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Ocean's Edge

Ruk Region, South Coast, Sri Lanka

Ocean's Edge is all about nature and epic seclusion. Set within some eight hectares of palm-shaded parkland and, as its name suggests, overlooking a gaping wave-sloshed bay, the property is a good few kilometres off the main southern coastal highway and still further from the commercial township of Tangalle. Its situation, close to a couple of bird-filled wetlands, the island's only marine turtle sanctuary and three of Sri Lanka's most prominent national parks - Yala, Uda Walawe and Bundala - promises an idyllic base for escapists and nature lovers.

Peace is exactly what the Singapore-based owner was after in his tireless search for land to build this villa; however what wasn't immediately obvious to him was that this deserted beach harboured visiting marine turtles who'd come to lay their eggs on the undisturbed sandy shore. This became a clear indication - if ever one was needed - of his success in finding a location that was genuinely serene. There's really nothing quite like this magical turtle phenomenon. You have to admire the dedication of these gentle giants lumbering onto the moonlit beach and the bravery of their hatchlings bursting from the sand, scuttling towards the surf and becoming uncertainly licked up by the sea.

Ocean's Edge is a frame for enjoying this tranquillity and these views. There's a lovely T-shaped swimming pool, and bedrooms and living rooms spill out onto breezy verandas and balconies that wrap around the villa. With intimate sitting spots aplenty, a colossal garden and an extensive remote beach to explore, Ocean's Edge is a refreshing escape from the distractions of the modern world. A blazing star-filled sky is testament to the villa's isolation and this solitude goes all the way to reinvigorate time-starved bonds between families and friends.

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