

## **'Villa Vanna' as much for a local market as for tourists**



Like so many other Swedish establishments in Sri Lanka, Villa Vanna is about falling in love with the country and its people. In the New Year 2017/2018, the Enström family from southern Sweden was on an extended trip to Sri Lanka.

"We felt an immediate love and a desire to establish ourselves. So, with my background in hotel management, our thoughts went in that direction. We returned with the intention of buying a plot of land and in April 2019 we were able to sign a contract," says Lisa Enström.

With the help of a Sri Lankan architect and a Sri Lankan construction company, the entire building process could be done remotely. All materials were bought locally. Villa Vanna was completed in the summer of 2021 and the first guests could be welcomed in the autumn.

"We want Villa Vanna to be a place for families or friends. The idea is to rent the whole house. From the start, we have had a clear marketing strategy - as much for a local market as for tourists."

