

PROJECT NAME	LOOPER SUITES
Project address	Wild Coast Tented Lodge, Yala, Sri Lanka
Client	Resplendent Ceylon
Program	28 Looper suites and 8 Urchin children's pods.
Architect	Nomadic Resorts Design team: Olav Bruin, with Louis Thompson & Freddie Catlow
Interior Design	Bo Reudler Studio Design team: Bo Reudler, with Mandy Finke, Oana Tudose, Maddalena Gioglio, Daniela Oliveira, Nele Teerlinck
Landscape Design	Nomadic Resorts
Environmental & MEP engineering	XC02 Energy
Lighting consultant	Robert Jan Vos
Contractor	Nomadic Resorts
Design	2014-2015
Construction	2015-2017
Completion	September 2017
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Nomadic Resorts launches the Looper suites for Wild Coast Tented Lodge, a spectacular eco-resort in Sri Lanka

The Looper is a customisable luxury accommodation pod developed by Nomadic Resorts for the (eco) hospitality industry. This tensile membrane structure is designed for rapid construction of eco-resorts, wellness retreats and wilderness camps in isolated and/or environmentally sensitive sites. The first Loopers were commissioned by Wild Coast Tented Lodge (WCTL), a unique 36-tent safari camp located near Yala National Park in the south of Sri Lanka. The bespoke interior was designed by Bo Reudler Studio.

Nomadic Resorts wanted to create a sustainable development model for the hospitality industry with the comforts of a luxury hotel room and safety/durability for use in extreme environments. It aims to use as little material as possible to create a secure internal environment with minimal physical footprint; utilise sustainable and efficient technologies and recyclable materials while providing the highest level of luxury; and enhance the guest's experience of nature. Prefabricating it offsite allows for a fast and efficient assembly process onsite.

The result is a modular 42m² cocoon-like pod composed of intersecting steel arches enveloped in a weather-resistant tensile membrane structure. It accommodates 28m² of bedroom/living area and a 14m² bathroom. The entire structure and surrounding deck are elevated on stilts to allow wildlife and water to pass below. Generous arched openings at front and rear, clad with low-E double-glazing, provide uninterrupted vistas of the natural surroundings, complemented by framed side views from the porthole windows, which were fabricated by luxury yacht makers. The interior, outdoor living areas and sustainability measures such as PV panels, solar hot water and rainwater collection systems can also be customised depending on the needs of the client and site conditions. The Loopers can be disassembled and relocated, as and when required.

At WCTL, the Loopers are clustered in a meandering natural landscape that stretches from the bushland to the beach. Resembling a leopard paw print, each cluster overlooks a watering hole designed to attract wildlife. Four beachfront villas feature private plunge pools. The interior concept combines ecological luxury and local elegance with a contemporary edge. It captures a sense of exploration and adventure associated with steampunk, airships and safari and campaign tents. The arched interior feels cocooning yet spacious, with all elements meticulously designed to accommodate the curvature of the fabric-lined walls. Central to the main space is a four-poster bed and bespoke campaign furniture that evokes bygone eras of discovery. In

the open bathroom, guests bathing in the freestanding solid copper bath can enjoy private views of the bushland behind. Noble materials such as copper, brass, leather and plantation teak will age gracefully while local textiles add colourful accents. For WCTL Nomadic Resorts also designed the Urchin, a smaller tented pod intended to be used by families in combination with a Looper or as a separate unit. Its interior has a similar look and feel, and guests bathe with the elements in the outdoor shower.

Currently new Loopers are being customised for other resort projects around the world.

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About Nomadic Resorts

Nomadic Resorts is an interdisciplinary design & project development company servicing the hospitality industry with offices in the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, Mauritius and South Africa. Using a holistic approach, we create sustainable resort and residential projects that fit organically into their natural surroundings as we believe that designs should serve as a bridge to connect nature, culture and people. The Looper tent was developed by Nomadic Resorts as a prefabricated luxury pod for the hospitality industry.

www.nomadicresorts.com

About Bo Reudler Studio

Bo Reudler Studio is an office for design based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Led by Dutch designer Bo Reudler, the studio designs and produces interiors, furniture and products from the starting point of (natural) materials and processes.

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