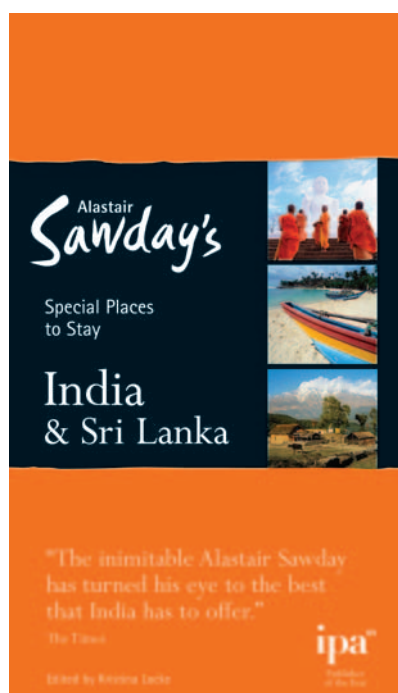




# India & Sri Lanka

Edition 3



Our guide to India has become a trusty companion for thousands of independently minded travellers over the last few years and now it will take them to Sri Lanka too. We have roamed far and unearthed an astonishing variety of places to stay from tented camps on the beaches of Goa to colonial hill stations, from richly decorated palaces to calming retreats. There are so many wonderful places in this guide that it's hard to pick out just a few but here goes:

- Meet fellow residents at an eco hotel in Sri Lanka – crocs, purple herons, peacocks, monkeys and vivid butterflies – you can even join the water buffalo for a lily-strewn bathe
- Dream on in a Rajasthani four-poster draped in muslin and dressed in exotic silks with nothing to disturb you but a gently whirring fan in the languid backwaters of the Mandovi in Goa
- A neo-Palladian mansion built in 1927 by a bohemian count on its very own island can be all yours – you may have to wade through the rolling surf to reach it or why not go by elephant?

## Interesting Stuff

Over 200 places to stay including 77 new to this edition.

From budget to luxury with many rooms for less than £40 a night.

We have endeavoured to find places that respect the land and the locals – those that have made a particular effort are now part of our Ethical Collection and are clearly marked as such.

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Other place

Kerala



## Karikkathi Beach House

Foreign diplomats come here for a break from the social whirl. Mr Sajjad's Beach House (now become two) is an unusual concept in the Indian travel scene. Both houses sit on a stunning part of terraced shoreline overlooking the ocean, the small shared beach shaded by swaying palms. Both houses have two double bedrooms and a cosy sitting room in between (you may book just one room or the house). The project was fuelled by Sajjad's despair at the burgeoning desecration of Kerala's coastal beauty so his houses, Swiss architect-designed, employ local materials and natural colours. The roof is palm thatch on lashed wooden poles, the floors are red tiles and the shuttered windows open to the horizon. The beds are comfortable, with crisp white sheets, mozzie nets and cotton throws; the shower rooms are spacious; the sea breezes are cool. There's a 'boy' on call and a chef comes to cook when and what you want – perhaps generous portions of fresh fish laced with local herbs and spices, lovingly served and accompanied by waves crashing on the shore. Pure escapism. *Wooden canoe & snorkel hire next door.*

**Price** Rs7,920-Rs10,560 for 2.  
Peak season: November-April.

**Rooms** 2 houses for 2-4  
(each with 2 doubles).

**Meals** Full-board extra Rs990 p.p.

**Closed** June.

**Directions** Just before Surya Samudra Beach Garden, on main road 6km south of Kovalam. 5-min walk among palm groves from temple at Mulloor.



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