**Tailormade News – August issue**

1. Jetwing youth development project at Tissamaharama

<http://www.srilankatailormade.com/blog/jetwing-youth-development-project-at-tissamaharama/>

1. Sri Lanka’s Yala National Park to be closed during next month

<http://www.srilankatailormade.com/blog/sri-lankas-yala-national-park-to-be-closed-during-next-month-september/>

1. Rice paddies and cloud forests: the top ten boutique hotels in Sri Lanka

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1. Jetwing Yala set to open

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1. Clash of the titans: amazing pictures of killer whales attacking pod of sperm whales twice their size on hunting expedition

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1. Sri Lanka’s Colombo port expanded

<http://srilankawonderofasia.wordpress.com/2013/08/08/sri-lankas-colombo-port-expanded/>

**Featured property**

Located in the serene, coconut palm-fringed village of Pottuvil, resting on the untouched southeast coast of Sri Lanka, a mere 4 kilometres from the surfer’s paradise that is Arugam Bay, lays the idyllic tranquillity of Kottukal Beach House by Jetwing. A four bedroom villa with brilliant views of the ocean and garden, a beach destination has never been this inviting or adventurous.

**Featured story**

Tucked away in the island’s north central province, Minneriya National Park is the ideal venue for wildlife enthusiasts for spotting herds of wild elephants in one location.  During the dry season when waterholes in the forests evaporate into cracked mud patches, almost three hundred wild elephants gather each evening along the banks of the Minneriya Tank for food, water, shelter – and match-making.

During the season spanning from August- September each year, you will be lucky enough to spot more than two hundred and fifty wild elephants in their natural habitat in one safari ride alone!

**MD’s Message**

We are already in the eighth month of 2013! I am in constant awe of the rapid passage of time. Hope you had a good summer, and enjoyed time with family. The past months in Sri Lanka has been “cool” with light breezes bringing the temperatures slightly below the average for this time of the year. So, it has been extremely pleasant. Whether going for a morning walk or an evening out, it has indeed been more pleasurable than before.

The Colombo landscape is also changing pretty fast. The second phase of the Dutch Hospital (in Colombo Fort) is being completed now with more restaurants and shopping experiences added. Evenings are lovely, as there are musicians who provide some fabulous music to the food lovers who frequent the many eateries and the shoppers who want to add on to their purchases. The atmosphere is indeed very inviting and exciting!

The Race Course (Colombo 7) is now almost nearing completion and one can imagine what a glorious past it would have had, with Colombo’s elite in their best European attire coming out to watch horses race to the finish. We will not be having the racing horses (at least not yet) but the entire area has been cleaned and redeveloped and is a great place to chill. Another must see during your next visit to Colombo is the Laksala shop just opened near the Nelum Pokuna Theatre and the Viharamahadevi Park, also in Colombo 7. It is just by the National Museum and has some lovely artifacts in store. The shopping and dining experience in Colombo is getting a huge boost with all these developments.

We just completed our Jetwing Sports Day in Colombo and participants from hotels all over competed with the other units of Jetwing Travels. 3 of our “sumo” wrestlers won the tug of war beating all the other teams! The girls from Sigiriya (Jetwing Vil Uyana) are little running machines. Everyone had a great time and returned to their respective locales.

At Jetwing, we are excited about our new property, Jetwing Yala. Work is scheduled to be completed in 2 months and the Hotel will welcome its first guests soon after! Yala has bitter-sweet memories for us, having lost some of our great colleagues, guests and a beautiful property (my favourite) to the Tsunami in 2004. After 9 long years, we are now ready to place our footprint once again in this fabulous part of Sri Lanka. We will let you know more once it is completed.

Let’s hope we can accumulate more great moments in the remaining 4 months of 2013!

Warm Wishes,