
Sri Lankan Hotel Tintagel Makes The Exclusive 2009 Conde Nast Traveler Hot List

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This May, Sri Lankan hotel Tintagel has gone one step further by achieving maximum recognition value with its inclusion into the prestigious 2009 Hot List of the US-version of the top travel magazine, Conde Nast Traveler.

Sri Lanka (PRWEB) May 5, 2009 -- Every year one of the world's biggest travel magazines, Conde Nast Traveler, comes out with its annual 'Hot List' featuring a carefully-considered collection of 140 of the thousands of new hotels worldwide that made their debut in 2008. Sri Lanka In Style is proud to announce the inclusion of historic Sri Lanka hotel Tintagel in their prestigious May 2009 Hot List, the '13th annual insider look at the latest scene-stealing hotels'. "We choose the world's best hotels", says Conde Nast Traveler Senior Editor Lisa Gill, "we narrow down the choices to the most promising candidates and visit them incognito. We check them out, taste the food, run the bathtub, we see what the action is and then make the cut." Built in the late 1920s, Tintagel was originally the home of prominent gynaecologist Dr. Lucien de Zilwa who fashionably gave the property its wistful English name, more according to what was in vogue at the time than in homage to the legendary King Arthur. He got to live in his expansive property for only ten years before it was taken over as a barracks for the British military during World War II. Shortly after their departure, de Zilwa sold it to the prominent Bandaranaike family, whose three generations of rulers - including the world's first female Prime Minister (Sirimavo) and country's first ever female president (Chandrika) - were to make it their home. In 2000, this historical hideaway was leased to Colombo interior designer and restaurateur Shanth Fernando, of Paradise Road and Gallery Cafe fame. Enchanted at being given the opportunity to take on this extensive heritage project, he transformed it alongside Philip Weeraratne into an exclusive Sri Lankan boutique hotel. Despite its colonial exterior, he filled it with Flemish chandeliers, European furnishings, Vietnamese lacquer ware, Chinese wedding cabinets and plenty of Paradise Road stripes and used a comforting palette of avocado and chocolate, indigo, ebony, mud and ivory to create a Sri Lankan hotel of much style and sophistication. "I feel it an honor to be listed in the Conde Nast Traveler", said Shanth Fernando, "I put a lot of effort into creating Tintagel and people are spellbound with its style. I bought chandeliers from Baccarat, gilded mirrors from Paris, customized hand-woven carpets from Nepal, traditional wee-malu weaves, Burmese reliquaries and much more. It took just a year to build this place in 1929, but to do the makeover it took me close to three years of hard work. What you see is a labor of love". Guests staying at Tintagel with Sri Lanka In Style can expect plenty of comfort and modernity in each of this Sri Lankan hotel's ten exclusive suites, each of which either boast a balcony, a veranda or a private sitting room as well as high spec bathrooms, 400-thread count Egyptian cotton bed linen atop feather mattresses, iPods, LCD TVs, complimentary Wi-Fi and mobile phones. One of the rooms boasts its own private plunge pool whilst there is even a fashion designer and tailor on call. Tintagel's stylish restaurant is very popular with the affluent Colombo crowd and offers some of the best dining in the capital, whilst the evocative Red Bar is the ideal place to sip sophisticated cocktails before dinner. This Sri Lanka hotel in Colombo, sets in the heart of the city and just around the corner from the ever-popular Odel department store, also has an indoor swimming pool, a spa and a fabulous library featuring 500 leather-bound books. For further information and hotel reservation in Sri Lanka, please visit www.srilankainstyle.com About Sri Lanka In Style Sri Lanka In Style is a Sri Lankan based travel design company that specializes in offering travel consultation and services for clients visiting Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka In Style hand-selects Boutique Hotels and Villas in Sri Lanka and offers a full portfolio of concierge style services including chauffeured cars, expert guides and a wealth of local travel advice all designed to ensure that guests can sit back and derive maximum satisfaction from their time whilst in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka In Style provides interesting alternatives and "out of the box" ideas which provide a conversational currency long after the holiday itself has finished. For further information, refer to www.srilankainstyle.com Courtesy:prweb.com