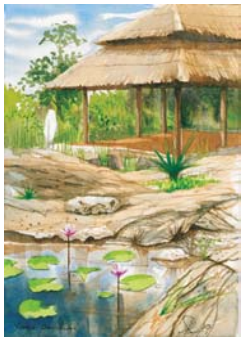
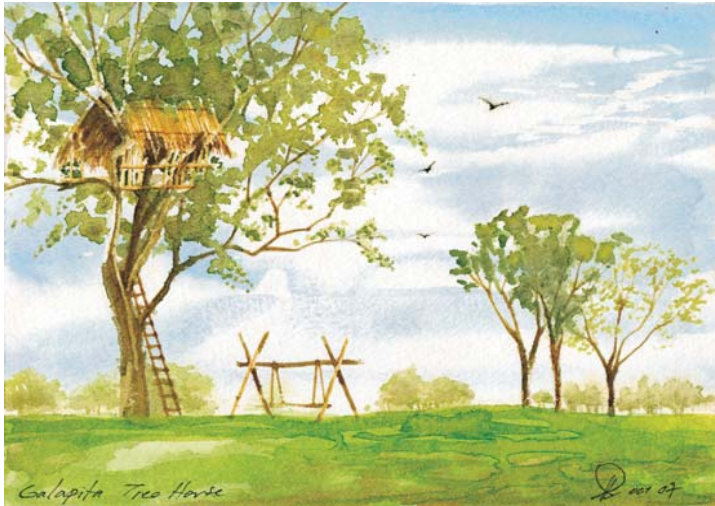


“ Visitors Comments ”



“Perhaps you have heard of Willy Wonka, the magical purveyor of candy surprises who in the original movie sings “There is no place I know to compare with pure imagination” When I arrived at Galapita before the door not really a door get in a gate not really a gate and then found a place that does compare with pure imagination, I was captivated”
Ethan Gelbert - New York, USA.

“Why go to heaven when you can come here”
Tashi (10 year old boy). Tibet.

“An enchanted 'sejour' of beauty & bliss”
Cat, Tristan & Tali - Hawaii, USA.

“Paradise on the rocks - attended by angels. Galapita will always be one of our favourite places”.
Peter & Kevin - Darwin, Australia.

“Thank you for sharing your exquisite beauty. This is the epitome of perfect harmony between nature and beings. Your gracious welcome and care, your fresh waters and warm rocks, your lovingly prepared meals and impeccable service will never be forgotten.

Next time, the tree-house !!!”
Joseph Fiennes - London, UK.

“Sri Lanka is one of the most beautiful places in the world and Galapita is the heart of it ! I love this place.”
Arga - New Delhi, India.

“After hearing story after story about this place I've finally seen what all the fuss was about. Its everything I expected to the power of 10. See you again, again and again.”
Ryan & Francine - Colombo, Sri Lanka.

“So many countries, so many hotels but nowhere so restful, so beautiful, warm people, wonderful food and peace !”
Nigel & Alan - Amsterdam, Holland.

“You only get one chance (hopefully) to impress on a honeymoon. This place has made it very easy for me.”
Christopher - Paris, France.

“Gimme Galapita on the rocks, where my meandering thoughts Come home to rock. Slow dancing stream, fast talking birds, curries to Feed a king, evenings in pink. At night, not far peacocks call and under A canopy of kumbuk, my dreams float down gem-strewn river.”
Masii - Stockholm, Sweden.



Navaratna Malluwa



View of Galapitagala



Sangiji Paalama



Palu Malluwa



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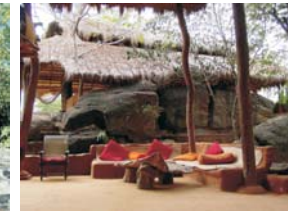
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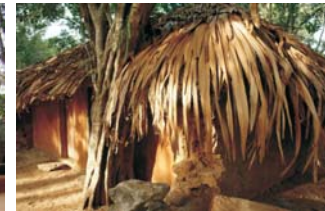
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Yoga Sala

Galapita, meaning 'rock atop a rock' is built on the banks of the Menik Ganga, the sacred Gem River in the southeast corner of Sri Lanka. This enchanted private retreat is now open to guests, who wish to experience what T. S. Eliot described as a 'still point in the turning world'.

Galapita Healing Garden is one of those rare and magical places that seems to exist outside time, as though the world only revolves beyond its boundaries. The Galapita lake and paddy fields are beautifully laid out before a stunning backdrop of Galapitagala 'Rock upon a Rock' in the nearby Yala Wildlife Reserve. Cradled between the emerald green paddy fields and the 'Gem River' is the palatial ecological villa Navaratne Malluwa.

Across the river bridge over Sambandawala you alight on an island scattered with rocks, boulders and lotus ponds. Nestled among this tropical garden are sleeping pavilions, healing pavilions and the meditation pavilions.

At the core of Galapita is a waterfall, spilling into a gorge, sculptured by the River of Gems over millennia. According to legend, Sambandagala, union of male & female (in Sinhala) was the rock pool where Sugala Devi, the beautiful warrior Queen of the south met her future husband Prince Senaka. The 12th century ruins of their palace and the magnificent spring water pool are still evident in the vicinity (Galabedde).

At the southern end of the island, the two branches of the Gem River converge around Pokunugala. The Yoga sala, Palu Malluwa and a magnificent tree house are nestled in the ancient forest surrounding Pokunugala.

Walks on meandering white sand paths, nutritious food, meditation & yoga and our ayurveda treatments will calm, relax, detoxify and rejuvenate your mind and body creating a sense of total health and well-being.

“ Press Comments ”



View of Galapitigala



Manik Ganga



Sunflowers



Water Lilly



Eco Tourism Resorts in Sri Lanka seems to eclipse the mundane veneer so often associated with this much abused term, by actually being authentic. At Galapita you can genuinely feel what T.S. Eliot called 'The still point of the turning world'- places where time seems to have stopped, or that feel as though it exists outside time altogether.

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