

EAST COAST - TRINCOMALEE, NILAVELI, PASIKUDAH/ KALKUDAH AND ARUGAM BAY

- The east coast of Sri Lanka has a very different vibe than the west and south of the island. Sri Lanka's east coast is a mirror image of its west. When it's monsoon season in the west, the sun is shining in the east.
- Capital of the east is the vibrant town of Trincomalee, with its appealing blend of faded colonial charm, colourful Hindu temples and beautiful coastal scenery. Just up the coast to Trincomalee are beachside villages of Uppuveli and Nilaveli. Nilaveli shoreline is a wonderful, spotless and has a huge shoreline. While at Nilaveli visitors can go snorkelling at Pigeon Island.
- South to Trincomalee just above Batticaloa lies the pristine beaches of Pasikudah and Kalkudah, two spectacular back to back stretches of sand but quite different to each other. The perfect coastal conditions, an off shore coral reef system and rich in marine life of the Pasikuda and Kalkudah beaches give great opportunity for thrilling water sports such as surfing, snorkeling, diving, wind surfing, and kite surfing. Both these beaches located very close to each other and have
- Pasikudah beach is a beautiful horse shoe bay with endless stretch of sand and sparkling blue water. The beach is one of the safest beaches in the country, is perfect for surfing for both beginners and advanced surfers. Kalkudah is an unspoiled stretch of golden sand and pretty much the perfect beach. There are numerous pricey resorts as well as budget stays around Passikudah and Kalkudah to suit every budget.
- Travelling further south you can arrive at the laid-back surfing hotspot of Arugam Bay. This place is renowned for its fantastic waves, which attract surfers from all over the world.

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