



**KINGDOM LANKA
HOTELS & RESORT**

EXPLORE IN SRI LANKA'S UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Pasikuda: 2-day diving with accommodation



Short description

Immerse yourself in the underwater world of Kayankerna Reef on a two-day diving trip with accommodation at Gimán Free Beach Resort. Explore the SS British Sergeant, a World War II wreck that is home to a rich marine life.

Full description

Escape to the pristine shores of northern Pasikuda, where the azure waters of the Indian Ocean hide one of Sri Lanka's best-kept underwater secrets. Just off the coast of Gimán Free Beach Resort lies Kayankerna Reef (also known as Kayankerni), a protected marine reserve that offers a fascinating combination of vibrant coral ecosystems and haunting maritime history.

The site is renowned for its unique "living wrecks" – sunken ships that nature has reclaimed, transforming their steel skeletons into lush artificial reefs. The most famous of these is the SS British Sergeant, an armed merchant tanker from World War II that was sunk by Japanese raids in 1942. Lying at a depth of approximately 24 metres, this historic giant is split in two and has become a bustling metropolis for marine life.

Explore its vast, open holds, now adorned with soft coral and guarded by schools of fringefish, shooters and snappers. Experience the silence of the depths, combined with the colourful chaos of the living reef.

In addition to the wrecks, the Kayankerny Marine Reserve itself is a hotbed of biodiversity. Its shallow, crystal-clear waters are ideal for both diving and snorkelling. There are extensive coral gardens that play host to green and loggerhead sea turtles, elusive moray eels and graceful rays gliding across the sandy bottom. The reef's isolation ensures an unspoilt experience, far removed from the crowded dive sites further south.

Your gateway to this aquatic adventure is Gimán Free Beach Resort. Set on a secluded stretch of white beach, the resort offers the perfect balance between luxury and accessibility. From here, specialized diving and snorkeling excursions to the living reef and World War II wrecks can be arranged. Whether you are an experienced diver looking to penetrate the hull of a war relic or a nature lover looking to sail over colorful coral beds, Gimán Free provides the necessary arrangements, including boat transfers and expert guides, to ensure a safe and memorable journey into the underwater world of Pasikuda.

Highlights

- Dive into the vibrant underwater world of Kayankerna Reef
- Explore the SS British Sergeant, a World War II wreck that is home to abundant marine life.
- Snorkel in crystal clear waters and discover colorful coral gardens
- Stay at the secluded seaside resort of Gimán Free Beach Resort
- Enjoy diving or snorkeling with expert guides

Inclusions

- Accommodation at Gimán Free Beach Resort
- Diving excursion
- Boat transfers
- Professional guides

Important information

What to bring

- bathing suit
- Sunscreen
- Waterproof camera
- Diving certification

Not allowed

- Alcohol and drugs