



Ellerton

These notes have been prepared to introduce guests to Ellerton, and to help you enjoy your stay.

We have both travelled very extensively, and stayed at a wide range of hotels in almost every part of the world. When changing Ellerton into an Hotel we thought carefully about what we ourselves would want to find. In the end the one key factor was that guests should feel that they are staying at a friend's house and so Ellerton lacks many of the features that we associate with hotels. We feel that this is more than compensated for by a genuinely relaxed and informal atmosphere and within reason guests are encouraged to treat Ellerton as their own home. With the exception of the bedrooms, please feel free to use all the rooms and facilities of Ellerton and The Valley House. So if you are staying in The Valley House, please feel free to use the reception rooms of Ellerton. We have no reception area but our staff and Manager are always available to help. We have no bar but we are happy to serve you tea/coffee or local alcoholic drinks (beer/gin/whisky) whenever you would like.

Meals

Ellerton is very informal, and we can accommodate most requirements for meals. Please let us know of any particular dietary requirements in advance. We do not have complex menus with a huge range of food - BUT we do have two excellent chefs, and dinner is three courses, with a variety of dishes and we are normally able to check with individual guests that what is planned, is fine for them. We always offer an alternative main course of a local Sri Lankan curry – typically five/six separate curry dishes of meat and vegetables.

Drinks

We have a policy of giving free drinks throughout the day, including local alcohol – which means beer, gin, whisky and mixers, as well as fruit juices. We include imported wine free with dinner but since we do not have a liquor licence, we cannot sell wine to be consumed at other times. Reasonable imported wine from Europe and the New World is available from the supermarkets in Kandy and Gampola, and we are happy to keep this chilled for you. In addition both houses have small refrigerators for guests.

TV, Broadband and Telephones

There is no multichannel television in the bedrooms, we find that guests at Ellerton really do not want that. There is a satellite television in the Main House which will receive CNN/BBC World. There are no telephones in the bedrooms but we are very happy for you to phone anywhere within Sri Lanka for free, or international calls at a nominal charge. Please speak to one of the staff. Of course if you want service, the Valley House has a telephone to call the kitchen, and the rooms in Main House have bells. We have a WiFi broadband network in the house and mobile phone reception is usually reasonable.

Walks

There are maps and directions in the bedrooms and we can advise you on the more interesting directions. The villagers are friendly and welcoming.

Wild Animals

There are quite a lot of wild animals around Ellerton including monkeys, moneese, porcupines, wild boar (very delicious in curries!), small deer and hares. There is a fascinating variety of bird life, in particular the Sri Lankan hanging parrot, golden orioles and the plum headed parakeet. Noises on the tin roof are likely to be squirrels!

Bicycles

We have six mountain bicycles, which you can borrow, at no charge. There are a large number of roads and tracks around Ellerton which provide bicycle trips, ranging from relaxed to quite arduous!

Books

There are a wide variety of books in the reception rooms of Ellerton, and also in the Valley House. Please borrow any that you would like to read, but please leave them at Ellerton.

There are two house dogs, which are, hopefully, kept under control – Ben is a Sri Lankan Labrador, and Polly a rescued village dog. If you want to take Ben on walks, he is normally very keen. There is also a white cat.

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