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GALLE, SOUTH COAST, SRI LANKA



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What suited the diplomatic crowd segued perfectly into a gathering place for a sizeable group of relatives, friends or a combination of the two. Curl up next to the library shelves, stretch out beside the pool or on the terrace above, hunker down in front of the television, summon the tribes for a formal meal in the dining room and then retire to one of the five bedrooms; enough to provide the backdrop for a Feydeau farce. Ambassador's needs a goody crowd to fill it, but its varying planes and variety of rooms means that it could never really feel crowded. In fact, it would be perfectly possible to shut the giant gates and never venture out, and simply submit to the tender ministrations of the staff.

SLEEPS
12

BEDROOMS
4 - King/Queen
1 - Twin

STAFF
1 - Manager
1 - Chef/Cook
1 - Service Staff
2 - Maid/Cleaner

PRICE FROM
\$400.00 pa

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AMENITIES

RATING
7.6

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