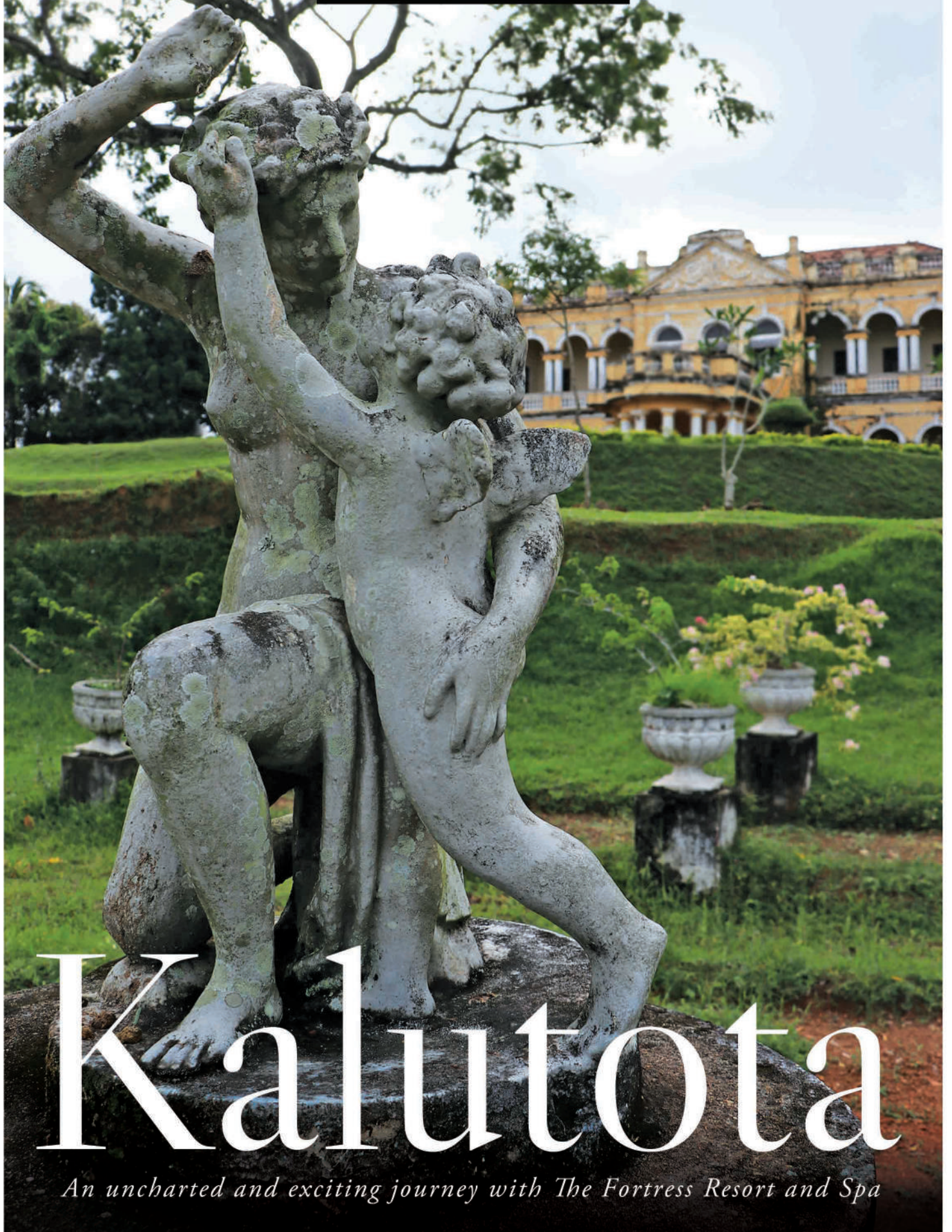




THE FORTRESS RESORT & SPA  
Sri Lanka



# Kalutota

*An uncharted and exciting journey with The Fortress Resort and Spa*



## TRAVELLING WITH FORTRESS

*Kalutara, also known as Kalutota, is one of the most scenic places to visit in Sri Lanka if you're looking for an exciting coastal adventure.*

*A new addition to the 'Things to Do' at The Fortress is our day tour to the undiscovered parts of Kalutara.*

*Explore the hidden and breathtaking Warakagoda Cave Temple, visit the marvellous Richmond Castle and learn about the secrets behind rubber making during your tour in an esteemed Rubber Estate.*

## ITINERARY

08.00 a.m : Departing the resort

10.00 a.m : Tour of the Warakagoda Temple

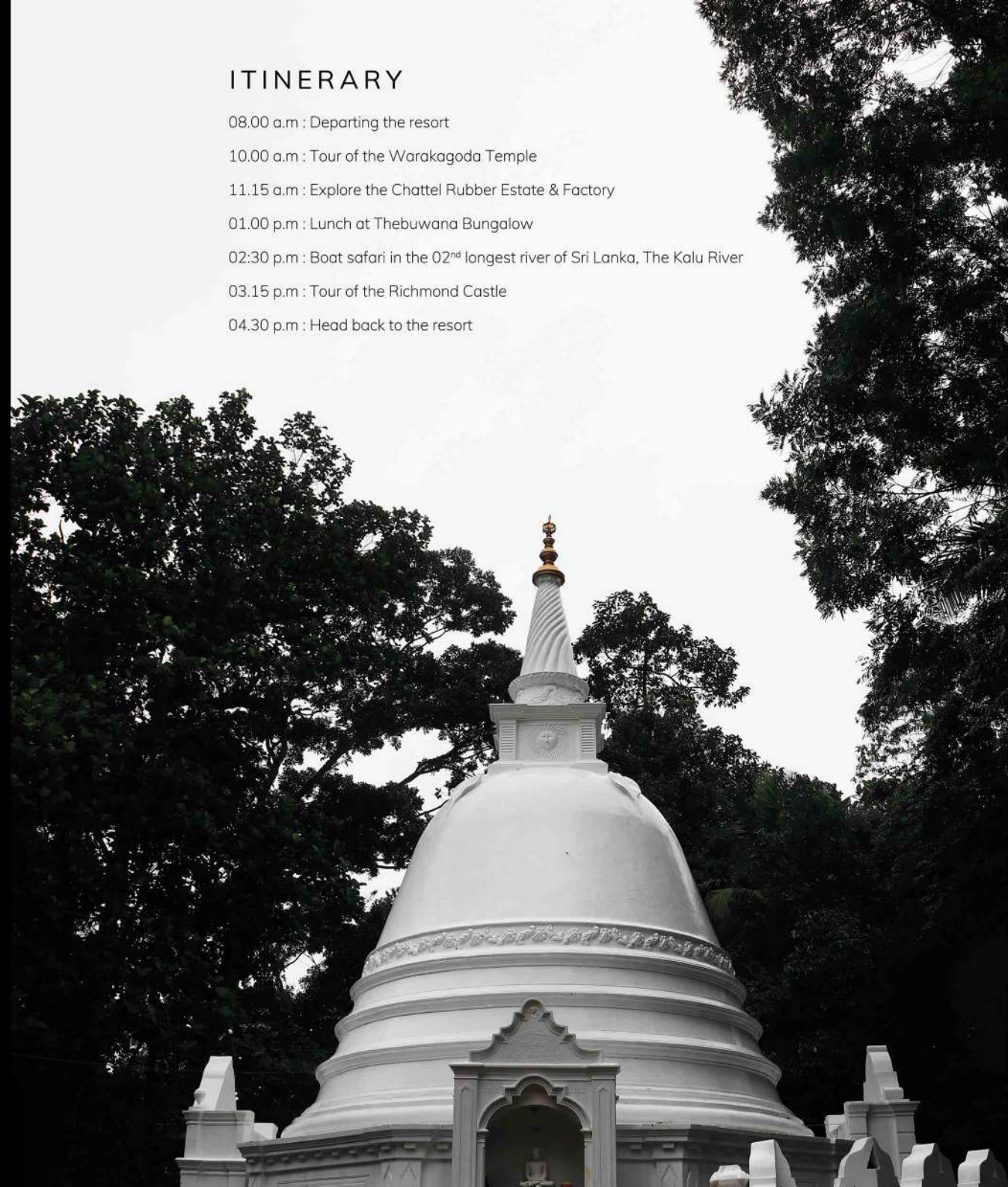
11.15 a.m : Explore the Chattel Rubber Estate & Factory

01.00 p.m : Lunch at Thebuwana Bungalow

02:30 p.m : Boat safari in the 02<sup>nd</sup> longest river of Sri Lanka, The Kalu River

03.15 p.m : Tour of the Richmond Castle

04.30 p.m : Head back to the resort



## WARAKAGODDA CAVE TEMPLE



### EXPERIENCE HIDDEN TREASURES OF SRI LANKA

The Warakoagoda Temple can be found on the outskirts of Kalutara. Surrounded by tall lush trees and a beautiful small lake, the temple attracts different types of birds and mammals, making it a perfect stop for nature lovers.

The Warakoagoda Temple dates back to the 12th century leading us to believe that it was built during the same period as the well-known Dambulla Rock Cave Temple. Some archaeologists state that the temple was built during the Polonnaruwa Kingdom (10<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> century) based on its ruins and architecture. According to historical records, during a fierce battle between Prince Maharana and King Jayabahu of the Polonnaruwa Kingdom, Prince Maharana retreated to Pasydun Koralya (the present area of the temple) where he built a fortress to protect himself from King Jayabahu. During your tour at the Warakoagoda Temple, witness well-preserved human size statues that represent the life story of Lord Buddha along with several other art artifacts that date back to the 10th-11th century.

## CHATEL RUBBER ESTATE AND FACTORY



### LEARN THE ART OF RUBBER MAKING

Sri Lanka is known as one of the best natural and unprocessed rubber manufacturers in the world. With vast lands of rubber plantation fields, the city of Kalutara sets high standards among the other cities in Sri Lanka that produce rubber. Explore the new Chattel Rubber Estate and Factory during your day tour with us in Kalutara. One of the estate representatives will explain the complete process of how rubber is made, from the tapping process to the shipping.

Rubber manufacturing experience would take approximately an hour and a half and the estate is located within a 15 mins drive from Warakagoda Temple.

## LUNCH AT THEBUWANA BUNGALOW

Enjoy a freshly made Sri Lankan lunch at a colonial-styled bungalow while experiencing unforgettable views of the second largest river of the island, the Kalu River.

The bungalow is located amidst a 50 acres rubber & tea plantation. The Thebuwana Bungalow was the home for wealthy British Planters and takes pride in its 125 year old history.



A wide river flows across the bottom of the frame, reflecting the sky. In the distance, a white pagoda with a spire stands on the left bank, and a long bridge spans the river. The sky is filled with large, soft white clouds, with a patch of blue sky visible in the upper left corner.

## THE RIVER SAFARI

Witness the Kalu River with a boat ride arranged by The Fortress Team. During your 30-40 minutes boat safari, experience endless undisturbed wildlife and unforgettable scenic views.

# THE RICHMOND CASTLE

## HOME TO THE RUBBER KING OF CEYLON

The Richmond Castle was a British Ceylon noble residence built in the 19th Century for one of the most affluent men in British Ceylon, Nanayakkara Rajawasala Appuhamilage Don Arthur De Silva Wijesinghe Siriwardena. He was the District Mudaliyar (Chief of the area) in Kalutara during the late decades of the 1800 and early 1900s. The architectural design of the castle was influenced by the Roman-Dutch concept that belonged to the 18th and 19th centuries. The mansion was built on 42 acres of land, with two floors which include a banquet hall, performing theatre, 16 bedrooms with a total of 99 doors and 34 windows. Most of the manufacturing materials were imported from all around the world to build this magnificent residence. In fact, the Richmond Castle was opened for a special occasion, the Mudaliyar's wedding. A special train was chartered to Kalutara which escorted the British Royals to the wedding.

During your visit to the Richmond Castle, a complete guided tour will be provided inside the mansion by one of the local representatives.





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