality, brand name jeans.

### **Saratha's Stores**

2-58, Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:59 1306



**Shiran Garments**

100, High Level Rd., Kirilapone. Col. 6. Tel.:82 8028

**Tribes**

44, Gnanartha Pradeepaya Maw. (Maradana Rd.), Borella. Tel.:68 2187-8

**Triumph International**

1-28, Ground Floor, Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:59 5699

Also via free lance agents.

Lingerie, night wear, swimsuits and bikini's. All highest export-quality.

**Tri-Smart**

4-10, Galle Rd., Dehiwela (sea side just before crossing the bridge).

Tel.:73 1407-8

The parent company S.R.Gent is one of the largest garment manufacturers in the country. As such it can offer a wide range of export-quality clothes for the whole family at low prices. Open 7 days a week.

**Velona**

340, Galle Rd., Katubedda, Moratuwa. Tel.:64 5236

and shops Island wide.



## **Glass & Mirrors**

### **Asoka Glass Company**

190, Prince Str., Col. 11. Tel.:44 9050

### **Asoka Glass & Mirror**

4, Wekanda Rd., Col. 2. Tel.:44 0785 Fax.:50 8298 (opp. Nawaloka hospital).

Imported Belgian mirrors, decorated and plain. The whole range of glass sheets in a variety of colours and decorations.

### **Colombo Picture Palace**

104, Prince Str., Col. 11. Tel.:42 1777 Fax.:43 9388

### **Globe Mirror Industries**

89, Prince Str., Col. 11. Tel.:44 918 Fax.:44 9158

### **Kanchana Mirror**

4-6, 3rd Cross Str., Col. 11. Tel.:42 2412 Fax.:69 6386

### **Rashmi Glass Palace**

185, de Soysa Rd., Moratumulla, Moratuwa. Tel.:64 8755 Fax.:64 7518

320, Galle Rd., Rawathawatta, Moratuwa. Tel./Fax.:64 7573

Beautiful mirrors made to order or standard designs.  
Safety, and decorated glass.

### **Semage Glass**

2, Kirimandala Maw., Nawala. Tel.:86 3377 Fax.:86 2987



## **Hairdressers**

Visit the main hotels or one of the salons mentioned below. Most salons also offer skin treatment, make-up, manicure etc. Salons that cater to both men and women, have strictly separated facilities. Make sure that instruments are properly sterilised and if a razor is used make sure it has a new blade.

### **Female**

#### **Deepika Gunasekera Beauty Salon**

392/12A, High Level Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:82 0801

#### **Kess Hair & Body**

158F 2/1, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 3669, 59 5512

Highly professional and very friendly service with imported products. Patronized by many expat ladies.

#### **Le Coiffeur**

19, School Lane, Col. 6. Tel.:58 4827

#### **Lou Ching Wong**

27/16, Rosmead Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 9002, 071-30814

#### **Maries Hair & Beauty Centre**

78, Gothami Rd. (off Cotta Rd.), Col. 8. Tel.:69 3523

#### **Marlon Hair**

Tel.:078-43635

Only come to your home. Very nice with children.

#### **Ramani Fernando Salons**

32, Elibank Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 2176

Best known hairdresser in town. Has salons in the Taj Samudra (44 6622), The Hilton (34 4644), Lucky Plaza (576217) and at the World Trade Centre (346630). International, well known products are used to create that "International" look. Top of the line.

#### **Ramzi's**

65/7a, D.S. Senanayake Maw., Col. 8. Tel. 69 8932

Famous for his hairshows, bridal, and extravagant hair styles.



**Rumours Caniscreation International**

174, Inner Flower Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3981

**Salon Cheks Mobile Service**

5/2, Sulaiman Terrace, Col. 5. Tel.:50 0264

Mobile service to your doorstep for hair and body care.  
Uses products from U.K.

**Salon Gladys**

518, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:58 0818

**Salon Moira**

1st Floor, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 4323

**Shahnaz**

28, Inner Failine Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:71 5539

Pure herbal products on an alcohol and fat free basis.  
Not tested on animals. Also hair salon.

**Technique International**

58, Ananda Coomarasamy Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5298

Hairdressing and beauty therapy.

**Total Care by Linda**

39, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3.

**Male****Le Coiffeur**

19, School Lane, Col. 6. Tel.:58 4827

**Maries Hair & Beauty Centre**

78, Gothami Rd. (off Cotta Rd.), Col. 8. Tel.:69 3523

**Lou Ching Wong**

27/16, Rosmead Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 9002, 071-30814

Very well recommended.

**Scissors Mens Saloon**

518, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:59 4166

**Sleek Salon**

2B, Vajira Rd. (corner Galle Rd.), Col. 4. Tel.:59 0294

Fast and clean service. Open from 5:00 a.m. till Mid-  
night. VIP room available for special treatment.



## **Handicraft Shops**

Sri Lanka is famous for its handicrafts. Whether they be woodcarvings, brass, jewellery, or batiks, all are made with craftsmanship at very affordable prices. All major hotels have souvenir shops but do visit one of the stores mentioned below, they offer a wide range of quality items. Picture post cards and video's on Sri Lanka are also available. Tea and spices are also sold at these places and are also a well received gift. For brass items do not forget to visit the following two places (no shops, but displayed near the roadside); the junction of Dharmapala Maw. & Ernest de Silva Maw (Flower Rd.) Col. 7. and the junction of Havelock Rd., Bauddhaloka Maw. & Reid Avenue Col. 5. Here you can get the best bargain in brassware candle stands, traditional oil lamps, plates, elephants etc.. Majestic City as well as Liberty Plaza also have a number of gift/handicraft stores.

### **Craft Lanka**

195, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:44 0946 Fax.:43 7745

### **Craftlink**

38, Iswari Rd., Wellawatta. Tel.:078-65255, 58 2486 Fax.:58 7823

Traditional handicraft items as well as specially designed articles.

### **Folklorica**

106, Bauddhaloka Maw. Col. 4. Tel.:59 5645 Fax.:58 0721

A tiny shop with handicrafts and jewellery.

### **Lakmedura**

113, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:32 8900

Two floors full of traditional handicraft items in wood, brass, silver, batik, leather, paper etc.

### **Lakpahana**

21, Race Course Avenue, Col. 7. Tel.:69 8211

Traditional craft ware in wood, brass, etc.



**Laksala**

60, York Str., Col. 1. Tel.:69 8211; 26, Ground Floor, Liberty Plaza.

The largest handicraft shop in the Fort area (where parking is THE problem). Besides handicraft items from all over the Island, it offers much more. The furniture section was expanded recently, with both wood and cane. A "tea-room" for your relaxation can be found near the entrance.

**Laksara**

409, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:58 3575

Traditional Sri Lankan handicrafts.

**(A) Lanka Hands Handicraft Centre**

135, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 4. Tel.:074-512311

Always open from 9:00 - 18:00. A newly opened shop with quality hand crafted items and gifts like tea, jewellery, spices, batik, paper, art, books, cards, leather, wooden toys, brass ware, perfume-oil etc. Since all items are hand crafted, none are alike thus emphasising the unique character of the product. This spacious shop has very helpful and courteous staff, who are happy to advise should you wish so. If you mention that your purchase is a gift, an artistic rapping will be applied with an accompanying card. Don't forget to visit the upstairs floor. Parking is no problem.

**Prasanna Batiks**

35, Main Str., Col. 11. Tel.:43 8462 Fax.:57 2394

3-45 Majestic City, Factory at 203, Kolonnawa Rd. Wellampitiya

**Swanee's Boutique**

331, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 7417, 71 7135 Fax.:73 7994

**Zam Handicrafts**

81, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 9090 Fax.:58 0164 e-mail: zamgems@slt.lk  
Hotel Lanka Oberoi, The Hilton.

Besides a wide choice in handicraft articles on the ground floor, Zam specialises in Sri Lankan gems & gem studded jewellery, which can be seen on the first floor of their Galle Rd. head office and at their respective jewellery shops in the hotels. Opening soon in Crescent Boulevard.



## **Hardware**

**H**ardware is a combined name for tools as well as items like nails, bolts, sheets, paint, bathroom fittings, etc. For tools look under the tools section. It can be very hard to locate specific items as well as specific measurements. A great deal of items can only be purchased in inches or feet, as others can only be purchased in millimetres and meters. It's confusing. One has to be ready to improvise when the items you want can not be located and a substitute has to be used. But first try as many shops as you can before giving up. A range of shops can be found along Sri Sangaraja Maw. Col. 10, Maradana Rd. Col. 10, Old Moor Str. Col. 12., Srimath Bandaranaike Maw. and Lafeer Maw. Col. 12., along 3rd Cross Str. Pettah, along Galle Rd. and the Panchikawatta area. A few shops are mentioned below.

### **Alltread Bolt & Nuts**

204A, Sri Sangaraja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:32 4943

All varieties of bolts in metric and non-metric sizes.

### **Borella Hardware**

1191, Maradana Rd., Borella. Tel.:69 8141

### **Building Materials Corporation**

541, Sri Sangaraja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:32 6701

### **CIC Paints**

199, Kew Rd., Col. 2. Tel.:32 8421-6 Fax.:44 0894

Locally produced paints.

### **Citizens (nuts & bolts)**

120, Srimath Bandaranaike Maw., Col. 12. Tel.:43 4514

### **Delmege Forsyth**

297, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:33 1631-2 Fax.:33 4102

Paints from AKZO U.K.

### **Duro Electroplating**

411, T.B. Jayah Maw., Col. 10 Tel.:69 2133 &

596, 2nd Division, Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:69 5670

Electroplating (polishing by means of electro-magnetic current) of chrome, brass, copper etc. Also the place to go for trophies.



**Lankem Paints**

760, Baseline Rd., Col. 9. Tel.:69 8292-5 Fax.:69 6350

Locally produced paint under the Robbialac brand.

**Lanley Paint Centre**

419, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3668,  
542 R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3.

**Macson Mesh**, (all sorts of mesh)

140, Messenger Str., Col. 12. Tel.:43 7140

**Marina Trading** (Nuts & bolts)

338, Old Moor Street, Col. 12. Tel.:43 4521

**Nawaloka Industries** (screws, nails, pins, nuts & bolts)

42, Negombo Rd., Peliyagoda. Tel.:53 0282 Fax.:53 1075

**S.V.P. Trading** (steel sheets, rods etc.)

29, Prince of Wales Avenue, Col. 14. Tel.:43 5126 Fax.:33 61 98

**Vajira Hardware**

4, Vajira Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 4619

**Bathroom Fittings**

**B**esides the shops mentioned try Colombo 12 area around Old Moor Str., Srimath Bandaranaike Maw., Lafeer Maw. etc.

**Alliance Exel Collaboration**

155/15, Castle Street, Borella. Tel.:68 1096, 69 9921 Fax.:071-51212

Imported bathrooms and fittings. Also parquet, tiles, marble, granite, maintenance products and service.

**ARMZ Exports & Imports**

25, Lauries Place, Col. 4. Tel.:59 4598, 58 8861

**Ceramica Bathrooms**

7, Orchids Complex, Galle Rd., Wellawatta. Tel.:59 0127

**Charter House International**

3, De Fonseka Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:50 8689, 50 8712

For original Groche bathroom fittings from Germany.

**Kendall Bathrooms**

35, Staples Str., Col. 2. Tel.:42 3857



**Lanka General Trading Co.** (formely Sri Lanka State Trading Corp.)  
100, Navam Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:32 6582, 42 2341-4 Fax.:43 6234

**Lanka Walltile Home Centre**

215, Nawala Rd., Narahenpita, Col. 5. Tel.:86 5450-51, 86 5459-60

**Rajabdeen & Sons**

486 B, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.: 57 5282

125, Messenger Str., Col. 12. Tel.:42 2101 Fax.:44 9821

**Ridgeway International**

2-218, 2nd Floor, B.M.I.C.H. complex, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:68 2186  
Fax.:69 8002

**Sherman Sons**

23, Sri Sangharaja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:43 5566 Fax.:54 1069

**St. Anthony's Consolidated**

516, Sri Sangaraja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:32 4261



## **Home Decorations & Gifts**

Sri Lanka has a very well know tradition in handicrafts. A lot of this craftsmanship is now used in the design and manufacturing of non-traditional decorations for home and garden. These new ideas combined with the use of a great variety in materials, are guaranteed to satisfy the most demanding clientele.

### **Artistique**

335, Galle Rd., Col. 3.

Small shop with items such as chinese linen, tribal art, terra-cotta figures, candles etc.

### **Barefoot**

704, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 9305, 58 0281 Fax.:57 6936  
e-mail: barefoot@eureka.lk

Barefoot, a well known name in Colombo, has many items for home decor like cushioncovers, household linen, tablecloths, wallhangings, handloom toys, candle-holders, furniture, pottery, paintings, ceramicware, garden decorations, brassware and many more items. The handloom fabric used, is designed by Barbara Sansoni and made by Barefoot's own weaving and dye sections. A variety of materials with highly distinctive colours and styles. Curtains can be made as well as complete home decoration. You should check this shop out when you need something to decorate your home!

### **Fibre Fab**

126B, Highlevel Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:82 8316  
5, Galle Rd., Wellawatta. Tel.:82 8888

Decorations, lampshades, furniture etc. made out of GRP (fibre glass).

### **Folio**

24, Ward Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 3054 Fax.: 54 4664

Specialise in non-drip imported candles, French design wrought iron furniture and rotan. Also gift items and body-care products.

Send in



response card and Win !



**Grandec Interiors**

57, D.S. Senanayake Maw., Col. 8. Tel.:69 8603

Nice selection and good quality.

**Intarts**

159/A, Hospital Rd., Kalubowila, Dehiwela. Tel.:072-270517

Interior and exterior mural designs, sculptures, waterfalls and ponds.

**Kalaya**

138, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 9326, 071-33413

An unusual shop, at an unusual place. Don't be mistaken by the "Antiques" sign, Kalaya is situated on the first floor and has nothing to do with antiques. What it does offer is unusual items ranging from hand block printed linen, carpets and rugs made from natural fibres, hand-crafted items like wooden and earthenware pots, fibre and metal baskets, wall decorations and unusual gifts. Worth visiting.

**The Oasis Company**

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18, Station Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:59 7097 Fax.:43 0338 Open 7 days a week from 10.00 - 19.00.

A quality collection of home and garden decorations, furniture, plants, handicraft, collectors art, books, handloom, jewellery, antiques and many more items. Small art gallery with paintings and sculptures by artistes like: Rahjv & Laki Senenayake. A coffee shop with tasty bites, juices and vegetarian dishes is all part of it. This recently opened shop is maturing fast and its patrons value the personal attention that owner Geetha gives them. This is one of the shops in Colombo you have to visit and you can't miss it, since it is only 50 metres past the Majestic City entrance.



**Odel Home**

38, Dickmans Road, Col. 5. Tel.:59 0435,  
 e-mail odel@sri.lanka.net. Open 10:00 - 18:30 Closed on Poya days.

Opening soon with yet another new concept. Odel Home will carry a range of bath and bed linens, kitchen & living room accessories and much more. No doubt that this new Odel line will be as successful as the others.

**Paradise Road Promenade**

213, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:68 6043 &  
 36, Sir Ernest de Silva Maw. (Flower Rd.), Col. 7. Tel.:071-23287  
 Opening times: 9:30 - 19:00 & 9:00 - 18:00 resp.

Paradise, as it is called by its patrons, is loaded with ideas. It definitely has a very artistic and recognisable style (notice the pleasant smell and the music that is played). A beautiful collection of pottery, woodcrafts, table-linen, stationery, decorations, antiques, gift items, candles, garden ornaments, jewellery and many more items. All of a very high standard and quality, original ideas and artistically wrapped once purchased. Also, don't forget to visit the café with the best espresso in town! Paradise Road Promenade is one of the best choices in Colombo, famous even outside Sri Lanka. Outlets at Trans Asia Hotel (basement) and Flower Road.

**Rafters Craft Boutique**

9, Boyd Place, Col. 3.

**Savannah**

6, Station 1st Lane, Udahamulla, Nugegoda. Tel.:82 2759, 072-41483

Hand embroidered handloom textiles like pillow cases, table-cloths, napkins etc.

**Srimal Interiors**

347, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 4270-71  
 (see under Drapes & Curtains)

**Studio Renaissance**

35, Kesbewa Rd., Boralesgamuwa. Tel.:51 8587

A range of art; paintings, sculptures, ceramics, murals, garden decoration etc. Also garden design.



**Tamarind Tree House**

2, Pedris Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4892

A quality collection of wide ranging articles from paintings, cane, books, batik, jewellery, spices etc.

**Thimble**

30, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 4.

Small shop with decorations, linen, pottery etc.

**Zeeniyas**

86, Galle Rd., Wellawatta. Tel.:58 7336



## **Hotels**

Travelling along the roads of Colombo, the word "Hotel" can frequently be seen on small shops selling food and drinks. Establishments mentioned underneath comply much more with the international standard of the word hotel: a place to sleep and eat.

Colombo being the capital attracts more businessmen than tourists to the hotels. The hotels however also have a social function for the people of Colombo. Business gatherings, seminars and presentations are conducted on a regular basis. Country fairs and exhibitions are also a regular feature in the hotel lounges and ballrooms. Theatre productions, fashion shows and charity balls take place on a very regular basis. For the local community the hotels act as a magnet to hold weddings or anniversaries. The result of this is that bookings are made months and years in advance. A few hundred guests on these occasions is normal. There is no official star rating in Sri Lanka as yet. 5-Star is considered international class and 2-Star is basic.

### **In Colombo**

#### **Berjaya Mount Royal Beach Hotel**

36, College Avenue Maw., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:73 9610-15 Fax.:73 3030

3-Star family hotel on the Mount Lavinia beach.

#### **Ceylon Intercontinental Colombo**

48, Janadhipathi Maw., Col. 1. Tel.:42 1221

The hotel was badly damaged during the bomblast on the next-door Central Bank. Still the scars can be seen and not all facilities and rooms can be used. Several restaurants, ballroom, coffee shop, tennis court, swimming pool etc. 4-Star facilities located in the hart of Colombo.

#### **The Colombo Hilton**

Echelon Square, Lotus Rd., Col. 1. Tel.:54 4644, 34 4644 Fax.:54 4657

The most prestigious and best managed hotel in Colombo. 5-Star quality and facilities in everything that is offered. Executive rooms, restaurants, sports-centre, discotheque, business centre, banquet and conference halls, pub, karaoke bar and coffee shop. The manage-



ment of the Hilton are very successful in launching novel ideas for their patrons. A variety of restaurants, theme parties, the Pub, cooking demonstrations, horse back riding centre etc. A visit to The Hilton or its facilities is always rewarding. The hotel acts as a meeting place for business and pleasure. Located in the heart of Colombo next to the World Trade Centre.

### **Galadari Hotel**

64, Lotus Rd., Col. 1. Tel.:54 4544 Fax.:44 9875

Spacious hotel located in the business area of Colombo. 4/5-Star class with several restaurants, rooftop swimming pool, shopping arcade, coffee shop, health centre, ballroom etc. Famous for its discotheque Valentino's, and the Mayumi karaoke lounge.

### **Galle Face Hotel**

Galle Face Green, Col. 2. Tel.:54 1010 Fax.:54 1072

The grand old lady. The intention is to renovate the hotel, but keep the old grandeur. There is surely great potential but unfortunately a lot of what is considered basic in today's hospitality industry, is missing. The hotel is not competing for star or comfort, its clients are those who want to experience the colonial era once more. Indeed most corners of the hotel have that atmosphere, the rooms which are spacious and high, the ballroom with balcony, the veranda's surrounding the garden, wooden staircases and waiters who go barefoot. The stunning view of the Indian ocean and total ambience made this hotel a place of rest for the rich and famous from around the world. However, if you are just a "normal" person, you are also very welcome.

### **Grand Oriental Hotel**

2, York Street, Col. 1. Tel.:32 0391- 93

The hotel is located next to the port in the heart of the Fort area. The restaurant is located on the 4th floor and has a nice view over the harbour and Indian ocean. 3-Star facilities.



**Holiday Inn-Colombo**

30, Sir Mohamed Marcan Marker Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:42 2001 Fax.:44 7977

Located outside the business heart but in close proximity of Galle Road, makes this hotel both a family, as well as a business hotel. 'Alhambra' is the speciality restaurant which serves authentic Indian cuisine. 4-Star facilities.

**Lanka Oberoi Hotel**

77, Steuart Place (along Galle Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:32 0001

The hotel is undertaking a major refurbishment programme to upgrade all areas to a high international standard. The lobby and reception area are finished already and look stunning. One of the two towers where hotel rooms are located is also finished and all are redone in an international style. At the same location the Crescat complex is being built. The Crescat Boulevard will be a major shopping attraction. Two towers of apartments with 5-star facilities will be located on the same premises. The hotel has a huge ballroom and function area. Several restaurants, a sports centre, discotheque, swimming pool, shopping arcade etc. 5-Star qualifications located along the Galle Rd.

**Mount Lavinia Hotel**

102, Hotel Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:71 5221 Fax.:73 8228

e-mail:lavinia@sri.lanka.net

This large hotel was originally built as a residence for the British Governor in 1806. Located on top of the rock, you have a breathtaking view of the Indian ocean and always a cool sea breeze. A hotel built in grand colonial style, which many distinguished foreign guests patronised in the past. A rich heritage in tradition and location. The pool is located on top of the rock, but for a dip in the ocean you have to descend to the beach. The hotel is famous with honeymooners from all over the world.



**Renuka City Hotel**

328, Galle Rd., Col. 2. Tel.:57 3598, 602 Fax.:57 4137

Recently refurbished and a new hotel block with 70 rooms conveniently located along Galle Road near Liberty Plaza as a business and family hotel. The Palmyrah restaurant offers very good Sri Lankan food for a fair price.

**Taj Samudra Hotel**

Galle Face Green. Tel.:33 2485- 88

The Taj, as it is called, is located on the stretch from the Fort area to Kollupitiya (Colombo 3). The boundary with the Indian Ocean is formed by the so called "Galle Face Green". The hotel has banquet facilities, restaurants, tennis court, a swimmingpool & fitness centre, a 24 hour coffee shop, and "My Kind of Place" (a discotheque). 4 Star.

**Trans Asia Hotel**

115, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw., Col. 2.

Tel.:44 6100- 07 Fax.:44 9184

The hotel has changed its name a few times. Formerly know as the "Ramada" then as "the Colombo Renaissance" and now the "Trans Asia". Keep this in mind when you ask a three-wheeler or taxi driver, not everybody is aware of this change. A large hotel with good banquet facilities, a sports and fitness centre, squash and tennis courts, a discotheque called "the Library", shopping arcade (BA, Quantas, Odel, Paradise Road, Pesons, Tea Tang), several restaurants and a very good pastry / coffee shop called Goodies. The hotel is widely used by business people and holiday makers. 4-5-Star.



## Outside Colombo

A large number of hotels outside Colombo can be booked at the head office located in Colombo. To accomodate the requests of Colombo residents as much as possible, we have opted to include these addresses. Only the name and location is given, further information can be obtained from the respective offices.

### **Aitken Spence Hotels**

315, Vauxhall Str., Col. 2. Tel.:33 6740, 43 3755 Fax.:43 3755  
e-mail:ashmpvt@slt.lk

Triton Ahungalle, Kandalama Dambulla, Tea Factory Nuwara Eliya, Neptune & Pearl Beach Beruwela, Browns Beach Negombo, Hill Top Kandy, Bandarawella Hotel, Palm Village Uswetakeiyawa, Hibiscus Kalutara, Club Rannalhi & Bathala at Maldives.

### **Confifi Group Hotels**

33, St. Michael's Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:33 3320-6 Fax.:33 3324  
e-mail:confifi@eureka.lk website:http://www.confifi-srilanka.com

Eden, Riverina, Club Palm Garden and Confifi Beach, all in Beruwela.



### **Connaissance Hotel Management**

58, Dudley Senanayake Maw., Col. 8. Tel.:69 8346, 68 4373 Fax.:68 5555  
e-mail:cdcltd@slt.lk

Culture Club Dambulla, Taprobana Villa Bentota, Le Kandyan Kandy.

### **Ging Oya Lodge**

Contact Myrjam Heylen on 071-28322, Fax.:252587  
e-mail: gingoya@sri.lanka.net

Ging Oya Lodge, Waikkala.

### **International Enterprises**

102 1/1, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:43 3754, 43 0139  
Fax.:44 9548

Hikkaduwa Beach, Tangalle Beach, Villa Ocean View Wadduwa.



**Jetwing Hotels**

46/26, Navam Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:34 5700 Fax.:34 5724

e-mail:jethol@sri.lanka.net website:http://www.lanka.net/jetwing

Royal Oceanic, Blue Oceanic, and Seashell Negombo,  
Kosgoda Beach Resort Kosgoda, Tropical Villa Beru-  
wela, Hunas Falls Kandy, St. Andrews Nuwara Eliya,  
Yala Safari Beach Yala, Lighthouse Galle.

**① Jinasena Management**

4, Hunupitiya Rd., Col. 2. Tel.:44 8848, 44 8850 Fax.:44 8849

Deer Park Hotel & The Royal Lotus at Giritale, Polon-  
naruwa.

**Keels Hotels**

130, Glennie Str., Col. 2. Tel.:32 0862, 42 1101-5 Fax.:43 9026

Bayroo Beach & Swanee in Beruwela, Ceysands, Villa  
Walauwa & Bentota Beach in Bentota, Coral Gardens  
Hikkaduwa, The Village & The Lodge in Habarana, The  
Citadel in Kandy.

**Pilgrim Rest & Holiday Homes**

Bank of Ceylon head office, Col. 1. Tel.:44 7845 Fax.:44 7845

Holiday homes in the hill country.

**Serendib Hotels**

40, Sir Mohamed Macan Markar Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:33 2155-8, 43 32 68-9  
Fax.:43 8933

Pegasus Reef Wattala, Serendib Bentota, Sigiriya Hotel  
in Sigiriya, Club Dolphin Waikkal, Reefcomber Hik-  
kaduwa, Emerald Bay Indiruwa.

**Tangerine Tours**

236, Galle Rd., Col. 3. (Mercantile Investment Bldg.) Tel.:42 2518-9, 34 3720-7  
Fax.:44 8279

Tangerine Beach & Royal Palms Kalutara, Lihiniya  
Surf Bentota, Nilaveli Beach Trincomalee and Grand  
Hotel Nuwara Eliya.

**Hotel Tree of Life**

Tel.:82 4348 Fax.:82 4350 e-mail:treelife@sri.lanka.net

Hotel Tree of Life in Werellagama near Kandy.



## **Household Appliances**

The number of shops where home appliances can be purchased is growing yearly. Compared to western countries the choice is limited, in that one can choose from a limited selection of the same products. Electrical items are considered a “luxury” and taxed heavily when imported. A few companies (Usha, Singer, Hayleys, Sisil) manufacture in Sri Lanka to avoid these high taxes and as such these products are sold at a lower price (unfortunately sometimes also at a lesser quality). Products of well known brand names are also available at “duty free” prices for persons/organisations entitled to this facility. Otherwise they are sold at a higher (duty paid) price.

### **Repairs**

High humidity combined with frequent power failures and fluctuations make electric and especially electronic equipment vulnerable to defects. As a rule, all electrically operated equipment should only be used with a suitable stabiliser. I&E Technics is one of the companies that manufacture a whole range of stabilisers locally. A worthwhile investment. Humidity can only be controlled by means of air-conditioning or de-humidifiers, which is however very costly and not practical under all circumstances. When equipment needs to be repaired, always make sure you get a receipt. Also ask for an estimate prior to the actual repair. When the item is removed without a repair taking place, most companies charge a service fee. The best thing for expensive repairs is to ask for a second opinion, and get an estimate in writing. Also ask for a collection date in writing to avoid problems. When the item is collected ask for a demonstration to ensure that the item is in good working order. For major repairs, ask for a warranty period. You can ask for the part which has been removed. Some companies also have a pick-up service, so large items will be collected from your door. Some give this service free of charge, ask for it.

### **Abans Quick Service Centre**

590, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:59 5734-6



**Asia Electronics**

2nd Cross Str., Col. 11.

The supplier of electronic components for radio, video and other electronic equipment. A very large stock continuously updated with supplies from Singapore. This is the place where a lot of the repair places purchase their components.

**Cosmic Electronics**

486, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:074-71 5384

A whole range of electronic components.

**Cygnat Technologies**

300, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 3470-56 5204 Fax.:56 5205

Good quality work, fast and at a reasonable rate. Also sale of high quality sound- and home theatre systems. Open from 9:00 - 18:00 7 days a week.

**Durst Electronics**

364, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5480

Picks-up the larger items from your house and delivers them once repaired.

**Hunters Park 'n Shop** (Indesit dealer)

395, T.B. Jayah Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:69 3902

**LBS Electronics**

3, St. Kilda's Lane, Col. 3. Tel.:50 1978

**Majestic Electric Co.**

103/105, Galle Rd., Col. 4.

2, De Vos Avenue, Col. 4. Tel.:59 3225 Fax.:58 7408

A good reputation for repair work and loads of spare parts.

**Page Electronics**

Queensway Building, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd. near new Hong Kong bank building), Col. 4. Tel.:50 1211

Also at 53, Hospital Rd. Kohuwela, Dehiwela. Tel.:72 7865, 074-204535

Pick-up and delivery service for larger items, available within Colombo city limits.

**Premier Electric Co.**

311, T.B. Jayah Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:69 7040



**Silvertones** (R&B dealer)

132, Vauxhall Str., Col. 2. Tel.:43 6141 Fax.:43 8497

Electronic components of high quality. Also for rare brands, values and types.

**Telefunken Service Center**

177, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:32 6248, 43 5958

**Sales****Abans**

590, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:59 5731 Fax.:59 5730

**Anton Home Focus**

281, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3.

**Asian Electronics**

516-524 Sri Sangaraja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:32 4261

**Elite Radio & Engineering Co.** (Pioneer dealer)

32, Keyzer Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 9744-45

**Fine Lighting House**

225, Galle Rd., Col. 4.

**Hayleys Electronics** (Philips & Whirlpooldealer)

4, Galle Rd., Dehiwela (next to Tri-Smart). Tel.:72 5748

**Hunters Park 'n Shop** (Indesit dealer)

395, T.B. Jayah Maw. (Darley Rd.), Col. 10. Tel.:69 3902

**Isurusiri**

245, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 5666 Fax.:58 5390

**J&B Electronics**

227, Station Rd., Udahamulla, Nugegoda. Tel.:85 2222

All sorts of sound equipment.

**Kamalsan**

332/1, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 6873 Fax.:57 5641

Lighting equipment, lampshades etc.

**Lanka General Trading Co.** (formaly Sri Lanka State Trading Corp.)

100, Navam Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:43 2679, 42 2341-4 Fax.:43 6234

**Mangala Electronic Supermarket**

445, Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:59 0686



**Metalix Engineering**

154, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:50 3767, 50 3768 Fax.:58 0721

Home appliances, steel furniture, solar hot water systems etc.

**Metropolitan Electronics**

18, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 7946

Rowenta Home appliances.

**Mitsu Electronic**

227, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 5050 Fax.:59 5157

**Nemco**

32, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel./Fax.:50 0504

Lampshades, wall-, ceiling- and table lamps. Outdoor & garden lights.

**Salaka**

466, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:69 6715, 69 2209

Clock, watches and household appliances. Also on the same stretch, a pharmacy, copy shop and photoprint. Very moderate prices.

**Sherman Sons** (Gibson & Candy dealer)

278, R.A. De Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.) Col. 3. Tel.:57 5494 (also duty free sales at the airport arrival lounge).

**Siedles** (Sony, Bose, Aiwa Kelvinator dealer)

150/3, Ward Place (Borella), Col. 8. Tel.:69 7610 & Liberty Plaza. Also at the arrival lounge at Bandaranaike International Airport.

A complete new showroom will be opened at Daisy Avenue Col. 3. by the beginning of September where the whole range of products will be on display and ready for demonstrations. Home delivery and an excellent after sales service are available (see also under Musical Instruments and Supplies).

**Singer** (dealers island wide)

320, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:42 3402

**Star Enterprises**

63, Keyzer Str., Col. 11. Tel.:43 8209, 43 3694 Fax.:43 8251

A large range of wall clocks, pendulums etc. to choose from.



**Uni Walkers** (Panasonic dealer)  
402, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.: 57 5619

**W. Wilfred & Sons**

214, Highlevel Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.: 82 7870

Everything for electrical maintenance, supplies etc.

Lampshades, ceiling lamps, wiring, switches, cables etc.

**Worldwide Import & Export Company**

42/13, Pallidura Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.: 73 9267 Fax.: 73 3582

Specialise in refrigerators.



## **House Hold Items**

### **Abdul Rahims**

90, Keyzer Str., Col. 11.

### **Arpico**

Hyde Park Corner, Col. 2. & High Level Rd. Nawinna, Nugegoda and smaller shops islandwide.

All kinds of plastic items, polystyrene products, rubber and foam products as well as sanitaryware, stationery, toys, brushes, glassware, household items and linen.

### **S.M. Assena Marikar & Co.**

12, China Str., Col. 11. Tel./Fax.:32 4587

### **Eswaran Brothers**

267, Sea Str., Col. 11. Tel.:43 5842, Unity Plaza shop No. 2 Ground Floor. Tel.:58 1479, 132, High Level Rd. Nugegoda. Tel.:82 5305

A whole range of household items from plactics to wood, electrical appliances, toys etc.

### **Grip Engineering**

58, Galle Face Terrace, Col. 3. Tel.:34 8169 Fax.:44 5180.

Dealer for Brabantia products from Holland. Plasticware and metalware covered with a special plastic coating. Also has branches around town.

### **The Janitor Shop**

16-20, First Floor, Galle Face Court 2, Col. 3. Tel./Fax.:72 3740

Everything you need for daily window and floor maintenance in your house.

### **Jewelarts International**

464, T.B. Jayah Maw. (Darley Rd.), Col. 10.

Plastic ware.

### **Laklain-Dankotuwa Porcelain**

283, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 6572 Fax.:57 6571

Export quality porcelain & ceramic tableware, also ornaments. Beautiful designs at low prices. Sets can be sent abroad with full warranty on breakage.

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**Lanka Ceramic**

696, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 9349 Fax.:50 3359

Export quality porcelain & ceramic tableware, ornaments and gift items at low prices.

**Lanka Glass Manufacturers**

46, Fife Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 5563

388, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 2358

98, Nawala Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:82 1300

Manufacturers of export quality glass table ware.

**Metro**

Basement Liberty Plaza (next to Keells Super), Col. 3. Tel.:57 3135

Plastic & glassware, kitchen utensils, cutlery & crockery, stationery. Dealer of Clipsal products.

**Things & Things**

328, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 7616

Glass, tableware and decorations.

**Titus Stores**

98, Main Str., Col. 11. Tel.:43 9422 & Liberty Plaza. Tel.:57 4446

Glass and tableware, plastic items, toys, cutlery, c.d.'s etc.

**Zen**

41A, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.) Corner of Alfred House Gardens, Col. 3.

Imported Japanese porcelainware and gift items.



## **House & Home**

### **Electricity**

Houses have either a one, or three phase electricity supply. As such the premises will have either one or three meters. If the building is made to be used as separate units then even more meters are placed. The supply is mainly via overhead lines and as such sensitive to damage and failures. Heavy downpours and thunder can result in frequent power failures. Since 85% of the electricity generated is from hydro power, the country depends heavily on rain. A combination of insufficient planning and rainfall, makes for a shortage of electricity in the period from March to June. As such frequent, so called “powercuts”, can be experienced, either announced or un-announced. This has resulted in a real buying spree for standby generators. The meter-reader comes to your house once a month, reads the meters and hand over the bill. This bill has to be paid either by cheque or cash at a nearby place stated on the reverse of the bill. Keep the stamped part after payment for your proof. Another problem with the electricity supply is the irregular high and low voltage output which may result in damage to your electrical appliances. The use of stabilisers is highly recommended to avoid (expensive) repairs. When thunder and lightning occurs, switch off all appliances if possible and pull the plug from the wall socket. This will prevent damage if lightning strikes the overhead lines or poles.

### **Golden Mobile Maintenance Service**

3, Vihara Maw., Pepiliyana, Boralesgamuwa. Tel.:72 3215

For all household wiring repairs. Also plumbing, carpentry, masonry and drainage repairs.

### **Majestic Electric Co.**

103-105, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:59 3225

Mobile service at your doorstep. Also repairs tools household appliances and contractor for electrical works.



**Premier Electric Company**

514, Thimbirigasyaya Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 3926, 074-513434 Fax.:50 1591

Electrical contractor for houses. Installation and maintenance of generators.

**Fire Extinguishers****A.A. Enterprises**

20, Mile Post Avenue, Col. 3. Tel.:57 4097 Fax.:57 5278

**Alpex**

3B /2, Moors Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 7138

**Fire Alert**

26, Rotunda Gardens, Col. 3. Tel.:43 9710 Fax.:44 0132

**Safety Systems**

7, 13th Lane, Col. 3. Tel.:57 5054

**Wimaladharma Brothers**

120, Front Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 5613 Fax.:44 7887

**Gas**

LPG gas is used for cooking, which can be purchased in a large number of places with the blue Shell Gas sign. The contents are either 5, 13 or 40 Kg. At first instance a cylinder has to be purchased plus the filling. After that when the cylinder is returned, only the filling has to be paid for. Make sure the red safety cap is in place ensuring the specified contents. It is recommended to have two cylinders, so you do not have to rush out to get a new cylinder while cooking. For safety reasons make sure that the hose and regulator are in good condition. At present Shell Gas Lanka is the only manufacturer of LPG. Regulators can be bought at the distributors and in hardware stores. Hoses and clips are seldom seen at these places. The Malayan Trading Co. at 45, Abdul Jabbar Maw., Col. 12. Tel.:34 3584 has both.

**Pest Control****Finlay Rentokil**

186, Vauxhall Str., Col. 2. Tel.:44 9308, 42 1931

**Lankem Developments**

760-762, Danister de Silva Maw. (Base Line Rd.), Col. 9. Tel.:69 8292, 68 6276



**Lawson Pestcontrol**

330, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 7863, 59 1120

**Postal Service**

The postman “Always rings twice!” at least some do! When there is no answer your post will be deposited in the mailbox. Arrival of foreign parcels will be notified by a letter and a document in three fold. Fill it in and take it to The Foreign Parcel Office located at the first floor D.R. Wijewardana Maw. Col. 10. Bring your identity card and a good book to pass the time while you are waiting. Because it is a hassle to get your own things and can easily take two to three hours. Customs will examine the parcel in your presence (and others who are curious) you have to pay examination charges and perhaps import duty. You can also authorize someone else to collect your parcel. Video's sent to your address from abroad are opened and then go down stairs to see if there is “illegal” stuff on them.

**Metalix Agency Post Office**

154, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 7209, 50 2559 Fax.:58 6104

Located on the first floor, this agency post office works very fast and provides an accurate first class service.

Services available are: sale of stamps, registration of letters, copy and fax service and sale of picture post cards.

**General Post Office(GPO)**

Janaddhipathi Maw., Col. 1.

The postoffice is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, however on public holidays its opening times are limited. The following services are available: sale of stamps, registration of letters, philatelic bureau, post restante, overseas phone calls, telex, telefax, telegrams, collect calls, tv and radio license. Opening times, Registration: 8:00 - 16:00. Money Order: 9:00 - 15:00. Post Restante: 7:00 - 21:00. Philatelic Bureau: 9:00 - 15:00. Stamps: Small 24 Hours, Large nominations: 7:00 - 18:00.



**Real Estate**

To find a house can be a hassle. Going through newspaper ads, placing ads yourself and visiting many, many houses. Rent and lease prices vary widely anything from Rs. 15,000/- upto Rs. 200,000/- per month. It seems that the highest bidder will get it, since there are no fixed prices for locations or facilities offered. When placing an advertisement, you will get a lot of replies from so called “agents”. People who work as an intermediate between house owner and client. Be careful, although they do this as their profession, they may lack professional experience since anybody can become one. If houses offered by these people are not what you are looking for, they are very willing to search for you. A normal fee for their services is one months rent, however make sure that this is in writing. While inspecting the house, make sure that all repairs are being made prior to you signing the lease contract and settling in. Also pay close attention to the state which electricity, water and telephone supply are in. Bills like telephone, water and electricity always come late. Since they are on the landlords name, make sure that all bills for the period prior to your arrival are paid for, or will be paid for when they come. Mention this in the contract. If a furnished house is leased, make sure there is a full inventory (including any damage to the existing contents). This list must be attached to the contract. It is not a bad idea to legalise the document using a lawyer. Put a so called “diplomatic clause” in the contract. This way the owner agrees to take back the house and refund the balance, should you need to leave the island before the contract has ended.

**Berkeley**  
101, Wijerama Maw., Col. 7. Tel./Fax.: 68 5690

**Kingsley Perera**  
Tel.: 071-21543, 23 2249 Fax.: 57 5178

**Menavid**  
61, Tempplers Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.: 73 3646, 71 2975

**Town Property Services**  
129, Kynsey Rd., Borella. Tel.: 68 5496

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response card and win!



### Sanitary

Most houses have an overhead tank to store water, since the pressure from the main is mostly insufficient for direct use. The water as such is NOT recommended to drink (see also health). Most houses have a septic tank for sewage disposal. When too much disinfectant is used, the proper working may be disrupted and will lead to blockage of the system. Hot water is produced either by a solar system (and as such the cheapest way), or by a geyser which will work on electricity. This is a costly way to heat your water and regular maintenance has to be performed. Pipes and fittings are mostly made from PVC and can be of a poor quality which will lead to disruption or malfunction.

#### **City Plumbers**

8, Lauries Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:50 3202

#### **Equaltee**

21, de Vos Avenue, Col. 4. Tel.:58 0021

#### **Golden Mobile Maintenance Service**

3, Vihara Maw., Pepiliyana, Boralesgamuwa. Tel.:72 3215

For all household wiring repairs. Also plumbing, carpentry, masonry and drainage repairs.

#### **Plumbers at Call**

226, Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 8381

#### **Speedytrades**

5, Manthri Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 9788

Not the cheapest, but the fastest, most accurate and cleanest plumber in town. Charges a fixed inspection fee to be paid promptly on arrival. This fee is deducted from the final bill.

### Security

Safety is of course a major feature in order to feel happy in your house and home. Although Colombo is not a city of crime, small crimes like theft and hold-up's do happen as in the rest of the world. Most houses have high walls and gates to protect your property. Some people have guards or security personnel on 24 hour duty for extra safety. Burglar



alarms or closed video systems complete the feeling of safety. Choose the best option for your safety.

### **Alpha Industries**

61, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:43 3837

Fire proof cabinets, home safes etc. (also steel furniture).

### **Alpex Network Security**

110, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 0497

Security and fire protection

### **Key Security Services**

13, De Fonseka Place, Col. 4. Tel.:50 0540-42 Fax.:50 0540

Security equipment, alarm systems and guards.

### **Monaro Group 4**

14/14a, Vajira Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:50 1065 Fax.:59 0582

Security guards.

### **Safrex International**

223, Ward Place, Col. 7. Tel.:57 2280 Fax.:44 6543

Security equipment and alarm systems.

### **Securo Dynamics**

26, Rotunda Gardens, Col. 3. Tel.:43 9710 Fax.:44 0132

Security equipment and alarm systems.

### **Solar Hot Water Systems**

**S**ri Lanka is ideally placed to use the sun as the medium to heat water. A number of systems are offered, both locally produced as well as imported systems. Once the system is installed, the maintenance is very limited and should function for years to come.

### **CIC**

199, Kew Rd., Col. 2. Tel.:32 8421-6 Fax.:44 0894

Locally produced solar hot water systems under the Solco brand.

### **Pubudu Enterprises**

64, Hospital Rd., Mulleriyu Town. Tel./Fax.:57 8096

Locally produced low cost systems.

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**Solahart Sri Lanka**

13 1/5, Lloyds Building, Sir Baron Jayathileke Maw., Col. 1. Tel.:43 6980-81  
Fax.:59 2998

Imported hot water systems from Australia.

**Sonali Enterprises**

349, Old Moor Str., Col. 14. Tel./Fax.:32 0195

**Telephone Bill (SLT)**

**A** specified bill is sent every two months and has to be paid by cheque or cash at one of the offices mentioned on the reverse of the bill. Only pay what is under the heading of “charges for the period” since administration is slow to calculate your previous payments. A security code can be provided to lock your connection for unauthorised use. This prevents IDD (International Direct Dialling) calls being made in your absence. It is recommended to have a surge protector installed in line with your telephone set. This acts as a fuse when lightning strikes the overhead wires. When thunder and lightning occurs, do not use your phone and preferably disconnect the set from the line. For repairs and failures, report to the same office as you make your payments (see also under Communication).

**T.V. & Radio**

**A** licence has to be purchased (nominal fee) at a post office for the use of a T.V. or radio set. Inspectors go around the houses to check. Unplug the antenna when the T.V. set is not in use. This prevents damage from lightning. It makes good sense to place a stabiliser between your radio / T.V. set and the plugpoint.

**Capital Radio** at 100.4 FM

3rd Floor Liberty Plaza.

**Dynavision**

451/A, Kandy Rd., Kelaniya. Tel.:91 3550

**ETV**

676, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:59 5121

**Independant Television Network**

Wickremasinghepura, Battaramula. Tel.:86 5491



**MTV**

Araliya Uyana, Depanama, Pannipitiya. Tel.:85 1543

**Rupavahini**

Independence Square, Col. 7. Tel.:50 1050

**TNL at 101.7 & 90 FM.**

Tower Bldg., Station Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:43 0859  
e-mail:tnlradio@sri.lanka.net

**Yes FM Stereo**

MBC Networks, 101, 2nd Floor, D.S. Senanayake Maw., Borella.

**Water**

**W**atersupply by well or tube is the cheapest since no payment has to be made for water consumption. Tap water is supplied by the National Watersupply and Drainage Board. Depending on the area, water consumption can either be charged each month on previous estimates, or a meter reader comes to your house to check the actual consumption. The bill has to be paid at one of the offices mentioned on the reverse of the bill, either by cash or cheque. Only pay what is under the heading of "consumption for the period" since administration is slow to calculate your previous payments. Leaks and repairs have to be reported at that same office.

**Miscellaneous**

**Alcon** (ladders)  
499, Galle Rd., Rawathawatta, Moratuwa. Tel.:64 7364

**Asian Hardware** (ladders)  
35, 3rd Cross Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 4443 Fax.:34 2785

**Daya & Company** (ladders)  
116, Sri Sumanatissa Maw., Col. 12. Tel.:43 6784

**Finlanka**  
67B, Galla Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:73 3246

All kinds of metal works, manufactures also metal garden furniture, swings, tables etc.

Send in



response card and Win!



**Havelock Janitor Service**

55/7, Swama Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:50 1061, 59 5982

Professional cleaning service for carpets, floors, sofa's etc.

**K Shine Cleaning Services**

618, Aluth Mawatte, Col. 15. Tel.:52 2999, 072 -241884 Fax.:52 3804

Full service to your doorstep for floors, carpets, sofa's curtains etc.

**Mascons (ladders)**

175, Sri Sumanatissa Maw., Col.12. Tel.:32 5561

**Rowlands (gasstoves & ladders)**

38, Edward Lane (corner Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:50 2609

**Vajira Mobile**

4, Vajira Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:84 619-27, 58 0332-33 Fax.:50 8256

Building and house maintenance. For renovation work large or small.



## **Interior Decoration**

### **Designers Home**

470, Havelock Rd., Col. 6.

Besides materials, a full service on Interior Decoration is undertaken.

### **JAT Holdings**

169, Kynsey Rd., Col. 8. Tel.:69 2629, 68 4424 Fax.:68 4423

Sell vertical blinds, carpets, vinyl tiles and other floor coverings, also suspended ceilings and partitions.



### **New Interiors**

115, Maya Avenue, Col. 5. Tel.:50 3661 Fax.:86 3917

Interior decoration for homes and offices (see also under furniture).



## **Jewellers**

Sri Lanka is famous for its jewellery. Since labour is cheap, the gold is crafted into marvellous extravagant designs. Jewellers are big business since jewellery is a must for Sri Lankan women to get married as a part of the dowry. It is also considered as a safety for hard times (the jewellery can be pawned for cash). Most jewellery you see at weddings is real, the more glitter the more status. "Not a single place on the bride is kept free", whether it be the ears, forehead, nose, head, arms, fingers or legs and toes, everywhere is covered with golden jewellery and sometimes even with a setting of precious stones. The price of a piece of jewellery consists of two things: it's weight in gold (and the stones used if any), and the labour cost to craft it. That is why almost everything is weighed before a price can be mentioned. Jewellers are fond of foreign currency and prices vary strongly from place to place. Some jewellers specialise in gold, others in precious or semi-precious stones. When stones are bought, it is advisable to have the quality checked at the National Gem & Jewellery Authority before purchasing. Always ask for a certificate of purchase, you may need it on your time of departure. Sea Street and its adjoining roads (Col. 11 turn left at the end of Main Street coming from Fort) is the most famous neighbourhood for plain gold jewellery. The bigger jewellery stores can be found along Galle Road, Duplication Road, the bigger shopping complexes and at the 5-star hotels. **Never buy jewellery or stones direct from the streets, unless you are an expert!**

### **105 Lalitha**

105, Sea Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 3691, 43 1993 Fax.:43 6343  
442, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 7451, 57 7452  
Fax.:57 7454

### **Alankara**

42, Ground Floor, New Wing, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 7233

### **Bullion Exchange**

521, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 1507

Not a glamorous place, but straight forward dealing and very fair prizes for every customer!



### **① Ceylinco Gem & Jewellery Salon**

15A, Alfred Place (corner Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 5690, 57 5695  
Fax.:43 8417 website:<http://www.itmin.com/gems>

Manufactured by Blue Diamonds Worldwide and a truly unique Sri Lankan invention; Diamonds set in a so called "Clear Carbonlokd" setting, small diamonds in a transparent setting. This method shows the full beauty and brilliance of the diamonds not possible or seen in any other setting. Rings, pendants, earrings, and special items all come with a lifetime warranty and the possibility of combining them with gemstones in green (cultured Emerald) and black (midnifortum). Brand names: Fior-Drissage, De Foreverset, Treasure Island and Midnifortum. Export and sales all over the world.

### **Earl's Court**

399, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 6281, 57 6576 Fax.:57 4036

### **Goldstein**

**①** 210, Park Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:59 3530 Fax.:68 5555

Specialises in silver, handmade jewellery, plain or with gemstones. True craftsmanship combined with age-old traditions and love for their work. Special orders can be placed, also for export.

### **Mallika Hemachandra**

73, Horton Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 8531, 69 2315 Fax.:69 2315  
CR1, Ground Floor Liberty Plaza.

Manufacturer of Walt Disney silver jewellery and other designs.

### **Premadasa Jewellers**

560, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:59 5178, 59 5353

### **Regent Fine Jewels**

39G, Queens Building, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3.  
Tel.:078-68717, 57 7689

### **J.A. de Silva Jewellers**

42D, Ground Floor, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 6618



**Stone 'n' String**

30, De Vos Avenue (corner R.A. de Mel Maw.), Col. 4. Tel.:50 8747, 50 8748  
Fax.:58 4595

Specialises in modern jewellery with or without gem stones. Also available duty free at the airport and on flights from Emirates, Malaysian Air, Singapore Airlines and Air Lanka. Open 7 days of the week.

**Swarna Mahal**

676, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 2570, 59 0165 Fax.:59 0164

One of the largest jewellers in town. Classic designs in combination with stones. Other Swarna Mahal shops can be found all over town.

**Unique Jewels**

31, Lauries Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 7180, 50 1964 Fax.:59 0904

**Vogue Jewellers**

528, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3742, 57 3946

**Zam Gems**

81, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 9090 Fax.:58 0164 e-mail: zamgems@slt.lk  
Shopping complex at Hotel Lanka Oberoi and The Hilton.

Zam specialise in Sri Lankan gems & gem studded jewellery which can be seen on the first floor of their Galle Rd. head office and at their respective jewellery shops in the hotels. Opening soon at Crescat Boulevard.



## **Lawyers, Attorneys-at-Law**

Colombo, being the leading court in the country, has a large number of lawyers to choose from. They can be contacted through the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (Court Building). Be careful whom you choose since there are numerous charlatans working without supervision. To be on the safe side, make your choice from the many reputed law firms in town, and only if they are recommended by others. Inquire at your embassy for recommended names. Law firms often have combined strengths including the field of Notaries Public.

### **Bar Association of Sri Lanka**

129, Hulftsdorf Str., Col. 12. Tel.:44 7134

### **De Livera Associates**

33 1/2, Shrubbery Gardens, Col. 4. Tel.:58 4622

### **D.L. & F. De Saram**

47, Alexandra Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 5410 Fax.:58 7974

### **F.J. & G. De Saram**

1, Mudalinge Maw., Col. 1. (State Bank of India Building). Tel.:32 7414

### **Julius & Creasy**

22 3/1, Sir Baron Jayatilleke Maw., Col. 1. (Hongkong & Shanghai Bank).  
Tel.:42 2601 Fax.:44 6663

### **K.P. Law Associates**

218, Hulftdorp Str., Col. 12. Tel.:43 7412 Fax.:43 7047

### **Varners Lanka Law Office**

11, Deal Place, Col. 3. Tel.:57 4915 Fax.:57 4917



## **Leather Products**

Although Sri Lanka is not known for its leatherwork, there are a number of very good companies who manufacture and export quality items like, bags, shoes, belts, wallets etc.

### **Ceylon Boot Manufactory**

16, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:32 9053,  
100, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:59 3252

Shoes and other leatherware.

### **Leather Collection**

102/1A, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7.  
33C, First Floor, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3.  
3-54, Majestic City, Col. 4.

High quality leather products: shoes, bags, belts, jackets etc.

### **P.G. Martin Industries**

297, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5161 Also at Majestic City.

Shoes, jackets, belts, bags etc. of export quality. Also products made to order.



## **Lessons**

### **Alliance Française de Colombo**

11, Barnes Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 4162, 69 8196

French language courses.

### **Marjorie de Alwiss School**

367, Highlevel Rd., Nugegoda.

School for Drama, Speech and Ballet.

### **The British Council**

49, Alfred House Gardens, Col. 3. Tel.:58 0301

English language courses as well as lessons in Sinhalese language for foreigners.

### **Cantata Singers, Mr. Babi Chellappah**

6, Chelsey Gardens, Col. 3. Tel.:57 7839

Anyone who likes to sing classical songs can join. Practise on Tuesdays 18:30-19:30 at the Kollupitiya Methodist Church. No fees are charged. Proceeds of concerts go to projects in need.

### **Mrs. Mala Chellappah**

6, Chelsey Gardens, Col. 3. Tel.:57 7839

Teaches classical piano at her home. Most important is a love for music in general rather than learning a tune.

### **Deanna School of Dancing**

120/20, Vidya Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:69 7277

Ballet lessons for girls and boys.

### **Goethe Institute**

39, Gregory's Rd., Col. 5. (opposite CIS), Tel.:69 4562

Lessons in the German language.

### **Jasteca Japanese Language Classes**

4, 22nd Lane, Col. 3. Tel./Fax.:44 9057

Japanese language and culture classes conducted at the Sasakawa Cultural Centre.

### **Musica Harmonica**

Contact Clair Burnill on Tel.:57 5253.



**Strickttempo Danceschool**

49, Fredrica Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:72 6923

Ballroom & Latin American dance lessons.

**Swimming Lessons**

Colombo Swimming Club, Mr. Fayze from 15:00 - 17:00 on weekdays, Otters Aquatic Club.

**Tennis Lessons**

Colombo Swimming Club, Trans Asia Hotel (sports centre), Hilton Sports Club, Taj Samudra, Walter Diaz (Tel.:64 6516)

**Underwater Safaris**

25C, Barnes Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 4012 Fax.:69 8730

Scuba diving lessons for PADI certificates. Regular diving outside Colombo harbour, South in Hikkaduwa, Little Bases or any other part can be arranged. Ask for Valerie.

**The Workshop Players**

Director Jerome L. de Silva. Tel.:58 7113, 58 7514, or Sam at 071-5611

All Amateurs (capital A) with a more than professional attitude and dedication to create theatre in it's widest sense. No fees or classes to pay, but pure dedication and sweat is the price you must be willing to pay to be in the spotlights. Talent is always needed wether you're old or young, female or male all are welcome as long as you are over 12 years of age. Rehersals: Sundays 10:00 - 14:00 Venue: Sudharshi (opposite the B.M.I.C.H.).



## **Libraries**

### **The British Council Library**

49, Alfred House Gardens, Col. 3. Tel.:58 0301

The best library in town for all English medium literature. Separate section for resource and a separate children section. Also information centre on U.K. studies and language courses. Closed on Sunday and Monday. Very helpful librarian and other personnel. Membership can be obtained for a very reasonable yearly fee. Copy service for reference section. Rental of entertainment and educational video's. Open from 9:00 - 16:00.

### **Export Development Board library**

Trans Asia Hotel (right side), 155, Sir Chittampalam Gardiner Maw., Col. 2.

Open from 9:00 - 16:00 on weekdays, admission free. Resource centre on economic issues. Reference books and magazines from around the world in the English language are available only for study. Copy service available.

### **National Library of Sri Lanka**

14, Independence Avenue, Col. 7. Tel.:69 8847, 68 5199 Fax.:68 5201

Open from 9:00 - 17:00. Closed on Monday. For reference only. Has regular exhibitions on several subjects besides books. Also a large collection of Ola leaves. The library features a special Martin Wickramasinghe Hall as a tribute to this great Sri Lankan author who has had many books translated. The (permanent) exhibition shows the rebuilt home of the author with his book cabinets, writing table complete with jacket and typewriter. Unfortunately, the writer himself is not at home! A number of his books and translations are also on display.

### **Public Library**

Marcus Fernando Maw. (close to War Memorial), Col. 7.

Open from 8:00 - 18:30. Closed on Wednesday. Lending library for those who have a membership (nominal fee). Always crowded. Magazine / newspaper section, books, childrens books etc. Large collection in three languages.



## **Liquor**

Alcoholic beverages can only be sold by shops who have a license. On Poya days these outlets can not sell any alcohol. The national drink is arrack produced in a large variety from artificial to pure coconut and old arrack. Well known brands are: Mendis, DGL, Rockland, International Distillers. Consumption of local produced beer, has seen a sharp rise in the past year. Partly due to its quality and partly because the prices have come down. Carlsberg, Lion and Three Coins are popular brands. Specialised stores also sell imported liquor like brandy, whiskey and wines.

### **Ariyapala**

54, Lauries Rd. corner R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 4.  
Tel.:50 2299, 503198

Beer, arrack, imported liquor, wine etc. Also groceries, ice-cubes etc.

### **Borella Stores**

51, D.S. Senanayake Maw., Borella. Tel.:69 5443, 69 5685

Local and imported beer and liquor.

### **Cargills Ceylon**

40, York Str., Col. 1. Tel.:32 9331 (also at Food City Staple Str.).

Arrack, beer (local and imported), imported liquor and wine.

### **Cocktail Circle**

425/19, Failine Bld. Col. 3. Tel.:58 7904 Fax.:33 1534

A whole range of imported and local spirits. Easy parking.

### **Delmege Forsyth**

101, Vinayalankara Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:69 3361, 69 9500

Duty free sales of imported liquor.

### **Free Lanka Trading**

409, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5841 Fax.:57 5245

Duty free sales of imported liquor.





**High Spirits**

294, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:32 4378, 43 5854

Imported and local liquor, beer and wine.

**Home Delight** (Ceylon Wine)

210, Negombo Rd., Wattala. Tel.:93 2967

Locally produced fruit- and grape wine. Also for sale in the well known supermarkets.

**Orient Lanka**

27 3/1, 3rd Floor, York Arcade, Col. 1. Tel.:43 8012 Fax.:43 1580

Duty free sales at the airport. Also normal and duty free sales at 21 Ground floor Liberty Plaza.

**Premasiri Supermarket**

253, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. (Opposite Liberty Plaza),  
Tel.:072-41396, 57 5683 Fax.:57 4381

Local and imported liquor, beer and wine.

**Rite Spirits**

109, D.S. Senanayake Maw., Borella. Tel.:69 6101-05

A newly established shop owned by CTC Trading.

There are plans to set-up a cash and carry outlet at the same premises.

**Royal Wine Stores**

177C, Stanley Thilakarathna Maw., Nugegoda.

Beer, arrack, some imported liquor.

**Shalima Wine Stores**

290B, Highlevel Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:85 2602

Beer, arrack, some imported liquor.

**Shaw Wallace & Hedges**

353, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4358, 57 3060-7

**Wine Cellar**

36, Ground Floor, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 4522 Fax.:57 5815

Extremely well stocked liquor store with the whole range of top quality foreign brands spirits and wines. Members of the Bachus Club enjoy benefits such as regular meetings, wine tastings and special privileges for home parties. Wine Cellar can also provide a full beverage catering service for parties.





## **Medical**

### **Ambulance Service**

All hospitals do have an ambulance service. Those mentioned below specialise in it.

**(A) Medi-Calls**  
26, Clifford Avenue, Col. 3. Tel.:57 5475 Fax.:57 7833

This company provides a unique service to the greater Colombo area going beyond only ambulance service. It's operation stretches out from Wattala to Moratuwa and as far as Maharagama. They guarantee a doctor at your house in case of an emergency on a 24 hour, 365 days a year basis. Their close contacts with medical institutions as well as with experienced doctors on call and a fully equipped ambulance with paramedic staff at hand, can make the difference in an emergency. How does it work? As a family you need to register for a very low yearly fee to be entitled for this service. If a doctor is needed you just call 575-475 and the communication centre will send a doctor / ambulance to your house. A fixed (low) fee is charged for this consultation and/or the use of the ambulance. While on the way, the communication centre has already informed the hospital of your choice about the emergency so no valuable time is wasted once there. If the emergency is not so critical that the physical attention of a doctor is needed, you can always call the centre to talk to a qualified doctor in order to get valuable advise on a medical situation. This professional service is in operation for over 12 years and we can not think of any reason why people should not register with Medi-Calls.

**Red Cross Society**  
106, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:69 1095

### **Ayurvedic**

This branch of the medical profession is popular among locals. Common ailments are frequently treated by



ayurvedic doctors. The real doctors have taken a special study in ayurvedic medicines at one of the training institutes. It is a age old traditional way of curing ailments with the help of what nature provides. This can be extracts from plants, leaves, fruits, herbs, seeds etc. to be taken orally or used in compresses, oils or pills. Unfortunately a chemical substitute is also often used. Herbal baths and massage with special oils can be a welcome relief in todays stressful world. Unfortunately not all “services” offered are of authentic ayurvedic practice. However, a good massage or herbal steam bath can be very relaxing.

**Dr. Jayantha B. Edirisinghe**

45, Kotahena Str., Col. 13. Tel.:43 1530

**Dr. D.C. Kumarage**

189, Danister de Silva Maw. (Baseline Rd), Borella. Tel.:69 8336, 92 6003

**Dr. K.S. Ranasinghe**

57, Yatiyana, Maharagama. Tel.:45 3481

**Pancha Karma Centre**

1, De Alwis Avenue, Mount Lavinia. Tel.:72 2612

Managed by Connaissance Hotel Management. Also at Culture Club Dambulla (Veda Medura) and Le Kandyan, Kandy. Centres are supervised by a ayurvedic physician (Tel.:072-69327)

**Siddhalepa Ayurveda Hospitals (Pvt.) Ltd.**

106A, Templer's Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:72 2509, 72 2524

33/3, Sri Dharmarama Rd., Ratmalana, Tel.:73 6910 Fax.:73 5465

Full ayurvedic treatment in-house or day basis.

**Singhe Ayurvedic Research Institute**

Yatiyana, Maharagama. Tel.:45 3060

**Sri Lanka Rasayanagaraya**

234, Galle Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:71 3658

**D.N. Warnasuriya**

99/2, Gothami Rd., Borella. Tel.:69 5100

On Friday & Saturday only.



## Dentists

All hospitals also provide dental service.

### **Dental Laboratory for Precision**

75/N, H.P.T. Homes, Katuwawala, Boralesgamuwa. Tel.:51 8014

Specialises in metal dentures, crowns and bridges. The only manufacturer of chrome cobalt dentures in Sri Lanka. Friendly personnel and (compared to foreign countries) low prices.

### **Dr. M.S. Ozeer**

5, De Fonseka Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:50 1968

### **Dr. Asoka Ratnayake**

207/8, Dharmapala Maw. Col. 7. Tel.:69 2562

## Equipment

### **Fern Enterprises** (wheelchairs etc.)

15/2, Barnes Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 6926

Very good quality of imported items. Adapted household items and aids for the handicapped. Special bandages and incontinence products. Professional doctors equipment such as blood pressure meters, stethoscopes, otoscopes etc.

### **Jayasinghe Opticians** (hearing aids)

41, Symonds Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:69 9733

### **Rehab Lanka**

Kettarama, Temple Rd., Maligawatte, Col. 10. Tel.:68 9287

### **Walk-Rite** (wheelchairs, crutches etc.)

191, Deans Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:69 4034

### **J.M. Wickramarachchi Opticians** (hearing aids, Danavox dealer)

436, High Level Rd., Delkanda, Nugegoda. Tel.:85 4564

73C, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:43 8946 Fax.:81 0642

## General Physicians

### **Dr. A.T. Navaratnam**

Galadari Hotel, Tel.:54 4544 & Private: 117, Inner Flower Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3577, 57 3322



**Dr. Mrs. Chitrangani Perera**

Delmon Hospital, Tel.:58 6893, 58 3726

**Dr. Puvimanasinghe**

20/7, Rodney Str., Col. 8. Tel.:69 5280, 69 1935 Pager:50 2235-7

**Homoeopathic****Dr. G.G. Aponso**

82, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 3994

**Dr. H.T. Anandarajah**

106, Manning Place, Col. 6. Tel.:50 1248

Consultation hours 9:00 -12:00, 17:00 - 19:00 after appointment only. Takes his time for you. Well recommended also by expats.

**Homoeopathic Medical Centre**

23 A, Amarasekera Maw., Col. 5. Tel.:58 8899

**Hospitals****Asha Central Hospital**

37, Horton Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 6411-12, 69 8651 Fax.:69 7682

Private hospital with the latest facilities. Operating theatres, laboratory, X-ray, intensive care etc. Rooms AC/non AC with telephone & T.V.

**Asiri Hospitals**

181, Kirula Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:50 0608-12, 50 8766-67

Private hospital with OPD facilities, operating theatres, laboratory, X-ray, etc. New wing recently built with deluxe rooms.

**Delmon Hospital**

258, Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 0343, 50 1438 Fax.:58 3717

Conveniently located with friendly staff and good equipment.

**Joseph Fraser Memorial Hospital**

Joseph Fraser Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 8466

A maternity hospital in typical British style. Is well known with the expat community since many women give birth to their babies here.



**Nawaloka Hospital**

73, Sir James Peiris Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:54 4444-7, 43 0390 Fax.:54 1521

The largest private hospital in Colombo with excellent facilities and fully equipped with the latest medical instruments and diagnostics.. For channel consultation go in the morning as in the evening it is crowded. For expats take your residents visa to show, other wise they charge you double the amount.

**Neptune Hospitals**

186, Park Rd., Col. 5 Tel.:59 0200-02, 58 7715 Fax.:69 8302

Newly refurbished small hospital. O.P.D., laboratory, operating theatre, specialist consultation and pharmacy.

**Immunisation**

There is no “universal” scheme for immunisation. Personal preferences and risk factors as age (young / old) have to be accounted for. Health treatment in Sri Lanka is good, however, preventing infections and diseases is always better than curing. Some embassies have good health schemes. Malaria and dengue fever are regularly experienced, also in Colombo. These diseases are mosquito born and as such it is very important to keep mosquitoes at a distance. When experiencing high fever, ALWAYS consult a doctor.

**Laboratories**

All hospitals can provide these facilities, however it can take a while before it is your turn. The companies mentioned below are a good alternative and they work fast and accurately.

**Colombo Diagnostics**

62, Cotta Rd., Col. 8. Tel.:69 4102 Fax.:57 5472 e-mail:andy@sri.lanka.net

Fast, clean and accurate. Well recommended.

**Glass House Diagnostic**

48, Sir Marcus Fernando Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:69 1322, 69 3398

**Medi House**

22, Sri Sangaraja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:42 3230 Fax.:42 3231



**Medilab**

150, Baudhaloka Maw., Col. 4. Tel.:43 4702, 44 0639

**MediServe Medical services**

275, 277, Grandpass Rd., Col. 14. Tel.:43 4899

**Massage**

Although it will not be difficult to get hold of some addresses from so called “massage parlours”, you will not find them in Hands on Colombo. Adresses given below are all reputed, where a good remedical- or relaxing massage can be obtained.

**Pancha Karma Centre**

1, De Alwis Avenue, Mount Lavinia. Tel.:72 2612

**Ratne Health Centre**

(A) 13, Adams Avenue (the road next to Showboat restaurant, off Thummulla Junction), Col. 4. Tel.:58 4694.

Genuine massage therapy, reflexology and accupressure for both women and man. Mr. Ratna has over 40 years of experience and his staff are personally trained by him. Very flexible working hours also during weekends and holidays. Well recommanded for his results. Think about it when you drop in your hotel after an exhausting flight and jetlag. His good massage will soon get you back on your feet.

**Pharmacy**

All hospitals have pharmacies, most are open 24 hours a day. Medicines are more expensive here than at independent pharmacies. Well known brands can be obtained, as well as cheaper “similar” products from countries like India and Pakistan. Some drugs can be purchased outright, for some you need a prescription.

**City Dispensary**

505, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:69 5897

**Homoeo Pharmacy**

142 B 1/1, Galle Rd., Dehiwela South. Tel.:73 6771



**Osu Sala**

Lipton Circus, Col. 7. Tel.:69 4716

Open 24 hours a day.

**Sams**

117, Stanley Tilakaratne Maw., Nugegoda. Tel.:85 2204

**Ward Place Pharmacy**

24A, Ward Place, Col. 7.

**Specialists**

**In Sri Lanka specialist doctors can be consulted directly without first having to go to a general physician .**

**Dr. Abeyesirigunawardena** (Gynaecologist)

Delmon Hospital. Tel.:58 6893, 58 3726

**Dr. Fernando** (Paediatrician)

Joseph Frazier Nursing Home. Tel.:58 8466

**Dr. Gunaratne** (Paediatrician)

Joseph Frazier Nursing Home. Tel.:58 8466

**Dr. C.A.B. Makuloluwa** (Eye Surgeon)

Ward Place Private Hospitals, 2, Sukhastan Gardens, Col. 7. (next to Ward Place Pharmacy). Tel.:69 8775, 68 6317

**Dr. Mrs. V. Navaratnam** (Paediatrician)

117, Inner Flower Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3577, 57 3322

**Dr. Seneviratne** (Paediatrician)

Tel.:69 8842

**Dr. Neville Perera** (Urological Surgeon)

Nawaloka Hospital. Tel.: 54 4444-7

**Dr. Percy de Silva / Dr. Upendra de Silva** (Dermatologists)

17/2, Lauries Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 8679

**Dr. Stella G. de Silva** (Paediatrician)

100/9, Horton Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 1518

**Dr. Nandana Wijayaweera** (ENT Specialist)

Tel.:82 6638 Practises at Nawaloka at evening time (very nice for children).



Miscellaneous**Sheri Louise**

18, Alfred House Avenue, Col. 3. Tel.:50 1077, 50 0018

Well recommended for it's slimming program for Ladies and Gentlemen.



## **Motor Cycles**

**B**esides the addresses given below, repairs and spare parts for a wide range of motor cycles can be found along the so called “Motor Boulevard” Jayantha Weerasekera Maw. Col. 10. (Take the right turn at Elphinstone Theatre and turn right again at the first traffic lights). All shops are located on your right hand side.

**AMW** (Yamaha dealer)

185, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:43 3371-8

Also outboard motors and jet-skis.

**David Pieris Motor Company** (Bajaj dealer)

69, Hyde Park Corner, Col. 2. Tel.:68 7167, 68 7169 Fax.:68 7175

**Goldwing Motors**

125, Nawala / Narahenpita Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 9963

Also renting facilities.

**Stafford Motor Co.** (Honda dealer)

718/7, Maradana Rd. (off Maradana Rd.), Col. 10. Tel.:69 8150, 69 4362 Fax.:69 7423

**Suzuki Motors Lanka**

331, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:44 0888-9



## **Movers & Packers**

See also under clearing agents.

### **ACE Cargo**

315, Vauxhall Str., Col. 2. Tel.:32 7254, 33 0579 Fax.:44 5589

### **E.B. Creasy & Co.**

98, Sri Sangaraja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:42 1311, 43 9848 Fax.:44 8534

### **H. Don Carolis & Sons**

65, Station Passage, Col. 2. Tel.:32 3163, 42 2405 Fax.:43 9600

### **Enes Associates**

22/2, 1st Lane, Old Nawala Rd., Nawala. Tel.:87 3925, 86 9694 Fax.:86 9694

### **Family Movers**

49, School Lane, Col. 3. Tel.:50 3040

### **Sam's Movers**

32, Araliya Place, Kalubowila, Dehiwela. Tel.:71 2986

Provides door to door service when moving in or out of Sri Lanka in colaboration with foreign movers. Very good recommendations from several embassies and diplomats. Also for transport in Sri Lanka.

### **Trans World Movers**

26, Col. T.G. Jayewardene Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5470, 57 7761 Fax.:57 5642

Door to door service.

### **Trio Lanka Trading Co. Ltd.**

132A 1, High Level Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:82 0137, 82 0989 Fax.:81 0360



## **Museums**

### **Bandaranaike Museum**

at the B.M.I.C.H. (Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall)  
2-101, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:69 1131

Gives details about Prime Minister Bandaranaike in documents, photo's and recordings.

### **Dutch Period Museum**

Prince Str., Col. 11. Tel.:44 8466

Open: 9:00 - 17:00 Closed on Fridays. Located in an old mansion built in the period of the Dutch occupation and can be found in the heart of Pettah. Once inside it is surprisingly quiet, although you are in the midst of hectic Pettah. Costumes, furniture and other objects are displayed in this monument to reveal a little of bygone days. Take a rest on the verandah and it is easy to understand why the Dutch loved this place.

### **National Museum**

Sir Marcus Fernando Rd., Col. 7. Tel.:69 4366, 69 4767

Open: 9:00 - 17:00 Historic collection of antiques, paintings, furniture and cultural exhibits.

### **Natural History Museum**

104, Ananda Coomaraswamy Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:69 1399

Open: 9:00 - 17:00 Closed on Fridays. Exhibition of natural historic objects.



## **Music**

### **CD's & Cassettes**

#### **CD USA**

51, Alexandra Place, Col. 7. Tel./Fax.:68 3017

CD's, laserdiscs etc. straight from the USA.

#### **Lake House Book Shop**

1-34 G-K, First Floor, Liberty Plaza, New Wing.

#### **Titus Stores**

1-29, First Floor, Liberty Plaza. Tel.:57 4446

#### **Torana**

Majestic City & Liberty Plaza, Tel.:58 8614, 57 4723

A wide choice of pop music on cd as well as on cassettes. Has a wide variety of Sri Lankan music.

#### **Wickremasooriya & Co.**

47/2, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:42 2838

Specialises in Buddhist Cassettes with pirith's and poems.

### **Groups**

#### **Eternal Soul**

Soul Entertainments. Tel.:071-45555

### **Instruments & Supplies, Sound Systems**

#### **Andrew Car Stereo**

73E, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 3.

#### **Audio Systems Lanka**

4, Palmyrah Avenue, Col. 3. Tel.:50 0697 Fax.:82 7347

Hifi systems and speakers.

#### **Aynaf Music Corner**

435, Regent Plaza, 2nd. division, Maradana Rd., Col. 10.

#### **Cygnat Technologies**

300, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 3470

Imported home theatre systems, loudspeakers, amplifiers, laserdisc players etc.



**Elite Radio** (Wharfedale dealer)

32, Keyzer Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 9744-5

HiFi loudspeaker systems.

**Gehantex Music Centre**

Lucky Plaza, St. Anthony's Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3141, 57 4817

**The HiFi Centre**

514, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:58 0442, 503174

**MCS Music Co.**

Basement, Lucky Plaza, St. Anthony's Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:69 2746, 57 4681

**Mabroc Trades (Pvt) Ltd.**

138, St. Michael's Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 1639, 50 1567 Fax.:50 1567

Piano sale, repair and tuning.

**Metropolitan Electronics**

18 Ground Floor, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 7946

Home sound systems, portables etc.

**Music Makers**

108-A/1, Stanley Thilekeratne Maw., Nugegoda. Tel.:85 2692 Fax.:82 3874

Sound systems, schoolband instruments, organs, drums, keyboards etc. Very good and friendly service.

**Nalin Music Centre**

542, 2nd division, Maradana Rd., Col. 10.

**Pioneers Sound**

19 B, Green Path, Kohuwala. Tel.:85 4681 Fax.:85 4681

Musical instruments like guitars, keyboards, drums and accessories like stands, pedals, music stands and many more.

**Petco Lanka**

469, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 8336

Car stereo sets, for sales, service and installation.

**J.I. Piano Centre**

294, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:59 0106, 93 1186

Through a unique scheme it is now possible to own a piano. The shop guarantees to take the piano back at the same price if you have to leave the island.



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**Siedles** (Sony, Bose, Aiwa dealer)

150/3, Ward Place Col. 7. Tel.:69 7952 &amp; Liberty Plaza ground floor (a new showroom will be opened on Daisy Avenue (R.A. de Mel Maw.).

Electronic keyboards and other electronic musical instruments. Audio systems, car stereo, video, t.v.'s and a range of accessories from cables to batteries, tapes plugs etc. Also professional sound and vision equipment.

**Symphony Music Specialist**

438/2, Havelock Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 1972 Fax.:50 0544 e-mail: symphony@sri.lanka.net

Specialises in sheet music, tapes, CD's and musical video's. Agents for Royal School of Music Publishers London for all their publications. Import from USA, UK and Canada.

**V.M. Music**

155/15, Castle Str., Borella. Tel.:86 2075

**Wide Range Music**

53/11, Kirulapone Avenue, Col. 5. Tel.:071-55941 Fax.:58 1186

**Yamaha Music Centre**

64, Ananda Coomaraswamy Maw. (Greenpath), Col. 7. Tel.:57 5506, 57 3407

Electronic musical instruments, also piano, percussion etc. Also music school (see also under Music Lessons)

**Lessons****Mrs. Sweka Amarasinghe**

Tel.:86 5473

Conducts piano as well as flute lessons at the clients homes. Lessons are half an hour on a weekly basis.

**Mary Ann David**

10, Alwiss Place, Col. 3.

The Merry An Singers are a very popular choir, consisting of kids, young adults and adults. When they give a performance or concert, the place is fully booked. On the address given, Mary Ann practises here with her students on Thursdays from 18:00 - 19:30 and on Fridays from 17:30 to 19:30.



**Mr. Navin Fernando**

237/1, Galle Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:72 2530, 72 2539

A professional with 15 years experience in brass instruments. Lessons take half an hour each week at the above address. Well recommended.

**Lakshman Joseph de Saram**

Musician and violinist. Tel.: 58 6130, 58 4114 e-mail:jdesaram@eureka.lk

Lakshman studied violin in New York City for 7 years with Tossy Spivakowsky, former concert-master of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, he took master classes with virtuoso Ruggiero Ricci and advanced chamber music with Stanley Bednar. Lakshman is currently involved in establishing a more globally accessible alternate national (Sri Lankan) musical identity, using the music of Premasiri Khemadasa (Sri Lankas leading composer). He also conducts music-appreciation and violin classes on an individual basis mainly for gifted children and young adults. Entrance is by audition but is non-competitive.

**Sita de Saram**

Contact her on Tel.:58 4114

A Fellow of the Trinity College of Music London, with wide experience in teaching wind instruments as well as the piano.

**Mrs. Lilani Weerakoon**

237/1, Galle Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:72 2530, 72 2539

A professional with 15 years experience in wind instruments. Lessons take half an hour each week at the above address. Well recommended.

**Yamaha Music School**

64, Ananda Coomaraswamy Maw. (Greenpath), Col. 7. Tel.:57 5506, 57 3407

Basic and advanced music lessons in groups and individually from 5 years upwards.



## **Newspapers & Magazines**

A number of English newspapers and magazines are published in Sri Lanka. Some of them also have a site on the Internet for international reference. In these days of security threats, the newspapers are under the censorship of the government. In good English tradition, Sri Lanka also has a number of Sunday papers. The Sunday issues are widely used for advertising.

### **Associated Newspapers of Ceylon**

Lake House (corner D.R. Wijewardana Maw. & Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw.), Col. 2. Tel.:42 1181 Fax.:44 9069 e-mail:edcdn@sri.lanka.net

Publisher of the Daily News, Observer (evening paper) and Sunday Observer.

### **Business Today**

24, Temple Lane, Col. 3. Tel.:50 3109, 071-23490 Fax.:50 3109  
e-mail:btoday@sri.lanka.net Website on: <http://www.btoday.com>

Monthly colourful, well compiled magazine for today's businessnews in Sri Lanka.

### **Explore Sri Lanka**

24, Temple Lane, Col. 3. Tel.:50 3109, 071-23490 Fax.:50 3109  
e-mail:explore@sri.lanka.net Website on: <http://www.explore.com>

Colourful, attractive and glossy monthly magazine for tourists visiting Sri Lanka. Distributed free of charge through hotels and shops. Also sent to your home for an annual fee.

### **Infolink PC World Magazine**

256, Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:50 2111-5 e-mail:infolink@sri.lanka.net

A local computer magazine with articles compiled from earlier publications of international computer magazines.

### **Lanka Guardian**

246, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel./Fax.:44 7584 e-mail guardian@sri.lanka.net

A fortnightly publication on controversial local issues. Comments and articles are published on issues avoided by other magazines and newspapers. The best chance of getting one is straight from the publisher.



**Lanka Monthly Digest**

Media Services, 238/5 Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel./Fax.:59 6089  
e-mail:imd@sri.lanka.net

Monthly magazine, focused on the business community in Sri Lanka with issues of interest to this target group.

**The Linc**

71A, Gregory's Rd., Col. 7. Tel.:69 1718, 87 4673 Fax.:68 6109  
e-mail:linc@sri.lanka.net

Monthly magazine for the international community.

**Midweek Mirror**

Wijeya Newspapers, 47, W.A.D. Ramanayake Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:33 1275, 32 8889 Fax.:42 3921 e-mail:mirror@sri.lanka.net

**The Island**

Upali Newspapers, 223, K. Cyril C. Perera Maw., Col. 13. Tel.:32 4001-4

**The Sunday Leader**

85, Ward Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 8840, 68 6047 Fax.:69 9968

**The Sunday Times**

Wijeya Newspapers, 47, W.A.D. Ramanayake Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:32 8889 Fax.:42 3921

**Travel Lanka**

Pace publishers, G-5, Vipulasena Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:68 3571 Fax.:69 2195

Monthly magazine for the tourist and traveler in Sri Lanka.

**Weekend Express**

Express Newspapers, 185, Grandpass Rd., Col. 14. Tel.:43 9985. 32 0881 Fax.:44 8205



## **Night Clubs**

Night clubs or discotheques are mostly within the premises of the major hotels. From 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. you can experience Colombo night life. Some are more strict about dress codes than others; however, "smart casual" is the standard. What this stands for is decided at the entrance. Hotel guests do not have to pay an entrance fee, but clubs charge a fee for non-members or guest. Special promotions, dances and attractions are regularly organised.

### **The Blue Elephant**

The Colombo Hilton, Echelon Square, Col. 1.

Good old Blue is well known throughout Colombo, mainly because it is part of The Hilton. The interior needs a facelift if it does not want to loose its standing.

### **Chapter 1**

Hotel Lanka Oberoi, Galle Rd., Col. 3.

While the Oberoi is getting a complete facelift, let's hope they do not forget this dark corner. It desperately needs an upgrade to keep pace with demands.

### **My Kind of Place**

Taj Samudra Hotel, Galle Face Green, Col. 2.

### **The Library**

Trans Asia Hotel, 155, Sir Chittampalam Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:54 4200  
Fax.:44 9184

Well-known for its relaxed atmosphere. Members only.

### **Little Hut**

Mount Lavinia Hotel, Mount Lavinia.

### **Saxophone Jazz Club**

46B, Galle Rd., Col. 3. (opposite Oberoi).

The Saxophone always has a live band playing, which is not strictly "Jazz". The atmosphere is relaxed and pleasant; a pity, however, that the place is so small.



**Valentino's**

Galadari Hotel, Lotus Rd., Col. 1. Tel.:54 4544

Advertises as the most exclusive night club in town. The interior is definitely tasteful and there is a good sound and vision system. Activities such as dance competitions, shows etc. are organised on a regular basis.



## **Office**

More and more “professional” office equipment can be found in homes. Since Hands on Colombo is focused on consumers as a private person, this section is meant for the office at home. Some information for those who outgrow their home-office is also included. Office space is plentiful available in Colombo; however the quality of premises can vary considerably. Check the communication facilities as well as the availability of parking space. Office equipment can be obtained from a number of reputed suppliers specialising in this line of business. Ask about maintenance and spare parts. For computers, see under that section.

### **Binding**

#### **Ceylon Business Appliances**

112, Reid Avenue, Col. 4. Tel.:58 9908 Fax.:50 3121

#### **Colt Trading Company**

1st Floor, Lucky Plaza, St. Anthony's Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5926

### **Calculators**

#### **Brown & Co. (Sharp dealer)**

481, T.B. Jayah Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:69 7111

#### **Digitek (Casio dealer)**

116, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:43 5698

#### **Eswaran Brothers Marketing**

267, Sea Str., Col. 11. Tel.:43 5842

#### **Metropolitan Agencies (Canon dealer)**

85, Braybrooke Place, Col. 2. Tel.:43 7797

### **Copiers**

#### **Access International (Konica dealer)**

2nd Floor Lucky Plaza, 70 St. Anthonys Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4364  
Fax.:57 4183

#### **Brown & Co. (Sharp, Makita dealer)**

481, T.B. Jayah Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:69 7111, 69 8411 Fax.:69 8489



**Ceylon Business Appliances** (OCÉ, Mita, & Brother dealer)  
112, Reid Avenue, Col. 4. Tel.: 50 3548 Fax.: 50 3121

**Colt Trading Company**  
1st Floor, Lucky Plaza, 70, St. Anthony's Maw., Col. 3. Tel.: 57 5926  
Fax.: 57 5926

**J.K. Office Automation** (Toshiba dealer)  
320/1, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.: 43 1576 Fax.: 43 1745

**Metropolitan Agencies** (Canon dealer)  
85, Braybrooke Place, Col. 2. Tel.: 43 7797

**Uni Walkers** (Panasonic dealer)  
73, W.A.D. Rammanayake Maw., Col. 2. Tel.: 42 2071 Fax.: 44 0905

### *Fax Machines*

**Business Machines Co.**  
45, Braybrooke Str., Col. 2. Tel.: 43 0244 Fax.: 44 7482

**Ceylon Business Appliances** (OCÉ, Mita, & Brother dealer)  
112, Reid Avenue, Col. 4. Tel.: 50 3548 Fax.: 50 3121

**Hideki** (Ricoh dealer)  
408, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.: 57 3422 Fax.: 57 5569

**Office Equipment Ltd.**  
20, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. Tel.: 32 7659

**St. Anthony's Consolidated** (Sanyo dealer)  
516-524, Sri Sangaraja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.: 32 4261 Fax.: 44 6554

### *Furniture*

**Alpha Industries**  
Iceland Bldg., 49/16, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.: 43 3837 Fax.: 44 7972

**A.T. Cooray & Sons**  
445A, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.: 58 2414 Fax.: 58 0727

**Colma**  
29, Lauries Rd. (corner of Duplication Rd.), Col. 4. Tel.: 59 4667 Fax.: 59 4669

**Don Carolis & Sons**  
64, Keyzer Str., Col. 11. Tel.: 32 5676 Fax.: 42 3451

**Grip Engineering**  
58, Galle Face Terrace, Col. 3. Tel.: 34 8169 Fax.: 44 5180.



**Inter Trade**

34, De Vos Avenue, Col. 4. Tel./Fax.:58 8095

Do-it-yourself furniture manufactured in Indonesia.

**Metallix Engineering**

440A, Havelock Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 7209 Fax.:58 6104

**New Interiors**

115, Maya Avenue, Col. 5. Tel.:50 9487 Fax.:50 9016

Office furniture and interior decoration for offices and homes. See also the Furniture section.

**New Star Interiors**

112, Maya Avenue, Col. 6. Tel.:58 8869 Fax.:81 0515

**Nimo & Company**

44, Kynsey Rd., Col. 8. Tel.:69 7401 Fax.:69 9075

File drawers and cabinets of the best local quality available (Hansteel brand). Also office chairs and plastic garden furniture.

**Penthouse Office Furniture**

88C, Galle Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:72 3236

154, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 8603, 58 7406

**Rent**

Check with real estate agents or place an advertisement in one of the newspapers for long leases.

**Berkeley International**

101, Wijerama Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:/ Fax.:68 5690

**Servcorp**

Level 26, World Trade Centre, Echelon Square, Col. 1. Tel.:35 1100

Fax.:35 1111

This company leases office space for a minimum period of 1 month in the prestigious Echelon Towers complex. The offices are fully furnished and secretaries are available. The company operates a number of these temporary offices world-wide.



## Supplies

### **Avalon Computer Forms (Pvt) Ltd.**

103/15, Jayantha Mallimarachchi Maw., Col. 14. Tel.:33 1481, 34 8673 Fax.:44 7576

### **Ceylon Business Appliances**

112, Reid Avenue, Col. 4. Tel.:50 3548 Fax.:50 3121

### **Ceypoint**

171/3, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 9517

Self inking stamps.

### **M.P. Gomez**

21 3/3, De Vos Avenue, Col. 4. Tel.:50 2970, 59 0897

Dealer for Cross writing instruments.

### **J.L. Morison Son & Jones**

620, Biyagama Rd., Kelaniya. Tel.:52 0404

Dealer for Papermate, Parker & Waterman pens.

### **Mc. Callums Stationery Shop**

39, St. Michael's Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:34 5944-5 Fax.:44 7785 (soon at Crescat Boulevard).

### **Millers (Cargills)**

50, York Str., Col. 1. Tel.:32 9151

### **National Paper Corporation**

356, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:32 4701-9 Fax.:44 6381

White paper for copying A0 - A4 size. Duplicating paper. Newsprint. Cardboard in dull colours. Very cheap.

### **Nineheart's**

758/1, Dr. Danister De Silva Maw., Col. 9. Tel.:68 7541 Fax.:68 7542

Boards, carton, paper, seals and rubber stamps. Also colour photo printing and photo studio.

### **Rajsons Enterprise**

39, Dam Str., Col. 12. Tel.:43 4370 Fax.:54 1324

### **Salaka**

466, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:69 6715, 69 2209

Fast, good and cheap manufacturing of rubber stamps. Also fast photo copy service.



**Saifi Trading Co.**

39, New Moor Str., Col. 12. Tel.:44 0793 Fax.:58 6473

**Sarasavi bookshop**

2, Stanley Tillekeratne Maw., Nugegoda. Tel.:85 2519

A wide range of stationery items for professional and home use. Also books, magazines, toys etc.

**Spinney Trading**

88/11, First Cross Str., Col. 11. Tel.:42 2984 Fax.:43 6473

**Srinko Enterprises**

30/11, Robert Gunawardana Maw., Col. 6. Tel.:86 6383

**Weerodara**

15, Chapel Lane, Nugegoda. Tel.:85 63160



## **Opticians**

There are a number of good opticians in town. They have modern equipment to test your eyes. There is a wide choice in spectacle frames, locally made and imported. Lenses are cheap compared to foreign standards.

### **A and A International Opticians**

100, Bullers Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:59 5414

### **Anoma Opticians**

128, High Level Rd., First Floor (Park 'n Shop Building) Nugegoda.  
Tel.:85 4826, 82 3365 Fax.:85 3728

Offers a wide variety in frames. Friendly people, accurate and fast service. Good after-sales service.

### **Albert Edirisinghe Opticians**

52, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 3536; 6, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5373;  
2-30, Majestic City, Tel.: 50 0376; 71, Ground Floor, Liberty Plaza.

### **D.S. Jayasinghe Opticians**

252 A/2, Galle Rd. (methodist Bldg.), Col. 3. Tel.:54 1289, 44 9780  
33, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:50 2145, 59 2884 (at the traffic lights).

Spectacles and contact lenses.

### **Eric Rajapakse**

341, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5121 & 3rd Floor, Majestic City, Col. 4.

### **Ray Bans**

15, Sir Baron Jayatilleke Maw., Col. 1. Tel.:43 5764  
2, Deanstone Place, Col. 3. Tel.:57 4118

### **Techno Optics**

103, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:072-241852

### **J.M. Wickramarachchi Opticians**

237 R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col.3. Tel.:077-302934



## **Pantry Cupboards**

**Contessa**

320, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3746 Fax.:68 3096

**Gamini Furniture Palace**

617, Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:69 6155

**House & Garden (Pvt.) Ltd.**

20B, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 4. Tel.:58 6734 Fax.:59 4627

**Morwood**

231, High Level Rd., Nugegoda. Tel./Fax.:82 8408

**Multi Kitchen**

174, Nawala Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:91 2355, 82 7667

**New Interiors**

115, Maya Avenue, Col. 5. Tel.:50 94 87 Fax.:50 9016



## **Party Time**

### **Catering**

**M**ost hotels and restaurants also undertake outdoor catering.

Ⓐ **Le Palace**  
79, Gregory's Rd., Col. 7. (Kynsey Rd. entrance) Tel.:69 5920 Fax.:69 4798

Takes over all your worries for a terrific party at a location of your choice, for 6 or 150!

Ⓐ **Wine Cellar**  
36, Ground Floor, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 4522 Fax.:57 5815  
All your party beverage needs in one hand.

### **Entertainment**

**Ananda Jayawardene**  
Pattiyawatta Rd., Kothalawala, Kaduwela  
Cartoonist, painter and artist.

### **Firework**

**Sunrise Trading**  
164, Bankshall Str., Col. 11. Tel.:43 4962

**Swarna Lanka Fireworks**  
680, Talapathpitiya Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:85 3147

### **Generators**

**Nimal Super Light**  
108, Hospital Rd., Kalubowila, Dehiwela. Tel.:72 7198  
Large & small generators and lighting systems for parties.



## Ice Blocks & Cubes

### **Elephant House / Ceylon Cold Stores**

Elephant House Warehouse complex (Glennie Street entrance), Col. 2. Tel.:32 8221

Big ice blocks available for cooling purposes, not for consumption. Open from 5 a.m. till 10 p.m. Very convenient to cool your party drinks!

### **Frosty Ice**

125, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:43 8787

Ice cubes (for consumption) made from purified water ready to use in plastic bags of 1 & 2 Kg. also available through supermarkets. Also available purified water in containers.

### **Ice blocks**

Off Havelock Rd. (named D.S. Fonseka Rd.).

Same size of ice blocks as Ceylon Cold Stores, available while stocks last. Located opposite the vegetable and chicken market in an old truck.

## Ice-Cream

### **Bonns Ice-Cream**

25, 1st Lane, Model Town, Katubedda, Ratmalana. Tel.:60 5131

Rich ice-cream available through supermarkets.

### **Carnival**

263, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5498, 57 3865 Fax.:57 6265

Ice-cream parlour and take-a-way. Hygienically prepared and packed. Also available through supermarkets.

### **Elephant House**

Justice Akbar Maw. (behind Taj), Col. 2. Tel.:32 8221

Ice-cream parlour and take-a-way. Also available through supermarkets. Operates a number of ice-cream parlours in the city under the name of "The Hub".

### **Rose Robbin Ice-Cream.**

76A, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:57 3882, 57 5559

Family packs available through supermarkets.



**Walls Ice-Cream**

258, Grandpass Rd., Col. 14. Tel.:32 4280-89 Fax.:44 5213

Walls is the international brand name for single portion ice-cream manufactured by Unilever Ceylon. Sales through selected shops, and “moving bicycle” outlets.

**Renting****Cane Furnishing House**

76A, Kumaran Ratnam Rd., Col. 2. Tel.:43 6896, 91 2636 Fax.:43 8660

Renting of party sheds, chairs, tables, dishes etc. Good service.

**Raux Brothers**

164, Galle Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:71 3457, 71 2070

Chairs, tables, glassware, crockery, cutlery, sheds etc.

**Silver Palate**

312/A, Nawala Rd., Nawala. Tel.:57 8324, 57 8400



## **Photo's**

### **Camera Repair**

#### **Photoflex**

45 1/2, 1st floor, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 7824 Fax.:59 1368  
Good service also for fungus lens cleaning.

#### **Photo Technica**

288, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 6271 and Liberty Plaza.

### **Photographers & Studio**

#### **Acme Foto**

135, Galle Rd. Col. 6. Tel.:58 3952

#### **Donalds**

696, Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:69 6556, 69 6858  
They know all the specific sizes for foreign visas and passports.

#### **Berti Gunasekera**

81, High Level Rd., Kirulapona. Col. 6. Tel.:85 2340

#### **Jonathans**

227, 1st Division Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:43 2005

#### **Kent Family Photo**

139, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7.

#### **Photochrome Laboratories**

89, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 0621

#### **Plâté Ltd.**

580, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 3366, 59 1018 Fax.:58 6206

#### **Thiessen Foto Centre**

146, Nawala Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:82 1755, 85 2413



## Print & Develop

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### **Amara Colour Photo**

128, High Level Rd., Nugegoda (Park 'n Shop Building). Tel.:82 6089  
Fax.:82 1017

Good quality and fast work. Open from 9:30 - 21:00.  
Friendly personnel. Konica prints. Also for films, batteries and laminating of photographs.

### **Binahameds** (Kodak print)

92, Galle Rd., Col. 4.

### **K.H.M. Fernando**

Corner of Union Place, & Hyde Park Corner.

### **Foto Color**

294, Union Place, Col. 2. (opposite Pizza Hut),

### **Fuji Color Fast Service**

275, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5427

Good and fast quality work.

### **Fuji Image Plaza**

303-305, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5771

### **Jonathans**

227, 1st Division Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:43 2005

### **Kent**

14, Albert Crescent, Col. 7. Tel.:68 4821, 684819

Photo printing on special surfaces. Photo restoration of old pictures. Digital printing.

### **Kodak Express**

45, Thimbirgasyaya Rd., Col. 5.

### **Millers Colour Processing** (Kodak dealer)

1055, Maradana Rd., Borella. Tel.:69 8012 (best outlet).

Majestic City, 1-04, (next to KFC) Col. 4.

50, York Str., Col. 1. Tel.:32 9151 Fax.:44 0273

### **Ninehearts Color Labs**

351, Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 8722 Fax.:44 9907

New Sausiri Building, High Level Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:82 6267

### **Photochrome Laboratories**

89, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 0621



**Photografix**

4, Independence Avenue, Col. 7. Tel.:69 1288, 68 6936

**Photo Quick Colour Laboratory**

372, Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:59 3178 at Liberty Plaza  
167, Galle Rd., Col. 2.

**The Print Shop**

81, High Level Rd., Kirulapona. Col. 6. Tel.:85 2340

**Radiant Colour Lab**

464, T.B. Jayah Maw. (Darley Rd.), Col. 10. Tel.:68 4805

**Salaka Colour Photo**

466, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:69 6715, 69 2209

Fast and inexpensive.

**Sarasavi Color**

194, Highlevel Rd., Nugegoda.

**Senkade** (Konica print)

76, Galle Rd., Col. 4.

**Thiessen Foto Centre**

146, Nawala Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:82 1755, 85 2413

**Vijaya Colorfoto**

8, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:58 4284, 58 4195



## **Pubs & Cafés**

There are a number of so called pubs in Colombo. The definition for this kind of establishment could best be: a place for social gathering where drinks and a limited choice of food is served in a pleasant atmosphere.

### **The Cricket Club Café**

34, Queens Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 1384

Due to Sri Lankan cricket mania, Colombo finally has it's first real Cricket Club Café. Located in an old colonial house, it can be found on the short side of Queens road close to Duplication road. It is recommended for its ice-cream, fruit juices, snacks, cappuccino, kitchen and Bradman Bar. All this can be enjoyed amidst cricket memorabilia in a friendly atmosphere. An outlet will be opened soon at the basement of Crescat Boulevard.

### **The Echelon Pub**

The Colombo Hilton, Echelon Square, Col. 1. Tel.:54 4644

An English style pub with draught beer and foreign beers. The Pub menu offers a small but excellent variety of short-eats as well as a business lunch. The Pub is equipped with a wide screen T.V. where special events such as sportsmatches are shown. It has a bar and several sitting corners as well as a pool table. Very good quality and pleasant ambiance.

### **Don's Café**

69, Alexandra Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 6486

The Café is located on the first floor above Don Stanley's restaurant. One can relax and read a newspaper or play some chess while drinking a cool beer or a good cup of coffee. The café is very famous for its cheese-cake and saté. Among its specialities is the Mongolian Barbeque. For one price you can have as many servings from the items displayed.



## **Religion**

Sri Lanka is a religious melting pot with Colombo as its capital. Therefore Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam go hand in hand and the symbols and places of worship are never far away in the streets of Colombo. Although in other parts of the country religion is part of the unrest, in Colombo none of this is feasible and all religious groups respect one another, their rites, culture and festivities. For a Christian the Church is the place of worship, the Buddhist visits the white Temple complex for worshipping, the colourful Kovil is the place of worship for the Hindu and a Muslim visits the Mosque; each to perform their respective religious duties. Just as there are big, small and attractive looking houses, the same counts for these places of worship. Some are small, some are big and some are more beautiful than others. As such, it is worthwhile visiting these places, even if your beliefs are different from that which is thought there. As long as you pay respect and keep specific rules in mind, all will welcome you and is obliged to inform you about their religion and/or the specific features of the building. It is impossible to mention all places of worship, so only a few are mentioned.

### **Churches**

#### **Church of Christ the Living Saviour**

Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 7. (next to B.M.I.C.H.).

#### **St. Anthony's Church**

Junction of St. Anthony's Maw. & Jampettah Str., Col. 13.

#### **St. Lucia's Cathedral**

St. Lucia's Str., Kotahena. Col. 13.

#### **St. Mary's Church**

Lauries Rd., Col. 4.

#### **St. Michael's and All Angels Church**

St. Michael's Rd., Col. 3.

#### **Wolfendhal Church**

Ratnajothi Saravanamuttu Maw., Kotahena Col. 13.



### Kovils

#### **Captain's Garden Kovil**

Kovil Veediya Rd. (off D.R. Wijewardena Maw.), Col. 10.

The biggest kovil in town can be seen when traveling by train from Fort Railway station. Recently renovated.  
Open from 5 - 11:30 a.m. and 5 - 9 p.m.

#### **Kathiresan Kovil**

Sea Str., Col. 11.

#### **Mayura Place Amman Kovil**

Mayura Place, (off Havelock Rd.), Wellawatta.

#### **Bambalapitiya Pillaiyar Kovil**

Galle Rd., Col. 4. (land side)

#### **Wellawatta Pillaiyar Kovil**

Galle Rd., Wellawatta (land side).

#### **Sri Siva Subramaniya Swami Kovil**

131, Kew Rd., Col. 2.

### Mosques

#### **Devatagaha Mosque**

C.W.W. Kannangara Maw. (Alexandra Place), near Lipton Circus Col. 7.

#### **Grand Mosque**

Mosque Lane, Kotahena, Col. 13.

The largest Mosque in Colombo.

#### **Maradana Mosque**

Maradana Rd. 2nd division, Col. 10.

#### **Wellawatta Mosque**

Galle Rd., Wellawatta (sea side).

### Temples

#### **Abhayaramaya**

Thimbirigasyaya Rd., Col. 5. (near Elvitigala Maw.).

#### **Asokaramaya**

Thimbirigasyaya Rd., Col. 5. (near Havelock Rd.).

#### **Buddhist Research & Information Centre**

380/9, Sarara Rd., Col. 7. Tel.:68 9388



**Gangarama Vihara**

61, Sri Jinaratana Rd., Hunupitiya Col. 2. Tel.:32 3038

The small temple in the Beira lake is part of this complex. The most famous Buddhist Temple in Colombo. The Bhikku's of this temple organise the Navam Perahera which takes place every year in February around the Full Moon Poya day. A religious procession which attracts crowds of devotees as well as tourists. It can compete with the Eshala Kandy Perahera. The temple itself is beautifully decorated and is kept in excellent condition.

**Kelaniya Rajamaha Vihara**

Kelaniya.

**Vajiraramaya**

Vajira Rd., Col. 4.

**Sri Sambuddhaloka Vihara**

Lotus Rd., Col. 1. (next to the Hilton).

Also documentation centre and library about Buddhism.

**Sri Siddhattharamaya Temple**

Nawala Rd., (near Koswatta Junction) Nawala.

**Sambodhi Chaithya**

Marine Drive (outher road behind Inter Continental), Col. 1.

Not a Temple but a Dagoba on stilts. In earlier days it was open for the public to climb it. A beautiful view was the reward for the sweat. Perhaps the day will come once more to make this possible.



## **Restaurants**

There are a huge number of restaurants in Colombo and it's suburbs. They vary in the foods offered as much as in their prices. The mix of cultures in the Colombo population reflects the styles and foods which the restaurants offer. All continents are represented in one way or the other. The restaurants of the big hotels hold food promotions on a regular basis, in which a specific sort of food or country is highlighted. Generally eating out is very affordable, it is the alcoholic drinks like wines and spirits which will more than double the bill!

### **Chinese**

Chinese food is the most commonly available, and considering the number of Chinese restaurants, the most popular food in Colombo. Some restaurants have real chinese chefs, while in others locals prepare the food. There is no real definition of what Chinese food is, so the dishes offered will vary in each establishment and can best be described as "oriental".

#### **88 Chinese Seafood Restaurant**

88/1, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:59 3017 (behind Precious Video Club).

88 is the Chinese lucky number; taste the food and see if 88 also becomes your lucky number.

#### **Eastern Dragon**

385, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:58 1414

Intimate setting and tasty food for a reasonable price.

#### **Flower Lounge**

18, Bagatella Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:59 3032

Located along Duplication Rd. on the corner with Bagatella Rd., it serves delicious food in a pleasant setting. Take-away and delivery service available. The following restaurants belong to the same group: Flower Drum at Nugegoda; Flower Song, Kandy; Flower Drum, Thurnstan Rd. A similar menu is presented in these restaurants although the atmosphere varies.



### Flower Drum

26, Thurnstan Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4216 Fax.:575247

4th Floor, Sausiri Building, 165A High Level Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:82 6644

Take-away and delivery service available. The following restaurants belong to the same group: Flower Lounge; Flower Song, Kandy; and serve a similar kind of menu although the atmosphere varies.

### Golden Dragon

Taj Samudra Hotel, Galle Face Green, Col. 2. Tel.:44 6622

Fine dishes from several Chinese areas. There is a regular exchange in chefs from other Taj hotels to promote special preparations of foods.

### Gourmet Palace

399/A, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:59 6700

Fax.:57 5076

The name, facade and interior do not represent what would be expected from a “Chinese Restaurant”. The setting is “homely” with four tables down- and four tables upstairs. Two additional rooms (V.I.P. rooms as they are called) are available for private functions up to about fifteen people. Although advertised as being a Chinese Restaurant, Thai food is also served. A real discovery on the menu were three items under the vegetarian heading: pork, chicken and duck! With the texture, look and taste of the “real” thing, but all are guaranteed to be 100% vegetarian! (well done). Also home delivery service and outdoor catering.

### Great Wall

491, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 8266

The restaurant also has a take-away counter, home delivery service, a catering section and an outlet at the Food Court, Majestic City.

### Kinjou

33, Amarasekera Maw., Col. 5. (corner of Havelock Rd.) Tel.:58 9477

Fax.:59 1223

Same fast service as their other restaurant Sakura. Good food for an affordable price.



**Long Feng**

Trans Asia Hotel, 155, Sir Chittampalam Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:54 4200  
Fax.:44 9184

Trans Asia (formerly known as The Ramada or Renaissance) is well known for its other restaurants. Long Feng is a very good continuation of this excellent standard. Among the specialities are freshwater fish, and Dim Sim menus. Food promotions are conducted on a regular basis focusing on specific food ingredients. As in all 5-star hotels, prices are (much) higher than in the independent restaurants.

**Orchid**

70, Chatham Str., Col. 1. Tel.:44 6904

Is mainly visited during lunch time by the Colombo office workers. During that time the restaurant is full and you have to be patient. Very reasonably priced. Not very appealing surroundings.

**Orient Hong Kong**

1A, Race Course Avenue (opposite Royal College), Col. 7. Tel.: 69 5469

Specialise in seafood, but more than that. It serves a range of authentic oriental dishes in a spacious, elegant setting at affordable prices. There is a karaoke bar to enjoy the late hours with friends and relations. The bar has an ample stock of liquor.

**Sapid**

145, Galle Rd. (corner of Vajira Rd.), Col. 4. Tel.:59 0839, 50 0441  
& Hemas Building, York Str., Col. 1. (take away only)

Take away in the basement and a restaurant section on the upper floor. Food served varies from Oriental to Italian. Tastes good, but the portions could be larger. Fair price.

**Showboat**

104, Reid Avenue, Col. 4. Tel.:58 3849

This establishment is much more than just a restaurant, it is a complete evening out. The location can not be missed, just look for the bright blue painted roof. Its concept is based on a popular Singaporean formula. Outside a Hawker Centre (food stalls) which prepare specific



dishes taken as a short eat or combined into a complete meal. The restaurant which is located on the first floor, has a wide choice of Chinese food, available at affordable prices. Specifically the tables for only two persons are very intimately hidden and candle lit. A V.I.P. room for private parties (with karaoke) is also available. After dinner you can relax in the bar downstairs. It has a wide screen T.V. and a good selection of liquor. But better to step through that door where all the nice singing comes from, the karaoke lounge and enjoy yourself until early morning. Top entertainment for you and your guests.

### **The Wok**

The Colombo Hilton, Echelon Square, Col. 1. Tel.:54 4644

A luxurious ambiance as may be expected from The Hilton. The food is prepared in what is called a “show kitchen”, which means that the chefs cannot hide any secrets since you can look into the kitchen and watch them prepare the food. Live authentic Chinese music is often played. The food is excellent and the price is according to what you’d expect from The Hilton.

### **Continental**

This generally refers to “European” dishes. Some restaurants specialise in specific dishes or countries.

### **Alt Heidelberg, German Restaurant**

11, Galle Face Court, Col. 3. Tel.:42 1577

The only German restaurant in town. Large portions and draught beer available. Very reasonably priced.

### **California Grill**

Galadari Hotel, Lotus Rd., Col. 1.

### **Il Capriccio**

29, De Fonseka Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 4663

Open from 19.00 -23.00. Closed on Mondays and Poyadays.

Italian cuisine at its best, where dining becomes an evening out in this Home away from Home. The interior of this mansion with three sitting area’s is decorated in a modern style. Besides the menu, day specialities are of-



ferred according to availability. The majority of the ingredients are flown in from Italy to guarantee that the Italian Chef can prepare the dishes with that authentic taste and to be able to serve the best quality possible. Your Italian hostess will be glad to advise you on the home-made pastas, main- and side dishes, wines and desserts. If you tell her that you are a vegetarian she really gets excited. Since she is a “veg” herself, you can safely leave the choice up to her. All dishes are accompanied with home-made bread, rolls and two sorts of butter. Of course you’ll finish this experience with cappuccino (espresso is very strong) after a terrific Italian Ice-Dessert. In one word: Yummy.

5-Star dishes and ambiance at an equivalent price.

### Chesa Swiss

① 3, Deal Place (corner of Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 3433  
Open from 19.00 -23.00. Closed on Mondays and Poyadays.

The only Swiss owned and managed restaurant in Colombo. Where a Swiss chef prepares Swiss food, to recreate that specific "taste of the Alps". Chesa Swiss offers an ambience dominated by the rustic look of the wooden furniture and other Swiss decorations. Among other dishes, naturally special Swiss dishes such as fondue and raclette are also being served, where the famous Swiss cheese takes a prominent place. Try their chocolate based desserts! A limited stock of high quality wines is also available. To make sure that the food served is of constant high quality with the authentic taste, most of the ingredients are flown in from Switzerland. Chesa Swiss offers a good value comparable with the best in town.

### Deli Market

World Trade Centre, Echelon square, Col. 1.

The first restaurant in the Twin Tower complex is run by The Hilton and has a unique set-up. There are a number of food stations formed into a market set-up where you can combine your own dishes from the variety of-



ferred. The quality is according to Hilton standards. A number of new facilities for dining in the Twin Tower complex will be developed in the near future to make it a culinary attraction point.

### **Don Stanley's**

69, Alexandra Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 6486

Is well recommended for it's cuisine and atmosphere. A wide variety of wines are available. Their speciality dessert is cheese cake in a wide variety. For take-a-way items try Don's Deli, or for a more informal setting try Don's Café upstairs.

### **Gables**

The Colombo Hilton, Echelon Square, Col. 1.

Orientated around French Cuisine, this restaurant is located next to the entrance of The Pub. At lunch time you can find a lot of business people gathered having their 45 minute special business-lunch, at which a complementary financial newspaper is given. Excellent food and a high standard of service. A special brunch buffet on Sundays features a large variety of food preparations and a stunning choice in desserts. There are regular food promotions with reputed chefs flown in from all parts of the world.

### **Noblesse**

Trans Asia Hotel, 155, Sir Chittampalam Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:54 4200  
Fax.:44 9184

Speciality restaurant.

### **Le Palace**

79, Gregory's Rd., Col. 7. (Kynsey Rd. entrance), Tel.:69 5920 Fax.:69 4798

This intimate restaurant, coffee shop and bakery is situated in an old mansion. Sitting on the verandah overlooking the large, well maintained garden recreate that special colonial atmosphere. A limited menu with day fresh products is served which varies according to availability. All items are prepared with fresh, natural and Halal ingredient without using preservatives, additives and other chemicals like colouring and artificial fla-



vours. The French chef and master pâtissier Jean Pierre creates the finest dishes of which the desserts are his creative highlight. Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Outdoor catering is one of Jean Pierres specialties, be it an intimate dinner for four, or a party for 150! (see also under Bakers / Coffee Shops).

### **Il Ponte**

The Colombo Hilton (Sports centre), Lotus Rd., Col. 1.

An Italian restaurant with a difference. In the (covered) open-air restaurant near the pool you can enjoy authentic Italian food like pizza, pasta, salads and desserts. Good espresso, excellent service (as can be expected at The Hilton), at 5-star prices.

### **The Rendezvous**

Taj Samudra Hotel, Galle Face Green, Col. 3.

### **Supperclub**

Hotel Lanka Oberoi, Galle Rd., Col. 3.

A good dinner with Colombo at your feet.

### **Veranda Restaurant**

Galle Face Hotel, Galle Face Green, Col. 3.

### **Fast Food**

The fast food culture is picking up in Colombo, but at some places fast food turns to slow food once ordered. Majestic Food Court in the basement has a collection of “fast food” outlets of which some serve food in buffet style.

### **Burger Land**

215, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. (next to Liberty Cinema).

Hamburger restaurant à la Mac Donalds. Unfortunately not in quality or in fast service (in fact you have to sit and wait until your burger is served!). Outlets in Mount Lavinia, and Food Court Majestic City.

### **Chariot Fast Foods**

308, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 0569 & Liberty Plaza

Short-eats, cakes and (rice) lunches. Good quality for a low price.



**Chop Shop**

Galle Rd., Col. 3. (opp. American Embassy)

Hygienic prepared lunches and short-eats. Speciality: Lump-rice. Managed by Don Stanley's restaurant.

**Deli Markt**

Next to Stone 'n String, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3.

Ice creams, short-eats, sandwiches, lunches and a small shop with delicacies. By Don Stanley's.

**Garfield**

Race Course Avenue (opp. Royal College), Col. 7.

Hamburgers, french fries, hot-dogs, short-eats, lunches etc. Good quality but not "fast". By Don Stanley's.

**Golden Rooster**

407, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 6507

All food served is based on chicken. Take away available. Not really "fast". Also at Majestic City foodcourt. Halal.

**Itzza Pizza International**

Duplication Rd. (next to Stone 'n String), Col. 4. Tel.:58 0063

Pizza's in a great taste and variety. These ones are good and do not taste like "cardboard". The preparation is done fast, unfortunately (and of course) the baking process takes time (10 min) Open from 10 to 10. Managed by Don Stanley's.

**Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC)**

Majestic City, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 1747 Fax.:58 1760

Opened mid 1996, it has become an instant success. Maybe because of Sri Lankans love of chicken, or because of the fast service. The set-up is really international with hygienic and Halal preparation of food. Take-away service is available. Kids-parties can be organised. (see under the Childrens section). This is really "fast" food.



**Morley's**

411, Galle Rd., Col. 3. (opposite the Fab)

Mmm, it tastes better....! is their slogan. Indeed not bad, not bad at all! Hamburgers (also vegetarian), fries and soft drinks. Tasty and clean but not fast.

**Pizza Hut**

321, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:33 4760

The first international foodchain in Sri Lanka opened in 1994 and became very popular. Besides a variety of pizzas, other dishes are offered, such as pastas, salads, soups and deserts. Take-away is also available. Children can play in the outdoor play area, and many parties are held here. There is an outlet at Liberty Plaza which serves sliced Pizza and soft drinks which is "fast".

**Prawnies**

451/1 Galle Rd., Col. 3.

The only fast food restaurant which has prawns as core dish. Coming from their own prawn farm near Puttulam, the prawns should reach you in a fresh condition. Items offered range from prawn burgers, prawn lunch, battered prawns, grilled prawns, spicy prawns and jumbo prawns. Try their "Galaxy", a variety of preparations. The different varieties come in a size of 3 cm for the normal ones to 15 cm for the jumbo size. Prawnies has an outlet in the Food Court at Majestic City and York Street in Fort.

**Indian**

There is no such a thing as "The Indian cuisine". The subcontinent stretches from the cold Himalayas in the north, to the hot and dry lands around Madras. With 90 million people and this variety in landscape one can imagine what an impact this has on ingredients and cooking habits. It ranges from spicy hot food to mild ones, from pure vegetarian to chicken, mutton and beef. The Indian restaurants in Colombo mainly focus on the south Indian cuisine. Dishes can be accompanied by Naan, a flat bread freshly baked in a very hot oven called the Tandoor. In this same oven, dishes like tender chicken is prepared, a



marinated chicken placed on a long metal pike and roasted in the oven. Doosa (or toosa) is a flat pancake served with curries and paper-doosa is the even thinner variety, with a diameter of about 30 cm. Pilau is a special rice dish and raitha's are salads in a yoghurt or curd dressing. A taly meal is served as one plate which contains a complete meal. It consists of rice, vegetables, curries, and a dessert. As a drink try faluda a mix of milk, ice-cream, sirop and sometimes chopped fruits. Bombay sweets have to be tried, take your pick from colours and flavours, and choose your own favourite.

### **Alhambra**

Holiday Inn Hotel, 30, Sir Mohamed Marcan Marker Maw., Col. 3.  
Tel.:42 2001

Delicious Indian food in a pleasant surrounding. On Friday nights a sumptuous buffet is served.

### **Amarayathi**

2, Mile Post Avenue, Col. 3. Tel.:57 7638

A cosy restaurant with good food for a fair price. Also an outlet at Majestic Foodcourt.

### **Navratna**

Taj Samudra Hotel, Galle Face Green, Col. 3.

Dining in a luxurious setting, however not particularly Indian. The quality of the food is very good but very expensive for Indian food. Live music during weekends.

### **Rajasthan**

Big Apple Complex, 21, Hill Street Dehiwela. Tel.:71 5902

Located in the "Big Apple" complex. Be a Moghul and enjoy real Indian cuisine in an Indian decor. Take a culinary journey through the land of spices and colours for a reasonable price. Live music during weekend. They do not accept mastercard!

### **Shanti Vihar**

3, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 0224

A Southern Indian style restaurant which serves only vegetarian dishes. Although there is an air-conditioned section, it is recommended to join the locals in the main hall. It is an un-prestigious restaurant where the service



is fast and the food is good and cheap. The open cooking may seem some what odd, but be assured in the absence of chicken, beef or pork, and the high temperatures of the preparation the chances of spoiled food are very small. Take-away and delivery is also available.

### **Taj Mahal**

52, Ananda Coomaraswamy Maw., Col. 3. (close to Liberty Plaza)  
Tel.:57 6276

This restaurant serves “Halal” food. This means that the meat used for the dishes come from animals slaughtered according to Muslim rites and regulations. It has an agreeable Indian atmosphere in which it is very enjoyable to have your dinner or lunch.

### **Japanese**

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With a large number of Japanese people living in Colombo, the Japanese restaurants in town are very popular. More and more non Japanese are also finding their way to these restaurants and appreciate the food. One reason people tend not to visit a Japanese restaurant is the misunderstanding that they only serve fish, in particular, only raw fish. This is a major misunderstanding. Besides raw fish, which indeed has an important place in Japanese cuisine, there is a vast variety of dishes to choose from: without fish, or even completely vegetarian (vegetable tempura). The Japanese are masters at creating dishes which not only taste good but also look great. Decoration and presentation is very important in Japanese cuisine. Some restaurants serve the entire meal in a wooden box, a work of art. Furthermore, the food is prepared in such a way that it keeps much of its nutritious values. So healthy indeed. Try Sushi, raw fish but watch out for the green stuff called wasabi, it's terribly hot and has to be mixed with soya sauce and used as a dip. Japanese do not have such things as appetisers, or main courses. All dishes ordered are placed almost simultaneously on the table. Normally portions are shared, so no individual portions. Try “sake” (rice wine). It is normally taken warm and quite strong. Green Japanese tea is also a good alternative.



**Ginza Hohsen**

The Colombo Hilton, Echelon Square, Col. 1. Tel.:54 4644

True excellence in Hilton style. Sitting in the Sushi bar, the preparation in front of you is a real show. Or choose the Tatami rooms for your private party. Whatever seating you prefer, you will always enjoy the exclusive hospitality, fine food and ambience from the blossom county. 5-Star prizes.

**Hakata**

110, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. (corner of Gower street) Tel.:50 1397

**Izakaya Maiko**

41, Canal Row, Col. 1. Tel.:34 7022

The restaurant can be found in the middle of Fort close to the World Trade Centre. As such it is quite popular for luncheons with Japanese workers and visitors in Fort. Special dishes are offered by placing special offer papers (in Japanese) on the wall. Tatami rooms and western seating are available.

**Miyako**

45, 5th Lane, Col. 3. (corner of Duplication Rd.) Tel.:57 6400

A mixture of Japanese and Chinese food is served in this recently opened restaurant.

**Moshi Moshi**

594/2, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 0312

**Nihonbashi**

11, Galle Face Terrace, Col. 3. (next to Ritz Club) Tel.:072 72484

Tucked away in a dead end street, Nihonbashi can be enjoyed once discovered. A fine selection of Japanese dishes are served and a true Japanese atmosphere can be found here. Ingredients are fresh and the prices are reasonable.

**Sakura**

15, Reinland Place, Col. 3. (sea side Galle Rd.) Tel.:57 3877

Nice and cosy setting with a Sushi bar, rooms with tables and chairs and Tatami rooms. For the ultimate Japanese feeling, try the Tatami rooms where you sit on the floor and the dishes are served on a low table.



The service is extremely fast and the food tastes great. The Japanese themselves are very critical and their frequent visits to Sakura imply that the food is really good. For a Japanese restaurant the prices can be considered low, great value for money.

### Korean

There are some Korean restaurants in town mainly patronised by the many Koreans in Colombo.

#### **Han Gook Gwan**

25, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 7961 Fax.:58 8109

Prepares food in an authentic Korean way. A wide choice of traditional food in a not so traditional setting.

#### **Kolio**

383, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. (Hotel Empress)  
Tel.:57 4930

Located inside the Hotel Empress, Kolio serves authentic Korean as well as Chinese dishes in a friendly atmosphere. A Karaoke Lounge for after dinner pleasure is available.

### Mexican

#### **Santa-Fé**

46 B, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:33 5644

A Mexican restaurant, serving tacos and burritos among other Mexican foods (salads) and drinks (Margarita's). Real Mexican atmosphere, created by the music and food.

### Middle Eastern

#### **Mama Aida**

154, Kingsey Rd., Col. 8

The only specialist in real Middle East Cuisine with tempting bread, salads, mutton and other dishes (also vegetarian). Also take-away and outdoor catering.



## Pakistani

Pakistan's neighbour is India, which is reflected in the cuisine and dishes offered. While tandoori dishes are also served in these restaurants, Kebab (meat on a spike and grilled) is more of a speciality from Pakistan. Try it out, taste the difference and find your favourite.

### **Kebabish**

526, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4479

Never tasted Pakistani food? Then dining out at Kebabish will be a memorable occasion. Try their speciality, Biriyani, a rice dish with accompanying dishes. Meat lovers can choose from a range of dishes such as Kebab or from the Tandoor.

### **Khayaban**

286, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 6735

### **Moghul Ghar**

The Colombo Hilton, Echelon Square, Col. 1. Tel.:54 4644

The restaurant is located near the Lotus Terrace entrance. With this latest edition to its restaurants, it is now almost possible to make a culinary journey and savour the delights of the different continents without having to leave The Hilton. The Moghul Ghar serves typical Pakistani dishes in a relaxed homely atmosphere. Halal food prepared in a way you would expect from the Hilton, no concessions to quality, taste, service and ambience. You understand that this does not come cheap, but it is worth every rupee!

## Sea Food

Being an island, Sri Lankan waters are rich with all sorts and varieties of fish, prawns, crab, langoustines, shell fish, lobster etc. The catch is very fresh (or at least should be) served from the morning or afternoon catch.



**Beach Wadiya**

2, Station Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 8568

Some say it's the best fish restaurant in town. So go there and taste if they are right. Located on the beach, remember, it's the food not a plush setting.

**Fisherman's Villa**

College Avenue, Mount Lavinia.

Located directly on the beach.

**La Langousterie**

50/2, De Saram Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:71 7731

**La Lavinia**

43/7, De Alwis Avenue, off De Saram Rd., Mount Lavinia. Tel.:71 5666

**Seafish Restaurant,**

15, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner. Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:32 6915

**Sri Lankan**

The assumption that Sri Lankan food is nothing special and can be bought on every corner of the Colombo streets is only partly correct. However, as in all things there is a difference in quality, hygiene and price. The Sri Lankan cuisine is rich in flavours and colours; fish, beef, chicken, mutton or pork, all in a spicy or mild variety with something to suit your taste. Rice is the staple food but is presented in a number of ways. First of all there is a large variety in sorts and quality of white rice. The local variety is called Samba and has small round grains. Then there is red rice which is considered nutritious. Basmathi rice is mostly imported and is considered to be the finest quality of white rice. In Sri Lankan restaurant the samba rice is mostly used for food preparations. Some items from the Sri Lankan cuisine are: Pithu, rice and coconut milk prepared in a hollow (bamboo) tube and steamed. Kothu, looks like spaghetti and can be mixed with vegetables, beef, chicken egg etc. It is baked on a very hot plate and chopped with two steel blades. This gives a very characteristic sound. Hoppers, two types. 1) A milky dough baked in small round pans either plain or with an egg in the middle 2) String hoppers. a dough past made from rice flour en squeezed through small holes (like vermicelli) and steamed. Curry is the dish which



accompanies all varieties of foods. It is not one particular dish but a general term used for all kinds of dishes. It can either be made from beef, fish, mutton, chicken, vegetables or egg. It is a mixture of ingredients cooked in coconut milk with added spices. Chillies (red peppers) are used in abundance to flavour dishes. The darker the colour, the sharper the dish. As a dessert (traditional Muslim) try the Watlappan a sweet rich dish made from palm sugar (called Jagery) and eggs. But naturally you should have some delicious fruits, for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Seasonal fruits are some types of mango, rambuttan, mangosteen, durian and woodapple. Pineapple is available all year round. Did you know that there are over 75 varieties of bananas?

### **Banana Leaf**

82, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 4403

Honest Sri Lankan food, nothing fancy but good taste.

### **Curry Leaf** (Hilton garden)

The Colombo Hilton, Echelon Square, Col. 1. Tel.:54 4644

This restaurant under the stars is located in the garden between the Lotus Terrace and the bridge to the sports centre. The setting is as if you are a visitor of a small village. Sri Lankan musicians play and sing melancholic folk songs to get you in the mood. The food is offered in a buffet style where authentic Sri Lankan dishes can be chosen from a wide range of items. Dishes as hoppers, kothu etc. are prepared on the spot according your liking. Varying with the season, specialities are offered to create that special atmosphere. Arrack is the local alcoholic drink for the good spirit. When it starts raining you need to put up your umbrella, but even better use a banana leaf as the locals do!

### **Green Cabin Terrace**

453, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 8811, 59 1841

A restaurant in a garden setting. The tradition of preparing Sri Lankan specialities in this family runned restaurant goes back many years. Good quality food at very affordable prices. Take-away items and catering is also available.



**Thai**

The Thai love meat and fish, in fact vegetarian dishes are not common at all.

**Gourmet Palace**

399/A, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:59 6700  
Fax.:57 507 (see under Chinese Restaurants)

**Jade Gardens**

126, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 41 74 (opposite police sports ground)

A mix of Thai and Chinese cuisine is available. Also for take-away and delivery service.

**Siam House**

438, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd), Col. 3. Tel.:57 3770

Open from 11:00 - 15:00 for lunch. 18:00 - 23:00 for dinner.



## **Sarees**

The Sari can be considered as the national women's dress of Sri Lanka. The outfit consists of a blouse and a strip of fabric of about 7 meter's. The blouse always is tailor made and the fabric is draped around the body in a special style. Either "Indian" or "Kandian" style. The Sari is solely kept in it's place by folding. No pins are necessary. The materials range from nylon, cotton and silk with plain print or gold stitched. A large number of Saree shops can be found in the Pettah area.

### **Angel's Park**

253, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 3436

### **Hameedia**

3rd Floor, Majestic City, Col. 4.

### **Saree Mandir**

83, Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:59 2500

### **Sha Kisas**

335A, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 6120

### **Shilpika Sari Boutique**

5A, Sea Avenue, Col. 3. (open on Sundays also).



# **Sewing**

## **Accessories**

### **The Needle**

106, Galle Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:72 2788

Needles, thread, buttons etc.

### **Srina Palace**

61, Danister de Silva Maw. (Baseline Rd.), Borella. Tel.:69 4042 & Nugegoda Supermarket.

A wide variety of everything. Materials for sewing and hobby.

## **Costumes (theatre)**

### **Mrs. De Silva**

1 Gregory's Rd., Col. 7.

### **Mrs. Dayanthi Perera**

29/1, M.J.C. Fernando Maw. Idama, Moratuwa. Tel.:64 5734

## **Fabrics**

### **Barefoot**

704, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 9305, 58 0281 Fax.:57 6936  
e-mail: barefoot@eureka.lk

Handloom fabric available in the well known "Bare-foot" style.

### **Citytex**

538, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:59 4696, 50 8655; 297, Main Str. Col. 11. Tel.:42 1812; 131, Keyzer Str. Col. 11. Tel.:33 8070

A small shop on Galle Rd. but with a nice variety of fabrics. The Main Str. shop has a large variety. You also can find some special, unusual designs, as well as glittering and colourful fabrics for special occasions.

### **Fashion Fabrics**

538, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4414

Fabrics in a wide variety of styles like printed materials, luxury fabrics, in cotton, synthetic etc. Also lace in a large variety.



**Hybrite**

534, Galle Rd., Col 3. Tel.:57 3329, 57 3367

Textiles and garments.

**J.B. Textiles Industries Ltd.**

469, Galle Rd., Colpetty, Col. 3. Tel.:50 2633,

171, Nawala Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.: 82 6286

**Lanka SaluSala**

93, Jawatta Rd., Col. 5.(and shops island wide)

State owned textile stores. No fancy stuff, but reasonable quality for a low price.

**Natural Silk Centre**

349, Galle Rd., Col. 3.

**Silk Paradise**

36, Galle Rd., Col. 4.

**Machines****Bernina Sewing Machines**

75, New Chetty Str., Col. 13. Tel.:33 3531, 32 7107

**Singer**

320, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:42 1462, Jayantha Weerasekera Maw., Col. 10.  
(and Singer shops island wide)



## **Shopping**

One does not have to rely on supermarkets only, since there are a number of stores which offer good quality items in a more limited range. Some stores are really specialised and cater to a specific group of products.

### **Chicken**

#### **Bairaha Farms**

407, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3055 Fax.:57 5256

#### **Christombu Farms**

27, Hospital Str., Col. 1. Tel.: 43 3142

#### **Maxies**

Maxi House, Wennappuwa. Tel.:071-22 2897

#### **Nel Farm Shop**

7, Arthurs Place (behind Majestic City), Col. 4. Tel.:58 7115

#### **Primart**

① 50, Parliament Rd., Rajagiriya (Between Borella & Kotte, next to LOLC / ANZ bank), 74, Thimbirigasyaya Rd., Col. 5.

Halal chicken and chicken parts such as breast, thigh and minced chicken. The mother company Ceylon Agro-Industries has interests in and controls the whole cycle of the chicken, from hatching, feeding, growing, preparing, transport and sales, thus guaranteeing the best possible product. Prima products are prepared in a ultra modern factory and available either fresh and cooled or deep frozen (new outlets will be opened in and around Colombo).

### **Chocolate**

#### **The Kandos Shop**

58, Thurnstan Rd., Col. 3.

### **Fish**

The waters around Sri Lanka carry a large variety of species. This variety can best be seen in one of the many fish markets located behind Fort Railway station (Manning



Market), Kollupitiya Supermarket (Col. 3.), Colombo Central Supermarket or in the fishing harbour located at Mutwal, Col. 15. A number of shops have come up in Colombo which offer a variety of fresh and frozen fish hygienically kept, packed and prepared as an alternative for the fishman who goes around the streets. The well known supermarkets also have a separate section for fish.

### **Fresh Fish**

32, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 4.

### **Rainbow Sea Food**

65, Thimbirigasyaya Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:59 6239

### **Sea Farer**

66, Thimbirigasyaya Rd., Col. 5.

Live, as well as fresh and frozen fish, shrimps etc.

### **Sea & Land Foods**

(A) 104, Bauddhaloka Maw., Col. 4. Tel.:071-55298, 44 8850 Fax.:44 8849

Fresh and frozen fish and fish products from their own process plant, like shrimps, squid etc. Also mixed fish packages.

### **Fruits**

You will find fruit vendors throughout town selling oranges, mango, grapes, durian etc.. In the season (July/August) you can find many sellers of ranbuttans along Alexandra Place, Parliament Rd. Borella and Havelock Rd.

### **Fruit Shoppe**

504A, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:59 6706

For fresh fruit and fruitbaskets, also imported items.

### **Milk / Milk Products**

### **Highland (Milco)**

45, Nawala Rd., Narahenpita, Col. 5. Tel.:58 6174

Pasteurised milk, sweetened smallyoghurt and unsweetened big cups, drinking yoghurt, flavoured milk, ice-cream, butter, ghee and milk powder.



## Malls

### **Arpico Mall**

High Level Rd., Nawinna, Nugegoda.

The Arpico store takes up the most of the space. Here you can purchase all kinds of plastic items, polystyrene-foam products, rubber and foam products as well as sanitaryware, brushes, glassware, household items and linen. The other shops sell household appliances, garments, stationary etc.

### **Colombo Central Super Market**

Close to the harbour, Reclamation Rd., Col. 11.

Forget the “super market” in the sense that it is not what you think. It is a collection of small shops, warehouses and store rooms with a large variety of goods. Laboratory glassware, nylon rope, earthenware, chemicals, paint, fabric colouring, tailors requisites, fabric, silicagel, plastic sheets etc. to name but a few. This is the place where other shop owners do their purchasing. It does not hurt to bargain here. Early morning (7:00 - 9:00) there is a fish market and distribution on the parking space. Since this building is in the middle of Pettah, it may be wise to come with a three wheeler (no parking space.) S.K. Laboratory Chemicals, S-5 First Floor has Silicagel for sale Tel.:43 5676.

### **Colombo Plaza**

Galle Rd., Col. 6. (sea side, next to the big white Mosque).

Hameedia is a well know name for quality clothing in town and has its biggest (and busiest) outlet in this building. This particular shop specialises in custom-made gents clothes. Also a wide variety of ready-to-wears are available as well as shirts, shoes and traditional clothes from India . When you bring a pair of trousers or a shirt of your own which fit well, it can be copied here. Orders are quick and in-expensive.



## **① Crescat Boulevard**

Galle Rd., Hotel Lanka Oberoi entrance, Col. 3.

The newest addition to shopping in Colombo. The Crescat Boulevard complex provides a novel approach in shopping equal to concepts found in countries like Singapore, Malaysia etc. Top local as well as foreign companies have taken up space and many more new and exciting shops plan to start an outlet at the Boulevard. Also plans to develop a cinema. The ample parking facilities, easy reach, top quality outlets and a luxurious setting, will make it a focal point for the Colombo shoppers.

## **Highlevel Plaza**

Delkanda Junction, Nugegoda.

A recently finished complex with a load of small shops.

## **Liberty Plaza**

Owner: Colombo Land & Development, 2nd Floor, Tel.:57 5935,  
Corner of Duplication Rd. & Dharmapala Maw., Col. 3.

The second largest shopping mall. Has the advantage of good access and a large parking space. It was built earlier than Majestic City, which means that its set-up is not as spacious and modern by today's standards. It has only two floors with shops (the rest being apartments and offices) connected with an escalator and elevator. It has a basement where Keells Super is located. Here we also find Metro, a household utility shop. On the ground level we find some food outlets: Chariot and Pizza Hut. 7 to 7 is a coffee shop with good cakes and (Nescafe) coffee. Furthermore shops with shoes, liquor, garments, tea, computers, books, gifts, jewellery, electronics, household appliances, posters, telephones, beds and much more can be found.

See also the Liberty Plaza Floorplan and the list with shop names at the end, before the promotional section.

## **Lucky Plaza**

St. Anthony's Maw., Col. 3.

It is easiest to park on Duplication Rd. as the small lane has no parking space. Few shops are worth mentioning.



Super Link travel agency on the first floor, MSC music for used pianos on the ground level and Access on the first floor.

### **Majestic City**

Owner: CT Land Development, 4th floor, Station Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:50 8673-4

A number of the “well known” names have a shop at Majestic City. Advertised as “a city on its own” with a large variety of shops for the consumer to choose from. It is a complex with three floors and a basement, fully air-conditioned and equipped with escalators and elevators to make shopping easy. In the basement we find a “*Food Court*”, a large hall with self-service food stalls to make your choice in pizza, Chinese, Malay, prawns, burgers, cake, drinks and ice-cream. Although the set-up is quite unique for Sri Lanka, it is a pity that not much attention is given to cleanliness. The tables can be very sticky indeed, as well as the floor. The penetrating smell of oil and other kitchen odours is also not very pleasant. An improved ventilationsystem for the kitchens would provide a solution. On an admission fee one can enter “*WonderWorld*” with entertainment for adults (electronic games) and kids (large play area). On the other levels we find a snack counter, a quick pass-photo booth, ATM and a range of shops for: clothes, shoes, leather, books, lingerie, perfumes, toys, frames, clocks, baby ware, sports, gifts, computer, glasses, house hold items, cards and many more. Also a supermarket (Food City), videoshop, Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) restaurant and on the top floor the most modern cinema in Sri Lanka. A rooftop restaurant is planned. Finding a parking space can be terrible, especially on evenings and Saturdays.

See also the Majestic City Floorplan and the list with shop names at the end, before the promotional section.

### **Unity Plaza**

Corner of Galle Rd. & Station Rd., Col. 4. (Opposite Majestic City)

Part shops and part offices. It has a small number of shops which start at the basement (entrance from out-



side) Perera & Sons Bakers. On ground level there is an outlet of Vijitha Yapa, a large assorted bookshop. On the other floor there are some computer stores, tailors and an outlet of I & E Technics, specialising in antennas, stabilisers, UPS and other protection equipment for electronic and electrical appliances.

### **Y.M.B.A. Building**

D.S. Senanayake Maw., Borella.

A number of small shops.

Furthermore one can find a large number of buildings which have gathered different shops under one roof. This concept however cannot be characterised as a mall. They have names like “super market” or “complex” and cater mainly to the local community. Often items can be found at a cheaper rate here than in the more sophisticated shops. Try it.

### **Perfumery**

#### **Exclusive Lines**

1-19, Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:58 7224, Colombo Hilton, Tel.:54 4644  
42-G, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 6038

A good choice of perfumes and body care products.

#### **The Parfumerie,**

① 1-55, 1st floor, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 7977  
1-31, Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:59 5757  
4-2, World Trade Centre, Echelon Square, Col. 1. (to be opened soon)

A complete selection of the best world renown brands in perfumes, eau de toilette, make-up, soap, skin-, hair- and body care. Regular promotion by famous perfume houses. Friendly staff which can provide you with good advise. Samples available. (Some items are even cheaper than bought duty free)!

### **The Pettah**

The Pettah, which means “outside the Fort” can best be characterised as Sri Lankas warehouse. A large percentage of goods traded in Sri Lanka come from Pettah. Everything is available and of course much cheaper but you have to



know where to find it. Pettah has one big problem: it is full, overcrowded with people, cars, vans, lorries and goods, loads of goods. Best thing is to visit Pettah in the morning hours and combine your shopping as much as possible since you have to walk long distances to collect your goods. Most shops open around 10:00 and close around 18:00. Parking is best done on the public carpark at Grannaries on Main Street.

Throughout the book you can find companies and shops located in Pettah all by name and divided in the respective categories. By mentioning some street names and point out what kind of goods can be found there, we hope to make the “hunt” for other items somewhat easier. But remember, there are many more shops in Pettah than those mentioned here, so do go out and discover Pettah’s treasures.

**Main Str.:** The easiest street of them all because it is wide! Good textiles, fabric, shirts, sarees, sarongs, bags and suitcases. Shops like: Madura Silk, Ganesh Textiles, City Tex, Saree Museum, Ranjanas, Jezima Drapery, Rambros, Robinson, Sivath Trade (masks, stationary, ribbon and carton) and Mack Lanka (umbrella’s).

**1st Cross Str.:** Paper, electrical items, plastic and artificial leather on rolls (No. 57, Citizen), electronics (No. 56, Micro & 14, Asia), ornaments, lamps and bulbs, paper, carton and stationary (No. 38, K.P.M. Comp.).

**2nd Cross Str.:** (on Reclamation Rd. side near mosque) all items for sewing like accessories, buttons, ribbon, zippers, clips, needles, thread, elastic. (On the other side of Main Str.) A lot of shops sell fabric, garments, do tailoring etc. Textile and household items, vinyl and plastic sheets (No. 41/43 J.B. Trades & No. 66, Vally Stores). Ornaments, leather, plastic and foam (No. 70, Marriot). Leather at No. 63, Unique Lanka Leather Trades.

**3rd Cross Str.:** Textiles and fabric.

**5th Cross Str.:** Open air vegetables market, dried fish, chillies, spices etc.

**Bankshall Str.:** Chemicals, thinner, dyes, wax, acids and plastic bags at J.K. Trading Co. (No. 103A, Tel.:42 1259).

**Front Str.:** (opposite Fort railway station) Bags, suitcases, cassettes, electrical household items, (No. 102, Lakshitha Enterprise, & No. 100, Tajra International).

**Gabo’s Lane:** Herbs, spices, natural drugs, incences, oils etc.



**Maliban Str.:** Paper, electrical items and stationary.

**Mayri Lane:**(off Front Str.) No. 5, Kiny O Traders for paper and carton.

**Keyzer Str.:** Textiles and fabric, household items at Abdul Rahims.

**Peoples Park Complex:** New King Pack, plastic bags in all sizes.

**Prince Str.:** Leather stores, also plastic and artificial leather.

### Vegetables

#### **E&CO (The Oasis Company)**

18, Station Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:59 7097 Fax.:43 0338

Open 7 days a week from 10.00 - 19.00.

Sales of organically grown vegetables and fruit from the up-country districts. Orders will be accepted one week before delivery. Also sales of pure bees honey, spices and coffee all grown without the use of artificial fertiliser and pesticides. E&CO also sells young plants of endangered species.

#### **Mrs. A. Soyza**

85/25, Jawatta Gardens, Col. 5. Tel.:58 8578 Fax.:59 1055

(open only on Thursday mornings from 8 - 12 noon).

Organically cultivated vegetables from the Nuwara Eliya district. Stricly no chemicals are used in fertiliser or in pest control. Coffee is also on sale (Hansa brand), grown from organically cultivated plants. Pre-packed, ground or beans.

### Other Stores

#### **Ariyapala**

54, Lauries Rd. corner R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 4.

Tel.:50 2299, 503198

A known name for imported items as well as a large stock of soft drinks, beer, wine and hard liquor.

#### **Beema**

Second Floor, Kollupitiya Supermarket, Dharmapala Maw., Tel.:33 1262  
(Opposite Liberty Plaza).

A well known name within the expat community for the availability of (food) items which cannot be found else-



where. It caters also to specific expat festivities such as Easter, Christmas, Saint Nicholas, Thanks Giving etc. by importing special food items.

### **Premasiri Supermarket**

253, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. (Opposite Liberty Plaza).  
Tel.: 57 4381, 57 5683

Groceries, pharmacy and liquor.



## **Sport**

### **Clubs / Grounds**

#### **Ceylon Football & Rugby Club**

28, Longden Place, Col. 7. Tel.:58 6834

#### **Ceylon Motor Yacht Club**

Bolgoda Lake, Moratuwa. P.O. Box 1268, Col. 1.

#### **Colombo Hash House Harriers**

Tel.:43 8407 (K. Salgado), 86 3630 (C. Anderson), 50 2107, 58 1675 (H. Peries), 071-39406 (K. Karlsson), 69 9991 (K. Zingg), 57 5376 (Rachel).

This “informal” track / running group, meets at one of the members homes regularly to go for a cross country run. There is a separate men only run on Mondays and a mixed run on Wednesdays.

#### **Colombo ProKart Centre**

338, T.B. Jayah Maw. (Darley Rd. opposite the fire brigade), Col. 10.  
Tel.:074-717273, 074-717173

The first go-kart centre in Sri Lanka. Partly in- partly outdoors situated in an old warehouse. Fees are charged by a time period. Anybody can drive as long as they are fit and over 14 years. Although the speed in reality is not high, the low sitting position, direct steering and the absence of suspension give that feeling of being in a Formula I race car. Regular competitions and races.

#### **Colombo Rowing Club**

51, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:43 3758

#### **Colombo Swimming Club (CSC)**

148, Galle Rd. (opposite Temple Trees), Col. 3. Tel.:42 16435

Swimming pool, bar, tennis courts, restaurant, fitness centre, squash, snooker table, library etc. Members only.

#### **CR & FC ground**

Next to B.M.I.C.H., Malalasekera Maw., Col. 7.

#### **Global Fitness**

14, Jawatta Rd., Col. 5.

Well equipped centre with professional guidance.



**Gymkhana Club**

31, Maitland Crescent, Col. 7. Tel.:69 1025

Field sports ground, squash hall, tennis, snooker etc.

**Hilton Sports Centre**

Lotus Rd., Col. 1. Tel.:54 4644, 43 7177 Fax.:54 4657

Swimming pool, tennis, aerobics, squash, fitness centre, sauna, horse back riding etc.

**Kinross Swimming & Life Saving Club**

10, Station Avenue, Col. 6. Tel.:58 1638

**Nondescripts Cricket Club (NCC)**

Maitland Crescent, Col. 7. Tel.:69 5293

Cricket and field sports ground.

**Oberoi Sports Club**

Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:32 0001

Swimming pool, tennis, squash, fitness centre etc. Members only.

**Otter Aquatic Club**

380/1, Baudhdhaloka Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:69 2308

Swimming pools, children's playground, bar, squash, tennis, restaurant, fitness centre etc. Members only.

**Police Grounds**

Havelock Rd., Col. 7.

**Power World**

320/2, Galle Rd., Col. 3 Tel.:57 7783

4, Collingwood Place, Wellawatte. Tel.:58 9333

Fitness centre, with a program to suit your capacities.

**Pulse Beat**

185/10, Havelock Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:59 5932

Fitness centre & aerobics.

**Royal Colombo Golf Club**

185, Model Farm Rd., Col. 8. Tel.:69 5431

Full membership and temporary membership available.



**Shotokan Karate Do Sri Lanka**

20, Dickman's Rd., Col. 5. (at Belvoir College).

Affiliated to the International Shotokan Karate Do Association of Germany. Associate Member of Japan Karate Association. Member of the Sri Lanka Karate Do Federation. Karate lessons for children and adults both female and male on Saturday's from 14:00 - 16:30 and on Sunday's from 8:00 - 10:30. Chief instructor Mr. T.F.S. Dole, Nidan International.

**Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC)**

Maitland Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 5362

A place of social gathering especially on the last Sunday of the month, when a jazz session takes place. Swimming pool and sports ground for field sports.

**Sports Ministry Grounds**

Next to Independence Memorial Hall, Col. 7.

**Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium**

Prince of Wales Avenue, Col. 13.

The largest indoor stadium in Sri Lanka. Used for sports, cultural and other events.

**Sugathadasa Stadium**

Arthur de Silva Maw. (off Prince of Wales Avenue), Col. 13.

The largest outdoor stadium in Sri Lanka. Used for sports, cultural and other events.

**Trans Asia Sport Club**

Trans Asia Hotel basement, 155, Sir Chittampalam Gardiner Maw., Col. 2.  
Tel.:54 4200 Fax.:44 9184

Swimming pool, fitness centre, aerobics, squash, tennis etc.

**Sports Goods****(Nameless shop)**

41, Edward Lane, Col. 3. Tel.:58 2773

A wide variety of ballet- & aerobic wear in all sizes.

**Bandara & Sons**

27, Sir Baron Jayatilleke Maw., Col. 1. Tel.:33 5136 Fax.:44 7170



**Chand Sports**

377 A, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 3082

**City Cycle Stores**

233, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:50 8316

Fitness equipment, table tennis, indoor bikes etc.

**Diana & Co.**

92, Chatham Str., Col. 1. Tel.:32 3932

**Emperor**

322, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:59 2880

**Gordon Frazer Sports Shop**

320/1, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:33 7323 Fax.:44 9249

**Haren International**

3 rd floor, Majestic City, 1st floor, Liberty Plaza.

**Hartley & Co.**

Regent Building, 345, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3.

Tel.:57 4073-74 Fax.:57 4076 e-mail:hartley@sri.lanka.net

Specialise in cricket equipment but also have a range of tennis-, badminton-, squash- and hockey equipment.

**Pettah Sports**

4, 2nd Floor, Bankshall Str., Col. 11. Tel.:42 3035 Fax.:34 4460

**R and G Sports**

17, Sri Wanaratna Rd., Kalubowila, Dehiwela. Tel./Fax.:73 4442

Tennis, squash and badminton racquets and accessories.

**Sathosa Sports**

56, D.R. Wijewardena Maw., Col. 10. Tel.: & Fax.:69 2833

**State Trading Corporation**

119, Sir James Pieris Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:42 2341

**Sumathi Sports**

491, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 8266 Fax.:50 8616

**Underwater Safaris**

25C, Barnes Place, Col. 7. Tel.:69 4012 Fax.:69 8730

Dive masks, snorkles, fins, goggles etc. (See also under Lessons, Scuba Diving).



**Vishaal Enterprises**

62A, K. Cyril Perera Maw., Col. 13. Tel.:42 2433

Table tennis tables of the Lispo brand.

**Trophies****Auto Crafts**

506, Galle Rd., Wellawatta. Tel.:58 5089, 59 2510

**Bandara & Sons**

27, Sir Baron Jayatilleke Maw., Col. 1. Tel.:33 5136 Fax.:44 7170

**Duro Electroplating**

411, T.B. Jayah Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:69 2133

596, 2nd Division, Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:69 5670

**Flexport**

127, Jambugasmulla Maw., Nugegoda. Tel.:85 6606, 82 5703 Fax.:85 3554

**P.E. Francis Perera**

234, Messenger Str., Col. 12. Tel.:43 5315

**Frontline Promotions**142, Colombo Rd., Pepiliyana Junction, Boralesgamuwa. Tel.:82 2138, 82 8890  
Fax.:82 2138**Metro Sports**

97, Main Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 4056

**Sugathadasa Bandara & Sons**

120/2, 2nd Lane, Old Kesbewa Rd., Delkanda, Nugegoda. Tel.:81 0468



## **Stock Exchange**

The Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) is located at the World Trade Centre at Echelon Square in Fort. 04-01 West Block, World Trade Centre, Echelon Square, Col. 1. Tel.:44 6581 Fax.:44 5279 e-mail:cse@sri.lanka.net Since 1st June 1997 the Stock Exchange is fully automated. Buying and selling will be matched automatically. Procedures of buying and selling are extremely well organised and the CSE keeps a close eye on regulations with it's registered stockbrokers. To trade on the CSE, you simply have to open an account at one of the brokers mentioned below. If you trade elsewhere in the world, it might be a good idea to choose one which can provide services related to overseas buying/selling. Once the account is opened you are registered in the Central Depository System. To execute a buying order, a deposit has to be made of half the amount to be purchased. You can give a day- or unlimited order. Once the order is executed this will be verbally confirmed by your broker and you will receive a "buy" note one day later. Costs for buying are about 2%. Payment has to be made on: trading day + 5, either by cheque or cash (minus the amount you deposited). Payments have to be made from your SIERRA account (ask your banker). You will not get hold of your shares physically, but they are kept in your account in the Central Depository System. Selling orders are handled in basically the same way, however settlement of your sales will be: trading day + 7 and the cost is about 1.5%. Each month you will receive a statement of the CDS through your broker so you can see the movement and balance. When a company gives out a rights issue or bonus shares, they sometimes send you a real share certificate. These have to be logged into your CDS account through your broker before you can trade them. There is no capital gains tax in Sri Lanka. Proceeds of sales can be repatriated.

### **Stock Brokers at the CSE:**

#### **Allied Philips Securities**

17, 18th Lane, Col. 3. Tel.:57 5537, 57 5863 Fax.:57 3155



**Asia Securities**

21-01, West Tower, World Trade Centre, Echelon Square, Col. 1. Tel.:33 6010  
Fax.:33 6018

In collaboration with W.I. Carr. Operates also from The  
Pub at The Hilton.

**Bartleet Mallory Stockbrokers**

65, Braybrooke Place, Col. 2. Tel.:34 1772-9 Fax.:43 4985

**CDIC Sassoon Cumberbatch**

65C, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:43 9941-3 Fax.:43 9945

**Ceylinco Stock Brokers**

428/4, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:56 5091 Fax.:56 5095

**CT Smith Stockbrokers**

1st floor, Cargills Bldg., 40, York Str., Col. 1. Tel.:43 3982, 34 2801-3 Fax.:43  
4038

**De Silva & Abeywardena Stockbrokers**

1st Floor, State Bank of India Bldg., Sir Baron Jayathileke Maw., Col. 1.  
Tel.:42 2826 Fax.:42 2768

**Forbes & Walker Stockbrokers**

46/38, Navam Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:44 6021-2 Fax.:43 7149

**(A) Jardine Fleming HNB Securities**

10-01, East Tower, World Trade Centre, Echelon Square, Col. 1.  
Tel.:34 6011, 33 1075-82 Fax.:43 1848-9

Combined strength and worldwide knowledge makes  
this company one of the top players at the CSE. Since  
Jardine Fleming (Robert Fleming) operates worldwide,  
the company can also provide you with up-to-date re-  
search on global markets.

**J.B. Securities**

150, St. Joseph Str., Col. 14. Tel.:44 9191-3 Fax.:44 6085

**John Keells Stockbrokers**

130, Glennie Str., Col. 2. Tel.:42 1101-5 Fax.:32 6863

**Lanka Securities**

189, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:34 7212-5 Fax.:33 7641

**NDB Stockbrokers**

04-01, East Tower, World Trade Centre, Echelon Square, Col. 1.  
Tel.:34 6100-10 Fax.:34 6109



## Sommerville Stockbrokers

137, Vauxhall Str., Col. 2. Tel.:32 9201-5 Fax.:68 4368

## T.A. Securities Lanka

81, Ward Place, Col. 7. Tel.:68 4363 Fax.:68 4368



## Supermarkets

### **Food City** (Cargills)

40, York Str., Col. 1.; Staples Str., Col. 2.; Majestic City; High Level Rd., Nugegoda; Galle Rd., Mount Lavinia.

Cargills runs this largest chain of supermarkets in Colombo, its suburbs and in Kandy. The holding company is firmly established as franchiser, importer, wholesaler and retailer in mainly the consumer market. It has several food processing plants as well as interests in other companies related to its core business.

The Staple street store (in the context of “supermarkets”) most resembles the term known from abroad. There is plenty of shopping area and a great variety of imported items on offer. Special sections: fresh fruit / vegetables, fresh meat / fish, frozen products, bakery / pastries, Disney items, pharmacy, liquor and a coffee shop. The newer outlets are up to standard, the older ones certainly not.

**Price tag:** + / ++ (varies per location).

**Good:** spacious (Staple Street), choice, transport of bags to car, parking space (at Majestic City).

**Not so good:** slow cashier service, parking (Staple Street).

### **Keells Super**

Liberty Plaza; High Level Rd., Nugegoda; Galle Rd., Mount Lavinia; Negombo Rd., Wattala (soon at Crescat Boulevard).

This supermarket chain is part of the local conglomerate John Keells Holdings (JKH), which hold several food processing plants, a soft drink bottling plant, confectionery and bakery as well as hotels and restaurants.

The variety of products offered is good with special sections for: fresh meat / fish / fresh vegetables / fruit, frozen products, bakery / pastries and liquor. However, some isles are too narrow which makes it difficult to find items. The choice of imported items is good but when they are out of stock it can take a long time before new stocks arrive. Keells Super have a number of outlets at Liberty, Mount-Lavinia, Nugegoda, Wattala and



soon at Crescat Boulevard. Items on display may vary according the location.

**Price tag:** + / ++

**Good:** choice, fast cashier service, transport of bags to car, valet parking (Liberty Plaza only), parking space (Liberty Plaza).

**Not so good:** small isles, crowded (Liberty Plaza).

### **Park & Shop**

**(A)** 128, High Level Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:85 6990, 82 6089

An independent supermarket, favourite with people living in the Nugegoda area. Although the space is limited, Park & Shop has a wide range of goods for daily needs. Imported items are mostly lower priced than other supermarkets. Store personnel are accurate, fast and very helpful. Special sections: pharmacy, frozen products, fresh meat / fish. It is the only supermarket where we found an active customer relations person. This lady adds real value for the customers. In the same building other shops are located such as: an excellent photo print, furniture, optician, hair saloon, and jewellery.

**Price tag:** -/+ .

**Good:** price, choice, transport of bags to car, personnel.

**Not so good:** limited parking space.

### **SafeMart**

349, Cotta Rd., Rajagiriya; 505, Negombo Rd., Wattela; 472, Galle Rd., Moratuwa

A fairly new chain of supermarkets in Colombo and its suburbs. To make itself known it offers a range of innovative ideas to lure customers. There are saving schemes and credit cards for regular customers. Its pricing for some items is certainly on the low side. Safe-Mart is relatively new and unknown; this and the spacious set-up, makes shopping quite easy and fast since it is not crowded. The choice of items is limited compared with the well known supermarkets. No doubt that in the near future more items will be added.

**Price tag:** - / +.

**Good:** price, space.

**Not so good:** efficiency.



## **Tailors**

There are a number of good tailors around town. If you take some well fitting clothes it will be copied for a perfect fit. A wide choice of materials is available either locally produced, from India, Great Britain and the Far East.

### **Bristol Tailors**

8, Galle Face Hotel Shopping Village, Galle Rd., Col. 3.  
Tel.:32 3663, 44 9375 Fax.:43 8700

### **Eeann Outfitters**

02-54, Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:071-36800, 59 5097

Master tailors with a wide variety in fabric and models to choose from. Very good and accurate, so not cheap.

### **Hameedia**

1st Floor, Colombo Plaza, Col. 6. Tel.:58 0307

Also at Liberty Plaza & Majestic City. See also under Garments and Malls (Colombo Plaza).

### **Hercules Tailors**

74, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:58 6287 Fax.:59 3355,  
185, Olcott Mawatha, Col. 11. Tel.:44 8570,  
Hotel Lanka Orchard Building, Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 0544  
203, Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:58 8182

### **Jayatissa Brothers**

77, 2nd Cross Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 3124, 44 9617,  
19, 2nd Floor, Nugegoda Supermarket, Nugegoda. Tel.:85 3118

### **Lalsons Customs Tailors**

410, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4316, 57 4091 Fax.:50 8187  
Specialist in schooluniforms and shirts.

### **Staflax Lanka**

2-32, Majestic City, Col. 4. Tel.:59 2882  
28, Station Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:59 0755, 593527

Well recommended for suits.



## **Tea**

Tea is one of the biggest foreign exchange earners for Sri Lanka. Ceylon tea, as it is known right through the world, is preferred by many lot of people because of its light golden colour and full tast. Travelling trough the country and especially the hill country, you can see the many tea estates where tea is grown. It is very interesting to see the process from leaf to tea and the next time you sip your cup of tea it will satisfy you even more! There are a number of very good places in Colombo to purchase quality tea for a low price. Since all tea in the world market is blended (=mixed to get an even flavour all year round), pure Ceylon tea can for some be too strong of taste. Loose tea and especially the high grown varieties BOP & BOPF are considered to be the best available. Naturally flavoured tea is available such as: Earl Grey, strawberry, cinnamon etc. Besides the bagged tea, a nice gift is also the porcelain pots, bells and elephants filled with tea. Tea is also available at the departure lounge of the airport, but much more expensive than in Colombo. 5 Kg of tea per person can be exported.

### **Mlesna Tea Centre**

Shops at: Majestic City (Lobby), Liberty Plaza and The Hilton. Also available at the airport departure lounge.

### **Ranfer's Tea and Spices**

32, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 4. Tel.:68 6806 Fax.:68 6803  
Excellent quality and friendly service.

### **Senok Te Kadé**

3, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 5. Tel.:58 0017 Fax.:50 1038

### **Tea Board**

574, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 7814, 58 7773

### **Tea Small Holdings Authority**

349, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:57 5113, 57 5116

### **Tea Tang**

215, Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:44 6214. Shops at Liberty Plaza; Galle Face Court, Col. 3.; Galadari Hotel; Airport departure lounge.



## **Theatres**

The only permanent theatre is the Lionel Wendt mentioned below. However, theatre productions are also shown at the B.M.I.C.H., Elphinstone theatre, leading hotels and auditoriums of leading schools.

### **The Lionel Wendt Memorial Art Centre**

18, Guilford Crescent, Col. 7. Tel.:69 5794

Popularly known as the Lionel Wendt. It has a theatre and an exhibition centre. The theatre is quite popular and although it is small and not modern, one tends to forget this once the show starts. You can subscribe to the monthly program letter, which is then sent to your address.



## **Tools**

### **Access International**

B 2-5, Lucky Plaza, St. Anthony's Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4364

### **St. Anthony's Consolidated** (Hitachi)

516-524, Sri Sangaraja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:32 4261

### **Brown & Co.**

481, T.B. Jayah Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:69 7111 Fax.:69 8489

### **Cambridge Traders** (Makita dealer)

22E, Quarry Rd., Col. 2. Tel.:43 2187

### **Delmege Forsyth & Co.** (Black & Decker & DeWalt dealer)

297, 1st floor Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:33 4106 Fax.:69 8139

### **Diesel & Motor Engineering** (Bosch dealer)

65, Jatawana Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:33 2811 Fax.:44 9080

### **General Equipment's**

316, Sri Sangaraja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:43 0799, 34 5046

### **Hunter & Co.** (Hilti & Metabo dealer)

130, Front Str., Col. 1. Tel.:32 8171-5

### **Lanka General Trading Co.** (formely Sri Lanka State Trading Corp.)

100, Navam Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:32 6582, 42 2341-4 Fax.:43 6234

### **Lanka Walltile Home Centre**

215, Nawala Rd., Narahenpita, Col. 5. Tel.:86 5450-51, 86 5459-60

### **A.C. Paul & Co.** (Stanley dealer)

324-326, Sri Sangaraja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:43 1018

Excellent choice in hand tools.

### **Singer**

320, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:42 1462, Jayantha Weerasekera Maw., Col. 10.  
(and Singer shops island wide).

### **Swedish Trading Co.**(AEG dealer)

48, Park Str., Col. 2. Tel.:33 3441 Fax.:33 3445

### **Unicorn Metalics Co.** (Stanley dealer)

346, Sri Sangaraja Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:43 2891 Fax.:43 9408



## **Travel**

### **Agents**

#### **Ceylon Tours**

67, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:43 3404 Fax.:42 3741

#### **Ⓐ Connaissance de Ceylan**

58, Dudley Senanayake Maw., Borella. Tel.:69 4625, 69 8346 Fax.:68 5555

Offers package tours within Sri Lanka in their own fleet of vehicles. Owners of Culture Club in Dambulla, Le Kandyan Resort Hotel in Kandy and Taprobana Villa in Bentota. Personalised service for your individual requirements and 24 hours a day contactability. GSA for Air France (at the Galle Face Hotel Shopping Centre).

#### **Gabo Holidays**

11, Bagatella Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 1777, 50 2310 Fax.:58 9546

Outbound travel agent for tickets and package tours.

#### **Jetwing Travels**

Jetwing House, 46/26, Navam Maw., Col. 2. Tel.:34 5700 Fax.:34 5725

e-mail:jettrav@sri.lanka.net Website: <http://www.sri.lanka.net:80/jetwing/>

Belong to the Jetwing Group of companies. A reputed firm with an excellent track record. The group has its own hotels in Negombo, Galle, Beruwela, Indiruwana and Kandy. (See Hotels, Out of Colombo section).

#### **N-CAR Travels and Tours**

98, Consistory Building, Front Str., Col. 11. Tel.:43 3764, 43 4099, Fax.:44 7101

Tickets, Sri Lankan tours and hotel bookings, foreign package tours.

#### **Ⓐ Prime Destinations**

75, Baybrooke Place, Col. 2. Tel.:30 0001-2 Fax.:30 0003-4

e-mail:hemtours@sri.lanka.net

Prime Destinations is a division of Hemtours and is catering to those clients who insist on quality and personalised service. For outbound travel they specialise in: Wildlife holidays in Kenya, India and South Africa; Coach tours in Europe with Cosmos; Cruise holidays



with The Royal Caribbean cruise line and Star Cruise; Apartments in the UK and other destinations; Package tours to Singapore, Bangkok, India, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur and others. Prime Destinations offers a total package from tickets, visa, Traveller cheques, hotel bookings etc.

For tours in Sri Lanka they can offer a wide range of specials, including wedding and honeymoon packages, Safari Camping in luxurious tents with all accommodations, trekking and rafting tours etc. Special tours according your wishes can be accommodated. Courteous staff and a good after sales service.

### **R.L.M. Holidays**

20/34, Kattiyawatte Rd., Malbola. Tel.:93 0597, 072-246452  
Fax.:93 1242 attn. Randy.

Ask for Randy. Specialises in individual requirements and small groups to tour Sri Lanka.

### **George Steuarts Travel International**

45, Janadhipathi Maw., Col. 1. Tel.:43 6432, 32 6795 Fax.:44 9474

### **Thomas Cook Travel Bureau**

15, Sir Baron Jayatileke Maw., Col. 1. Tel.:44 5971  
245c, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:58 0141

### **VIP Tours**

57A, Dharmapala Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:44 8167, 32 9804 Fax.:44 8541

### **Walkers Tours**

130, Glennie Str., Col. 2. Tel.:32 7540, 33 4772-3

As part of John Keels Holding, Walker Tours conduct tours around the Island in their own fleet of vehicles ranging from cars, vans to 60 seater buses.

### **Bajaj**

Three wheeler, Tuk Tuk, Scooter Taxi and Bajaj are all different words for the same mode of transport. It is the next best thing after a car. It takes you fast to the place where you want to go for less then half the price of a taxi. Of course in heavy traffic you will miss the airco as in a real taxi, but more often than not your driver will manoeuvre his vehicles in such a way that you arrive much faster than a



taxi. Pre-negotiate the price for your trip and be prepared for some serious bargaining. Bajaj's are like busy bees (or flies whatever you prefer) going around in Colombo. It will never take you more than 1 minute to attract the attention of a driver by waving your hand.

### **Panda Radio Mini Cab Service**

113, 2nd Floor, Armour Str., Col. 12. Tel.:32 4525, 074-618618

Panda cab is the only Bajaj service which can be contacted and summoned to a particular place. They are metered so no bargaining is needed. They are especially buzzing around in the Fort area. Earlier there has been a similar initiative, unfortunately that was not a success because people are only used to just go out and grab a three wheeler rather than calling and waiting for one.

### **Taxi Service** (see also car rent)

#### **Airport Express**

Tel.:68 7037, 69 8207 Fax.:69 9109

#### **ATL Airport Travels**

9, Deal Place, Col. 3. 078-68750, 074-715577 Fax.:078-68760

#### **Cool Kangaroo**

91 1/6, Galle Rd., Col. 4. Tel.:50 2888, 50 1502

#### **GNTC (Namdo)**

27, Sir Ernest de Silva Maw. (Flower Rd.), Col. 7. Tel.:68 8688, 68 2444

#### **Mark Tours**

Tel.:86 5755, 86 6380

#### **Safeway Express**

7, Jaya Maw., Ratmalana Tel.:62 2265

#### **Savoy Comfort**

Galle Rd., Wellawatta. Tel.:59 5595

Taxi service and group transport.

### **Train**

#### **Fort Railway Station**

Olcott Maw., Col. 11. Tel.:42 1281

Bookings for the Viceroy Express to Kandy.



## **Under Takers**

The open (outdoor) cremation is a common sight in Sri Lanka. However, a “closed” service is also available, as well as burials. Full customised service is available. Conversant with western standards.

### **Jayaratne Funeral Directors**

2B, Elvitigala Maw., Col. 8. Tel.:68 6999 Fax.:68 6990

### **Raymond Funeral Services**

115, Rt. Hon D.S. Senanayake Maw., Col. 8. Tel.:69 3737 Fax.:68 5632



## **Video**

### **Cassette King**

473, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:50 1769

Copies of popular childrens video's

### **Laser World**

298, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:57 6679, 69 2350

Newly opened shop with video's and laserdisc's for rent and sale.

### **Precious Video**

90, First Floor, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:59 3610, 59 3609

Open from 10:00 - 22:00 7 days a week . Probably the largest collection of quality video's and laser disc's in town. Own import from Hong Kong and USA. For rent and sales.. Also sales of equipment, copying of tapes and tranfer of video to other systems. Very good service.

### **Video 19**

Lucky Plaza, St. Anthony's Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 7502

Video and cd rental. Also fungus cleaning and transfer to other systems.

### **Video International**

6, School Lane, Col. 3. Tel.:59 4633



## **Watches & Clocks**

**Jones International** (Citizen, Swatch dealer)  
467, Union Place, Col. 2. Tel.:69 2347, 69 3719

**W.A. de Silva & Co.**

46, Front Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 9778 Fax.:44 9487  
3-43 Majestic City, 543, Galle Rd., Mount Lavinia.  
528, Havelock Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:50 0861

**Silva Royal** (Omega dealer)

11, Havelock Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:50 2533

**Tharaka Time House** (Rolex dealer)

75 M/7, Hemas Building, York Str., Col. 1. Tel.:43 3493

**Wimaladharma Brothers** (Seiko, Heuer, Roamer dealer)

120, Front Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 5613-4, 33 7071  
1/51, Liberty Plaza. Tel.:57 5024, Majestic City. Tel.:58 6367  
171, Main Str., Col. 11.

All objects refering to time keeping.



## **Miscellaneous**

### **Aqua Resource Systems**

67, Nawala Rd., Nugegoda. Tel/Fax.:85 3384

Domestic swimming pools.

### **Blue Star Marine**

office:148, Galle Rd., Dehiwela. Tel.:72 2925, 72 4441 Fax.:73 5371

factory:129, Carmel Maw., Elakanda, Hendela-Wattala. Tel.:93 1034, 93 0881

Builders of boats and fibre glass products.

### **Delsey Luggage Showroom**

425/18, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:59 0797

Quality luggage ware from reputed imported brands.

### **Dharshana Stores**

531, 2nd division Maradana Rd., Col. 10. Tel.:68 8488

Everything you want to buy and present to a Bhikhu (Monk).

### **Echolac Luggage**

425/22, Champs Building, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:58 3921

The shop to visit when you need quality luggage ware.

### **V.K. Enterprises**

407, R.A. de Mel Maw. (Duplication Rd.), Col. 3. Tel.:59 1724, 59 1786

Fax.:50 2175

All kinds of imported chip board for furniture, pantry etc.

### **Mc Foam / McBolon Polymer**

52, Bishop's Rd., Wattala. Tel.:93 0584, 93 0218 Fax.:93 0010

Polyethylene foam in all shapes and sizes.

### **Foster & Reed**

150, Nawala Rd., Nugegoda. Tel.:82 6690, 82 6617 Fax.:82 6689

Design, placement and maintenance of swimming pools. Also available, maintenance products and accessories for pools.



**Formytop Centre**

367, Galle Rd., Dehiwela.

Over 250 colours of scratch resistant Perstorp laminate.  
Also storage racks and household items.

**FRP Services**

148, Galle Rd., Dehiwela, Tel.:72 2925, 72 4441 Fax.:73 5371

All products for fibre reinforced products, also called fibre glass and polyester. Can get small quantities if you bring your own containers.

**Gangaramaya**

61, Sri Jinaratana Rd., Col. 2. Tel.:32 7084, 435169 Fax.:43 9508

A shop situated at the famous Gangaramaya Temple complex. Books, cassettes, video and images on Buddhism. Also Buddha statues. It is from this temple that the famous Navam Perahera starts on the Full Moon Poyaday in February.

**Lanka Nippon**

18, Keyzer Str., Col. 11. Tel.:32 4726, 43 7735 Fax.:43 7736

T.V. antennas and boosters from the Kobe brand (imported).

**The Luggage Shop**

1-34 X, First Floor, Liberty Plaza, Col. 3. Tel.:57 5455

A wide variety in luggage ware from reputed, world renowned brands.

**Mackwoods**

10, Gnanartha Pradeepa Maw., Col. 8. Tel.:69 7965-9 Fax.:69 9454

Specialises in laboratory ware and chemicals for laboratory use. Also for microscopes, balances etc.

**Magna Cells**

Ground Floor, Lucky Plaza, St. Anthony's Maw., Col. 3. Tel.:57 4675

Specialises in all special batteries.

**Mister Mint**

2-72, Majestic City, 42-X, Ground Floor, Liberty Plaza (soon at WTC).

For good repairs of your shoes. Also for engraving and keycutting.



**Multiflex Leisure**

523, Galle Rd., Col. 6. Tel.:50 3222

Biwater Leisure (UK) dealer for design, construction and accessories for swimming pools.

**M.M. Noorbhoy & Co.**

121, Malay Str., Col. 2. Tel.:32 3104, 44 5121

Over 250 colours of scratch resistant laminate.

**Runic**

26B, Nugegoda Rd., Pepiliyana, Boralesgamuwa. Tel.:071-36623

Special bulbs and energy saving equipment.

**Technomar Associates**

29/2, T.G. Jayawardama Maw., Col. 10. Tel.:57 3920 Fax.:56 5051

Boats and canoes.

**Tech Waters**

303, High Level Rd., Col. 5. Tel.:82 4287, 82 6340 Fax.:85 3752

e-mail: techw@sri.lanka.net

Professional design and placement of home swimming pool, steam baths, saunas etc. Sale of accessories and maintenance on contract basis.

**United States Educational Foundation**

39A, Sir Ernest de Silva Maw. (Flower Rd.), Col. 7. Tel.:69 7834, 69 7835

All information on education in the USA.

**United States Information Centre**

40, Galle Rd., Col. 3. Tel.:42 1270-5 Fax.:44 9070

Library, cultural centre and information centre on economical, technical and cultural issues, also on schooling in the U.S.A. Extremely well maintained.



## **Places of Interest**

### **Elephants**

There are only two places in Colombo where elephants can be seen in all likelihood. The Gangaramaya Temple at Sri Jinarathana Rd. Col. 3. and in the Vihara Maradevi Park near the washing place. All other times seeing an elephant on the Colombo roads is pure coincidence (except ofcourse during the Navam Perahera in February).

### **Galle Face Green**

The stretch of land in between Galle Face Hotel and Hotel Intercontinental. For many years this was the place for socialising, especially during the weekend. It was used as a sportsground, open air restaurant, playground, "lovers lane" and much more. The "Green" had turned into brown and two years ago the Municipality started a major development plan to upgrade this unique place. Mountains of earth were moved, stone walls have been made but after all this time only very little grass grew and the whole stretch is still out of bound for the general public. Hopefully, one day one will be allowed to just sit down, taste the sea and see the sun set once more.

### **Independence Memorial Hall**

Independence Avenue Col. 7.

It was in this hall on February 4th 1948, that the signing of the independence from Great Britain took place. Every year celebrations take place with speeches and parades.

### **Old Parliament Building**

Galle Face Green and Lotus Rd., Col. 1.

Only used for ceremonial festivities.

### **Parliament Building**

Parliament Rd., Sri Jayewardenepura, Kotte.



## Town Hall

F.R. Senanayake Maw., Col. 7.

This building is a copy of the White House in Washington.

## Vihara Maradevi Park

The green heart of Colombo. Bordered in the North by Dharmapala Maw. In the East by C.W.W. Kannangara Maw. (Alexandra Place). In the South by Ananda Coomaraswamy Maw. and in the West by Marcus Fernando Maw. Along Dharmapala Maw. a permanent carnival is situated. However, the opening times are very limited. On the same side is a small playground for the children with pony rides. On the corner of Ananda Coomaraswamy and C.W.W. Kannangara Maw. floral fairs take place every month. Behind this spot is an open air auditorium and next to that a traffic education park. All the way towards the other end near the War Memorial, elephants can frequently be seen taking a bath. During weekdays, the park is quite attractive and quiet. However, at weekends all places seem to be reserved and taken up by couples in love.

## Zoological Gardens

Dharmapala Maw. (Alin Avenue), Dehiwela. Tel.:71 2751

The Dehiwela Zoo is open from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. every day. Fortunately for the animals and the visitors, the zoo has undertaken a major refurbishing project. The surroundings are beautiful and it will surely attract even more people once finished. However, it will take many years before everything is upgraded. The entrance fee is low.



## **Useful Addresses**

### **80 Club, Keston**

25, Independence Avenue, Col. 7.

Jazz and jam-sessions each month.

### **Careem & Co.**

32, Mudalinge Maw. (next to GPO), Col. 1. Tel.:42 1137

Stamps, coins, currency and curio dealer.

### **Ceylon Tourist Board**

78, Steuart Place, Col. 3. (sea side Galle Rd.). Tel.:43 7055, 437059

Provides information on Sri Lanka's attractions and accommodation. Also has bureaus overseas.

### **Department of Archaeology**

Sir Marcus Fernando Maw., Col. 7. Tel.:69 5255, 694727

Permits can be obtained here to visit the Cultural Triangle. The permits admit residents for a reduced fee and cannot be purchased at the sites themselves. The permits also allow photographing and video filming on the sites. The services of the Archaeology department is also needed when moving out of Sri Lanka and obtaining permits to export antiques purchased in Sri Lanka.

### **Department of Immigration and Emigration**

Basement Tower Building, Col. 4. Tel.:43 6353-67 (at the end of the road from Majestic City).

The department of Immigration and Emigration is housed in the office along Station Road (left side at the end). You have to visit this office for the extension of visa.

### **Department of Probation and Childcare**

95, Basement, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Maw., Col. 2. (next to Trans Asia hotel)

Tel./Fax.:32 7600



**Department of Wildlife Conservation**

18, Gregory's Rd., Col. 7. Tel.:69 4241

Website: <http://www.sri.lanka.net.directory>

Information on wildlife parks and conservation projects.  
Also a shop with T-shirts, books, cards and educational material.

**Walter Theodore Diaz**

Mr. Dias can often be found at the GPO and is the authority on stamps for Sri Lanka. Private phone :64 6516

**Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka**

27/37, Bullers Lane, Col. 7. Tel.:58 4203

Besides pregnancy tests, advice and contraceptive products, they also conduct AIDS tests.

**Zubair Hamid**

30, Mudalinge Maw. (ajoining GPO), Col. 1.

Mr. Hamid has a very orderly collection of stamps going far back. Also albums, currency, coins, shells etc. for collectors.

**HelpAge Sri Lanka**

102, Pemandanda Maw., Raththanapitiya, Boralesgamuwa. Tel.:82 3752-3

Fax.:81 1147

**Planetarium**

Bauddhaloka Maw. (you have to cross the checkpoint barrier), Col. 7.

Tel.:58 6499

Shows will be given by appointment only. Low entrance fee.

**Sri Lanka Anti Narcotics Association**

121, Kynsey Rd., Col. 8. Tel.:68 8311

**Sri Lanka Customs**

Custom House, Bristol Str., P.O. Box 518, Col. 1. Tel./Fax.:44 6586

**Sri Lanka Vegetarian Society**

136, High Level Rd., Maharagama. Tel.:85 1739

Website: <http://www.veg.org/veg/Org/IVO>



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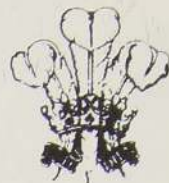
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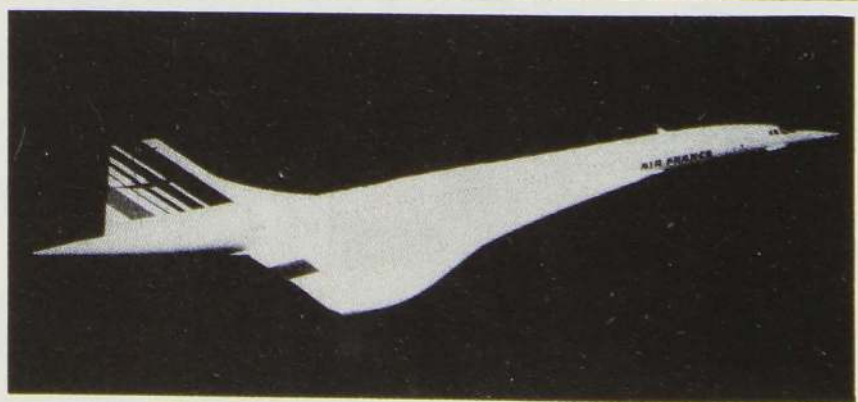
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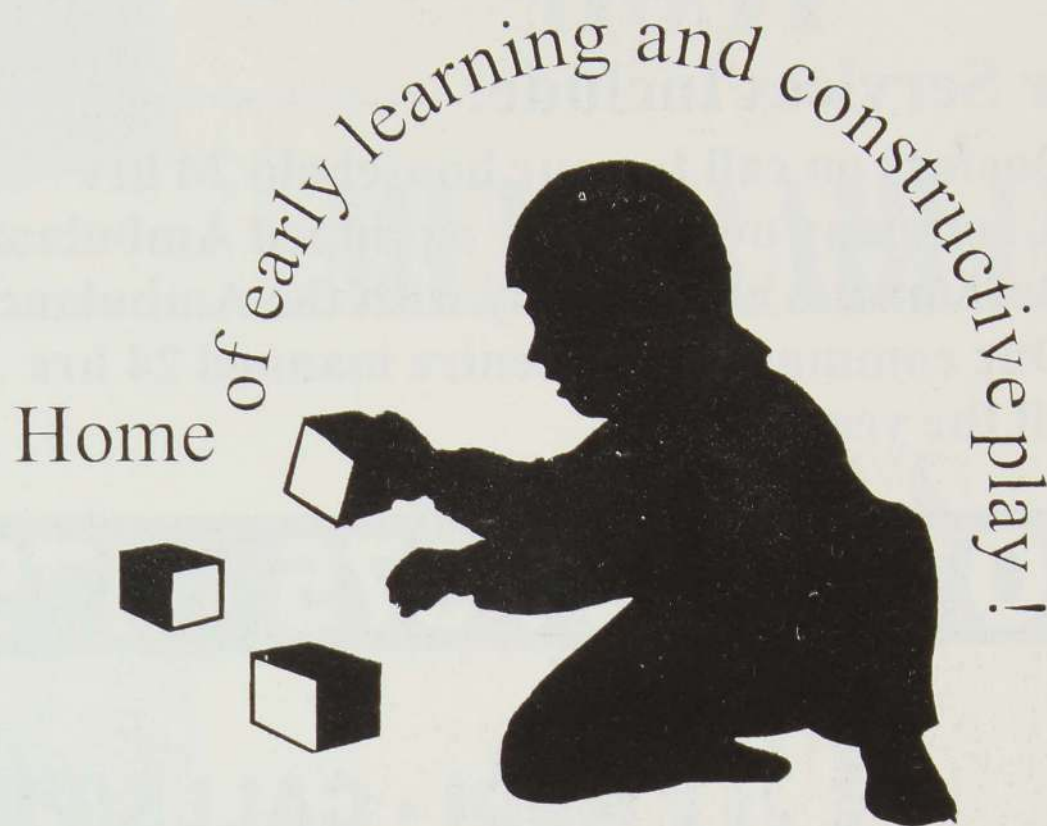
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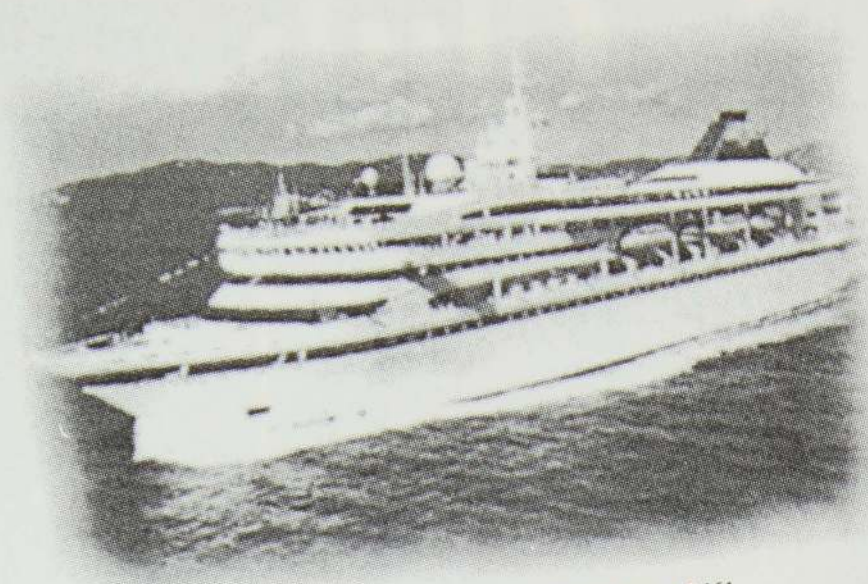
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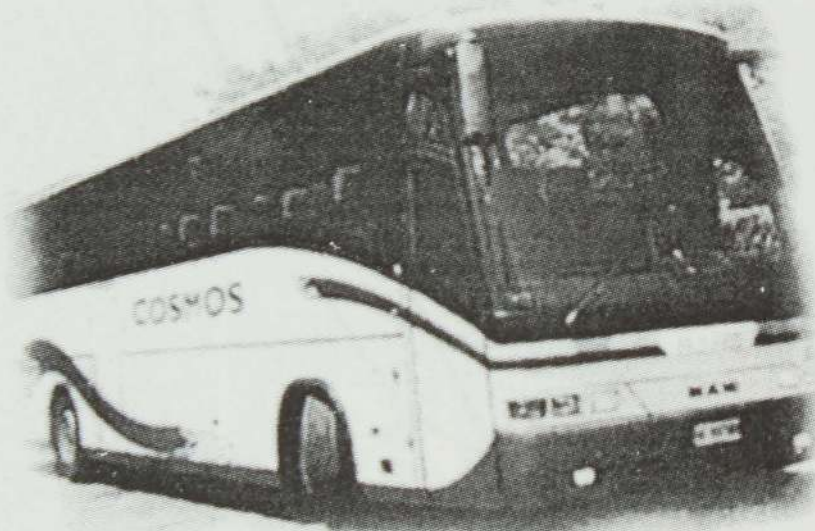




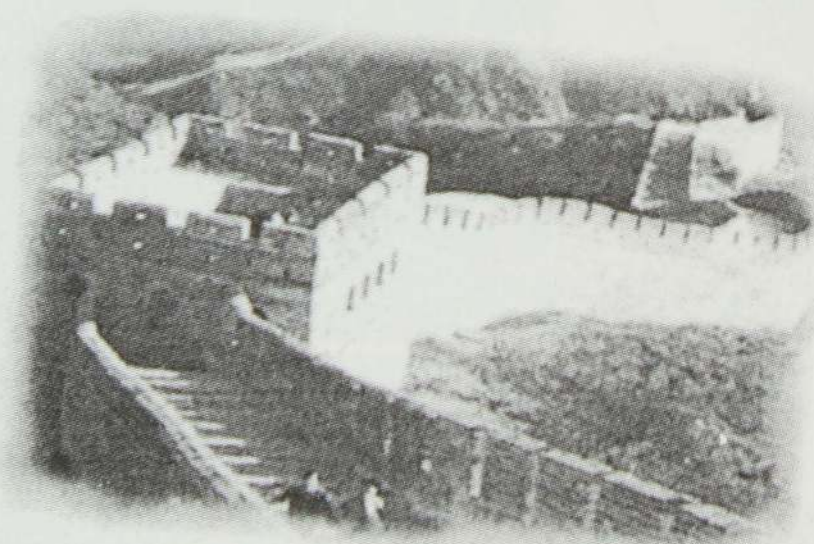
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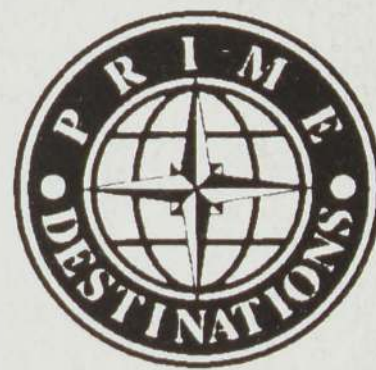


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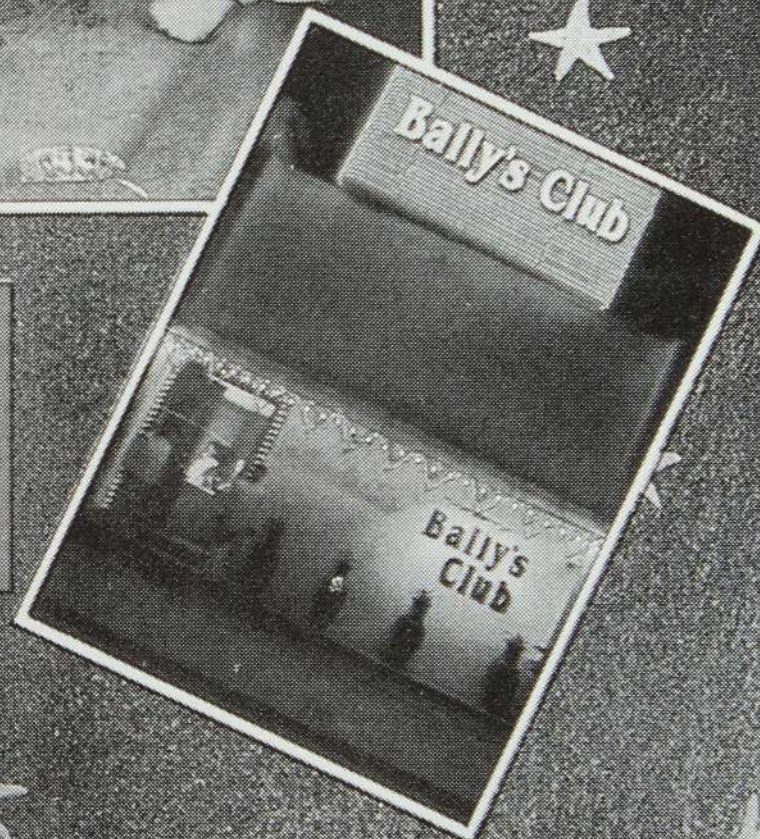
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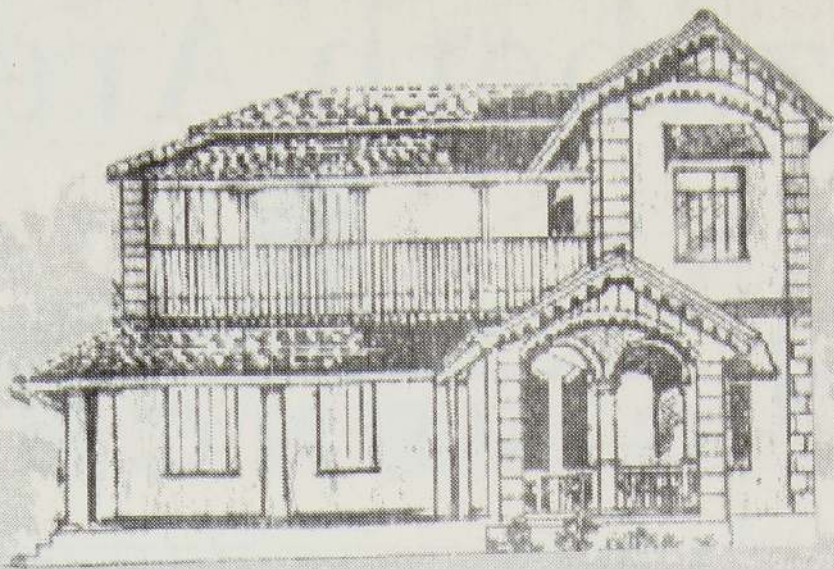
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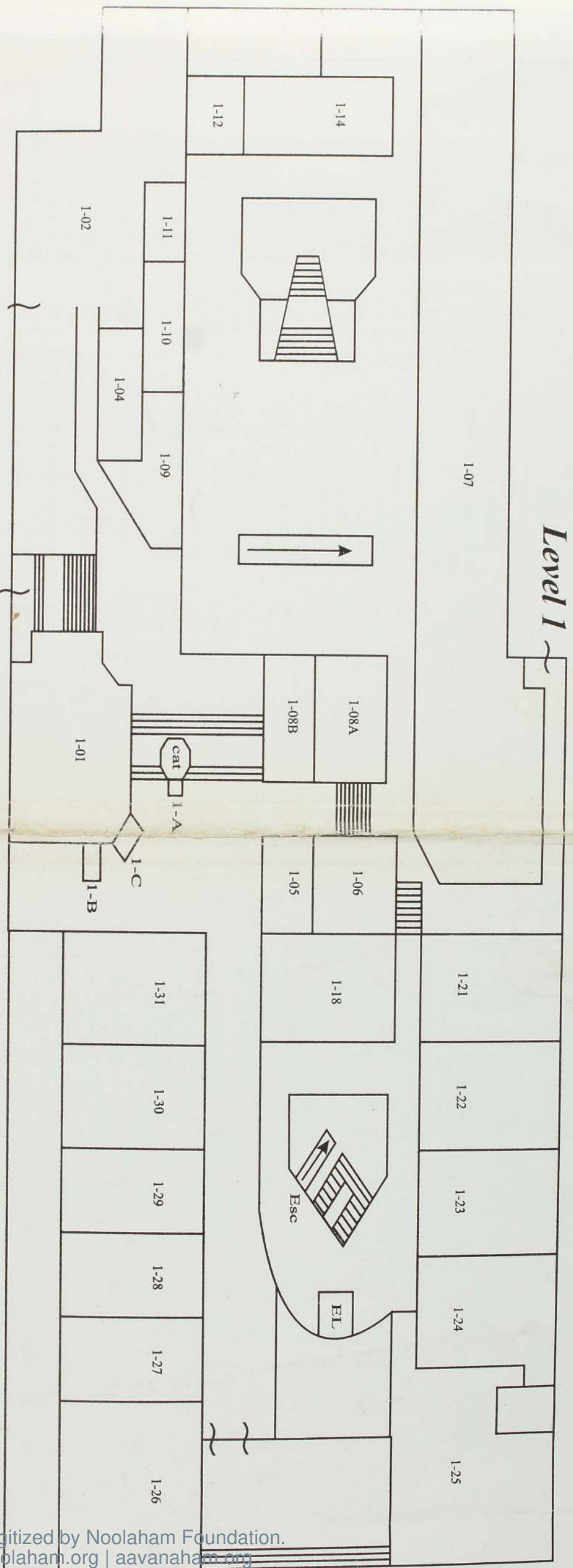
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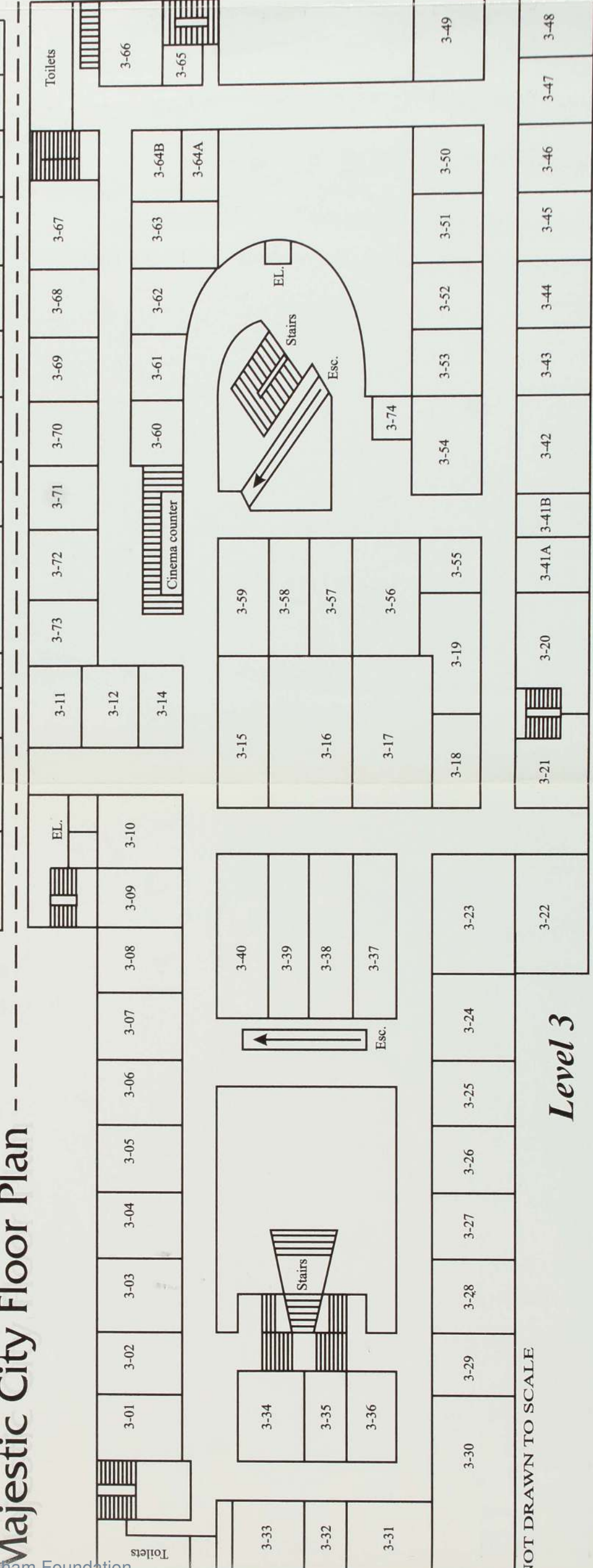
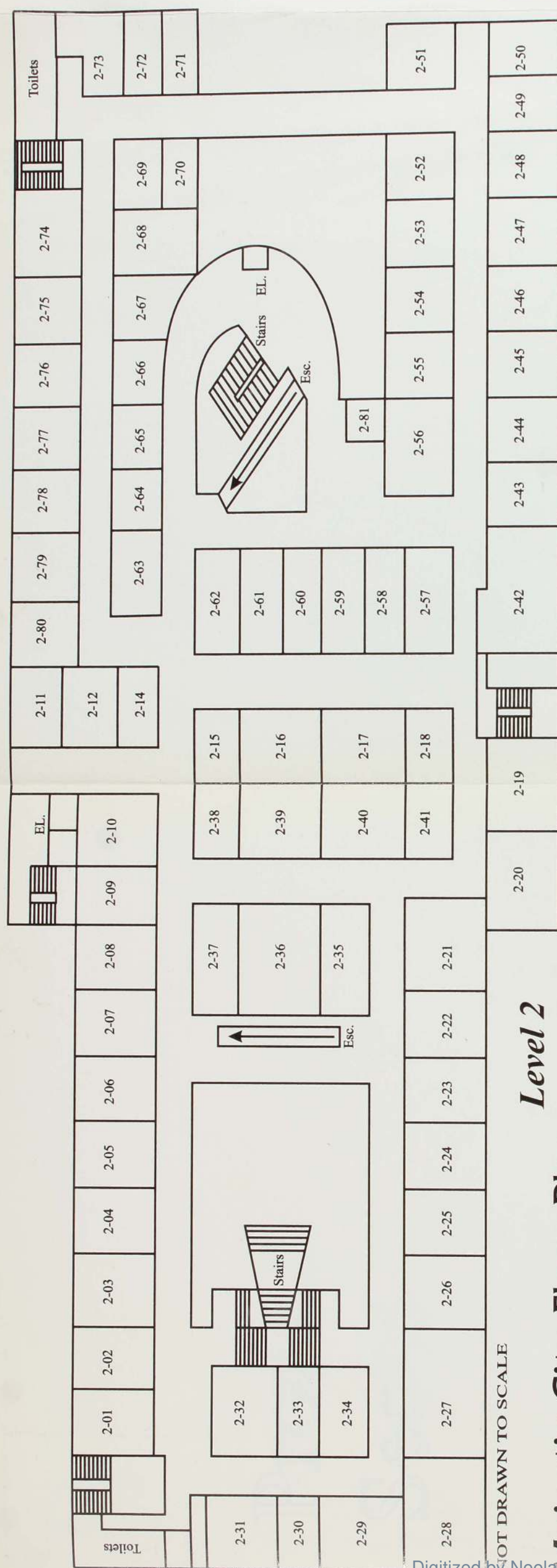
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2-04	Walkway	2-45	Private Selection
2-05	Majestic Trade Centre	2-46	
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2-07	Lalchand Accessory Shop	2-48	Shyamas
2-08	Lakshmi	2-49	U2 London
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2-10	Epsi Software	2-51	Dressport
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2-12	Eye Catch	2-53	Four Seasons
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2-24	Saree Kingdom	2-65	The Beat
2-25	Leather Point	2-66	Aarees Enterprises
2-26	Private Selection	2-67	Unik Creations
2-27	My Baby & Linen Cupboard	2-68	Rangoli
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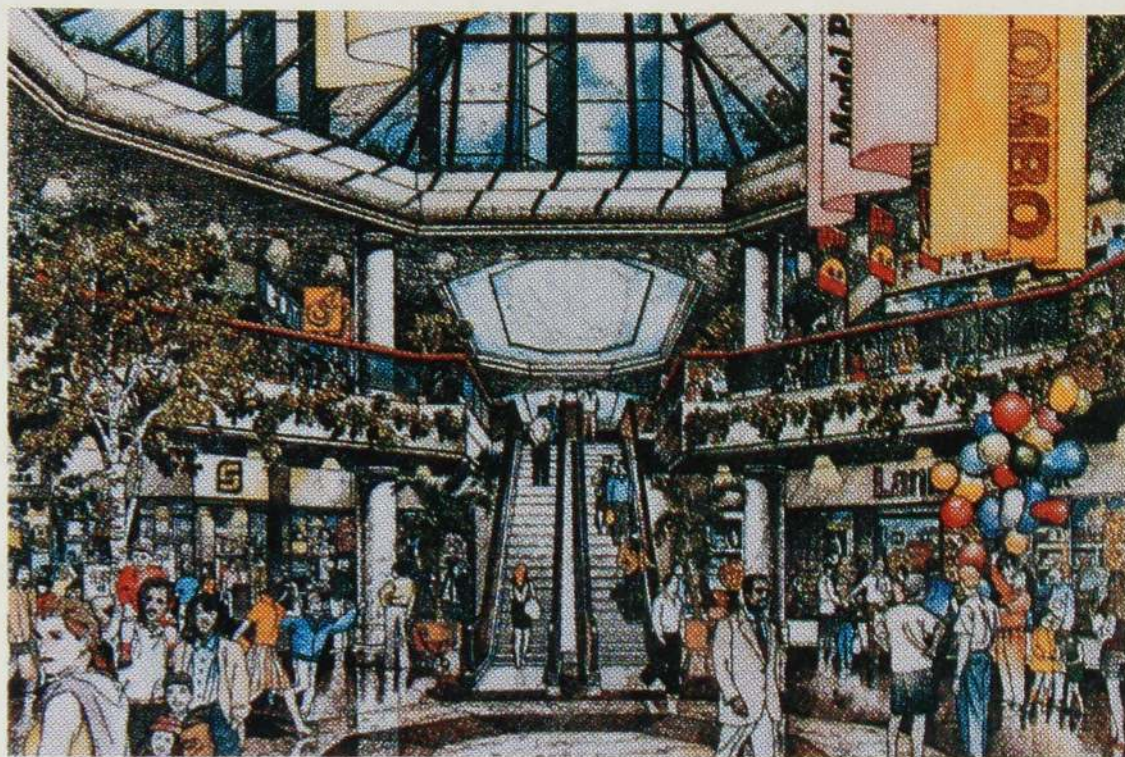






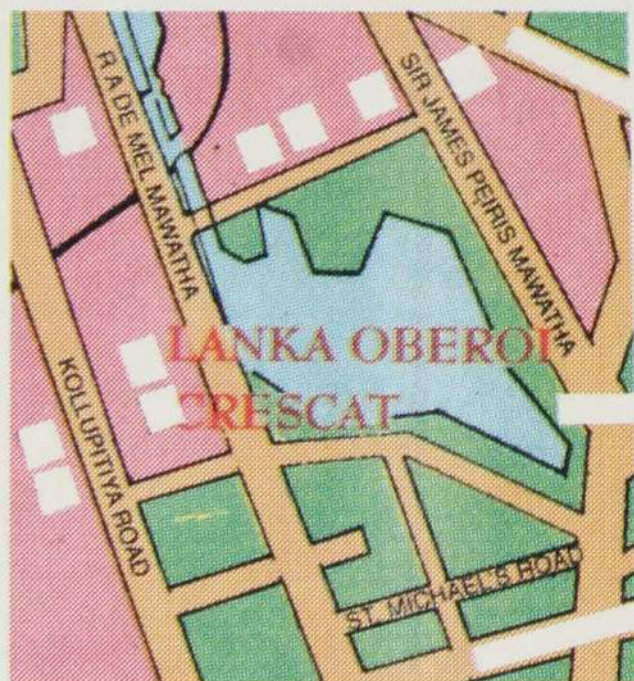
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