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FACT SHEET

House boat address

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Location

Discovery is moored at Privacy at sanctuary bay, situated on the shores of Lake Vembanad, at the height of Thaneermukkom, Chertala in Kerala with a Panoramic view of Kumarakom .

Accessibility

By air: Nedumbassery Cochin International airport. Daily flights from all Indian metros & Laksadweep. International flights connecting from all major European metros via Bangalore, Madras, Mumbai, Delhi, Dubai, Kuwait, Doha, Muscat, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Colombo International flights connecting from Asia via Singapore.

By water transport: Regal Bow Rider 130hp 6-seater speedboat from The Malabar House through the Vembanad lake up to Privacy.

By Train: Ernakulam Junction (South), connected to all major cities in India and Kerala, followed by a 1 hour drive. Alternatively by train to Chertala, then 8 km by car to Thaneermukkom.

By Road: NH47 Highway from Thiruvananthapuram or Ernakulam to Chertala, Thaneermukkom, Kannankara

Transfers: Discovery arranges through Privacy transfers by taxi to and from the airport & railway stations. Time to airport is approximately 2 hours, to Ernakulam station 1hour & 30 minutes and to Alleppey ½ hour.

The house boat

Discovery is 65 ft long, 16ft wide and 18ft high. It is the first boat on the backwaters to be completely eco-friendly and pollutant free. The house boat is the ultimate way to cruise the backwaters trough this green fascinating area. Discovery is highly designed, retaining the feel of a typical Kerala rice barge and blending it with contemporary tropical architecture.

Accommodation	<p>Discovery comprises 1 double bedroom and an identically sized living room, both air-conditioned and a spacious dressing room and bathroom. The living room can be converted into a twin bedroom. On the upper deck is a large covered sitting and dining area and a sun deck with pool beds.</p> <p>All meals are included in the daily room rate.</p>
Dining	<p>Discovery comes with its own chef, who will prepare delicious meals, based on the recipes of The Malabar House. Local Indian and Mediterranean cuisine is available. Meals are taken either in the privacy of your A/C living-dinning room or upstairs on the deck overlooking the lake.</p> <p>Meals are included in the cruise package. Room Service available from 6 a.m. till midnight</p>
Meal times	<p>No fixed meal times</p>
Children	<p>Being on a boat, vigilance is required if children cannot swim. Life jackets are available for all passengers and crew. Discovery accepts children of all ages. Children may be accommodated in their parent's bedroom or in the adjoining room.</p>
Dress code	<p>There is no official dress code at Discovery. It is extremely relaxed.</p>
Check-in / out time	<p>The boarding and disembarking point is Privacy, check-in is midday, check-out is at 10:00 am.</p>
Electricity	<p>220 volts. The standard two round pin adaptors work.</p>
Credit cards / currency	<p>Discovery accepts Amex, Visa and MasterCard through Privacy only. Cash only for extras onboard Discovery. If paying in foreign currency, the resort accepts US dollars, Pound Sterling and Euros.</p>
Mobile telephones	<p>All mobile telephones work on the local networks.</p>
When to go / climate	<p>There are no particular seasonal weather changes in Kerala as it benefits from a tropical climate and is warm and humid all year round. No warm clothes are necessary. It tends to rain in June and July and there can be sporadic showers in October and November.</p>
Opening and closing	<p>Discovery operates 365 days per year, subject to weather conditions.</p>
Pests	<p>Being a coastal, tropical area, there are mosquitoes. However, the house boat takes precautions through pest control. Mosquito repellents are provided in the rooms and mosquito coils are available for added protection when dining outside.</p>

Facilities and services	<p>Mobile phone on board. E-mail facilities are available via a dial up service from a guest's laptop, charges are local phone charges only.</p> <p>Discovery guests can use Privacy's electric propelled country boat for exploring the nearby canals and villages.</p> <p>Use of the Privacy pool when moored.</p>
Activities	<p>Birdwatching</p> <p>Sunbathing</p> <p>Eating and drinking</p> <p>Visits to local villages and churches</p>
Itinerary	<p>One day cruise</p> <p>Two day cruise</p> <p>Three day cruise</p>
Average length of stay	<p>1 night but 2 and 3 night cruises are wonderful and allow one to get deep into the backwaters, unlike a 1 night cruise.</p>
Reservations	<p>Reservations may be made by telephone +91 484 221 6666, fax +91 484 221 7777, by e-mail info@malabarhouse.com or through our website www.malabarescapes.com There is no minimum stay requirement.</p>
Package:	<p>Special packages are available if combining your stay with the sister properties Serenity and Privacy. Minimum is 5 nights stay in total.</p>
Management:	<p>General Manager Malabar Escapes and The Malabar House Mr. Mervin Isaac, Manager – Malabar escapes, Mr. Samboo</p>