

# GALLE FORT

An UNESCO Heritage Site –commenced in 1588 by the Portuguese

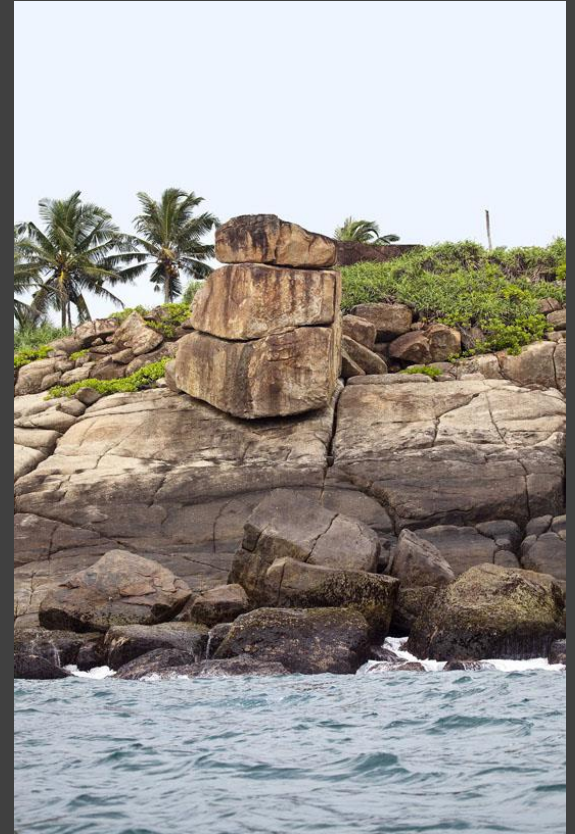
## A DIFFERENT VIEW AND A STROLL THROUGH THE COBBLED STREETS

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Below: Who balanced the stones on the cliff? Wonder how they survived the 2004 Tsunami.



People relaxing close to the lighthouse

The Dutch Reformed Church from the sea. The sign posted at the church gates refers to 1773.



The Anglican All Saints Church roof top seen from the sea – first established in 1871.



The red pillar box still stands ready to receive mail. The 'crest' indicates it is from the British era

The Galle Fort Post Office – the design and architecture indicates quite a history. Half round clay tiles and a roof supported by brick columns



Above: The historic carving/writing on the Galle post office front door step.



The Galle Fort Public Library  
the board above the entrance  
dates it at 1832



We were informed by the librarian that a person can borrow a book for up to ten days. Judging from the collection of old books available a great selection awaits any reader or person wanting to do some research in the quiet surrounds of this historic old fort.



The Little Friends Montessori School



Historic buildings and historic cars ready to give the interested traveller a ride down memory lane.



One example of the different architectural designs in The Fort. Intricate brick work and door design





A cute tea house – or coffee house – or a place to relax and have a meal



Small businesses cater to all levels of tourism needs

There is something about front doors in the Galle Fort.  
Reeks of history and they make a statement





I think this *Kade`* is in a historic building. One of the contrasts of life in the Fort.

Right: note the front doorway in this great old building





The heritage listed Amangalla Hotel. If you are up to it; you can rent a room with your own butler service. Originally the Dutch Governors residence. Called the New Orient Hotel by the British in later years.



Another example of the historic architecture in Galle Fort.



The old Kade` looks like the 'house that Jack built' stands in contrast to a fast developing and modernising row of cafes that are springing up all around it.

The barista at the coffee shop on the right puts out a fine cuppa!





Houses converted into tourists lodges. Whilst maintaining the charm of the past in building design. Note: the hanging lamps.



Different architecture – perhaps from around the 1950's?





A great old style house – love the “fan design’ on the boundary walls.



Perhaps this may be called an “old quarter”. Though it is evident from the sign board they still seek to compete for the tourists business. The “mish–mash” of building designs and abodes give the fort an environment all of its own. Old bicycles, ‘tuk-tuks’, motorbikes and modern cars all ‘mix it’ on the cobbled streets. Note: the old time trellis work in the front of the Serendipity Arts Café !



Old Portuguese quartier



Wall to wall architectural variation and design all a part of the charm of Galle Fort  
Put the Galle Fort on your schedule for a visit  
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