



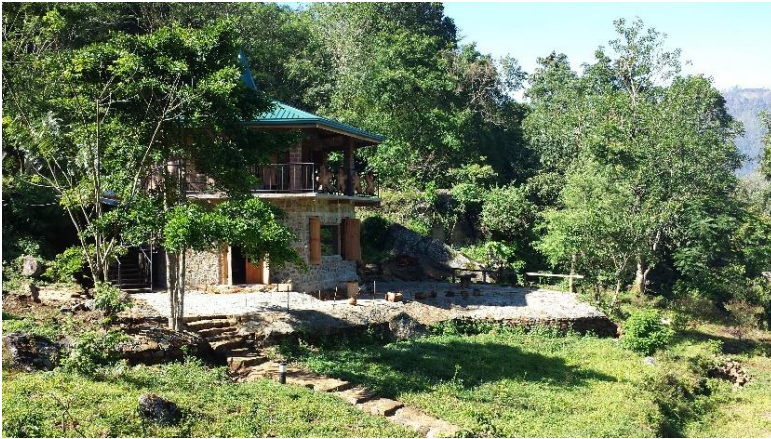
G U A Y A P I



E C O L A N K A

In the heart of Sri Lanka is hidden a small paradise, promoting biodiversity and another kind of tourism; the Ecotourism.

The universe of Forest Garden Products opens its doors...



Ecolanka invites you to discover the magical mountainous region of the Island of Sri Lanka, far from the usual touristic places, within a natural site where serenity rimes with biodiversity... In this fabulous place, go back to the origins of a respectful and natural way of life, watch the birds and the wild within 20 ha of preserved land, and savour the watering traditional Sri Lanka cuisine at the foot of a mountain full of secrets and fascinating ancient stories.

Ecolanka is a quiet and magical place, together close to the nature and local culture, and respectful to its environment, both human and natural. You will there find peace, a unique experience of harmony and serenity while you wander through the forest, the fields and the villages. Walk along preserved paths in a luxurious environment, discover traditional temples and even the principles of Analog Forestry which restored the original ecosystems. For proof, nowadays, 85 species of birds have been identified.

Discover the Buddhist temple of Matagama, bathe in a magnificent river at the foot of a traditional wooden hanging bridge in a breathtaking environment and walk in the bio diversified garden while discovering the principles of ecosystems and Analog Forestry.

Your stomach would not be at rest either as the local cook will prepare for you amazing and authentic meals for which the ingredients, spices and teas as well, are directly picked in the garden and forest of the Estate. You might even pick it up yourself, if you fancy a bit of gardening...

Ecolanka is also a relay to numerous touristic sites such as the ancient temple of Pusulpitiva, the Saint Clair waterfalls, World's end, Kandy's temple, the botanical garden of Peradeniya, Adam's Peak and many others.

A part of the income is reversed to the Pundaluoya's Cultural Development Association for a Fair Trade purpose.



THOSE 20 HECTARES (50 ACRES) OF RESTORED BIODIVERSITY ARE LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE COUNTRY, IN THE AGRICULTURAL KOTMALE AREA, BETWEEN KANDY AND NUWARA ELIYA.

GUAYAPI LANKA WAS FOUNDED IN 1995 BY MS. CLAUDIE RAVEL, MR. SHELLEY ABYAGOONESEKERA AND MR. ROGER ABYAGOONESEKERA TO VALORIZE ANCESTRAL KNOW-HOW BY CULTIVATING, PROCESSING AND EXPORTING EMBLEMATIC AND TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS SUCH AS KITUL SAP, WILD CANNA, ZINGIBER, LAULU, AMBARELLA, KURAKKAN, TEAS, AND SPICES...

Guayapi's mission is to promote and distribute handpicked plants, based on 3 fundamental criteria: organic, protecting and restoring the biodiversity, and fair trade.

Founded in 1990 by Claudie Ravel, Guayapi selects and distributes a range of wild Amazonian and Sri Lankan plants to be used as food supplements, superfoods (raw food), foodstuffs and cosmetics. Guayapi also aims to further research into the plants of these regions and to establish close relations with the local communities, based on fair trade principles. Guayapi is the international distributor of Guayapi Lanka's products.

Approximately 20 persons are employed in Guayapi Lanka and 31 farmers around the Halpola village have contracts with Guayapi Lanka, which helps the development of the villages.



The whole production is certified by Forest Garden Products (FGP), which means that no pesticide or chemical fertilizers are used, and that the production is done in a natural protected and bio diversified environment, including Fair Trade principles.



The Kitul sap is a delicious natural sweetener elected Ark of Taste by the Slow Food movement. Guayapi Lanka especially is using ancestral traditional methods for processing the Kitul sap.

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