

EXPAT LIVING – AMBASSADOR’S HOUSE

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Ambassador's House

Saving the best for the last, our final two nights at the **Ambassador's House** were wonderful. After long days in the car, we were content to spend time relaxing by the pool, lounging on impossibly comfortable sofas and being cared for by the 10-strong staff. It really felt like a home away from home, with thoughtful touches that added a layer of special comfort.

Built in 1796 by the Dutch and turned into a villa about 12 years ago, it's set in a quiet street within the fortress. There are five bedrooms, five modern bathrooms and every convenience that you could possibly need, including two chefs who will happily cook anything. One morning we walked with one of the chefs to the local market and purchased seafood, chicken drumsticks, fresh fruit and vegetables. That evening he served up separate kids' and adults' meal, worthy of any restaurant.

On our last evening, the kids found a Dr Seuss movie to watch in the TV area. We adjourned to the huge lounge, hooked up the iPod and listened to loud music, confident that no one could hear us through the thick walls.

The villa is large, so it is ideal for families and groups; and being close to the International Cricket Ground means it attracts many cricket lovers. But as a base for a stay in Galle Fort, it is truly fabulous.

www.ambassadorshouse.com

Another large villa just 15 minutes out of Galle is Pooja Kanda: www.villapoojakanda.com