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Fact Sheet

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Location

A 150 year old plantation house, and nearby 2 storey Waterlily Bungalow, situated on a small hilltop in a valley above the River Rungeet and close to Darjeeling. It is in the Himalayas at an altitude of 3700m (highest point on the estate) and is overlooked by Mount Kanchenjunga. Surrounded by 1000 acres of private forest and the working tea estate. The main bungalow has a wonderful, long verandah with comfortable chairs running across the front of it. One may also eat out on the verandah. Inside is a very cosy, 'English-style' sitting room and dining room where everyone eats together. In the Waterlily Bungalow there are also delightful indoor and outdoor sitting and dining areas. A perfect base for visiting Darjeeling and a chance to actually stay on a working tea estate which you cannot do anywhere else in India.

Accessibility

By air: To Bagdogra from Calcutta (Kolkata), Guwahati and Delhi. Followed by a 2 ½ hour drive.
By train: To New Jalpaiguri from Calcutta and Delhi, followed by a 2 ½ hour drive.
By road: An easy drive from Darjeeling (1 hour), Bagdogra, Gangtok, Kalimpong, Siliguri and New Jalpaiguri.

Transfers: The hotel is happy to arrange transfers (at NO extra cost) from Bagdogra, New Jalpaiguri, Gangtok, Kalimpong, Pelling and Rinchenpong, as well as from the Nepalese border. Transfers from Phuntsholing (Bhutan border) can be arranged for an extra charge of USD 70 per vehicle. Helicopter charters can also be arranged.

Accommodation

With 4 rooms in the 'Burra Bungalow' (3 with adjoining single rooms) and 4 rooms in the stunning Waterlily Bungalow, it is the perfect place to take in its entirety and to be based at for visiting Darjeeling or to simply enjoy the magnificent views

Burra Bungalow (4 bedrooms):

The Kanchenjunga Suite has a King and a Queensize bed and a single bed in an adjoining 'dressing' room. Beautifully decorated in pale blue and white and with a whole wall of windows looking across the mountains to Kanchenjunga.

The Planter's Suite has a Kingsize fourposter bed and a single bed in an adjoining 'dressing' room. This leads through to a small, octagonal sitting room which, in turn leads out into the garden. The room is decorated in warm beiges, browns and cream. It also has its own fireplace.

The Rose Suite has 2 beds in the main bedroom, along with a further single bed in an adjoining dressing room. There is also a very pretty sitting room where a fourth bed could be put. The whole suite is decorated in pale greens, pinks and rose fabrics and is very light and airy.

The Butterfly Room is a pretty room, decorated in rich pastel colour and has one double bed. The bedroom leads through to a small sitting room which leads out into the garden. The Butterfly room has its own fireplace as well.

The rooms are charmingly decorated with individual themes. They are light and airy with timbered ceilings. Each has a private entrance / sit out, opening onto the verandah or garden. They are all on ground level and have overhead fans (air-conditioning is not necessary.)

Waterlily Bungalow

There are four glorious, large, light rooms decorated with lovely 'flower' designs, timbered floors and ceilings. There are 2 twin rooms and 2 double rooms. All have recessed sitting areas and there are 2 on each floor. There is also a very cosy sitting room here along with terraces and dining areas.

Hair dryers can be provided on request and hot water bottles are provided during periods of cold weather. All beds have electric blankets. All rooms have attached bathrooms and hot water is provided by geysers. Each bathroom is large and incredibly well equipped and all boast old fashioned bath tubs with handheld showers. The views from each room are of the

tea fields, forests, or mountains. The bungalow can be hired in its entirety for a group of friends.

Glenburn Lodge (2 bedrooms):

Guests staying at the Burra Bungalow can also use Glenburn Lodge during the day or for overnight stays, as this charming but simple log cabin is not rented out independently. Many guests choose to spend one night down here and this is included in the package.

These bedrooms are simple but furnished with taste and style and each has twin beds and good, attached bathrooms with showers and hot water. A verandah leads out from the inner sitting area and it's a wonderfully peaceful place to sit and watch the river and birds from. A real escape into nature with no disturbances and yet it is fully staffed.

Dining

Table d'hote menus are offered for all meals. Breakfast and lunch are served either in the bright and sunny morning room at one end of the front verandah or in the garden or at the Waterlily Bungalow. Breakfast is served on a very pretty terrace and lunch can also be served here. Drinks in the evening are often in the garden around a campfire or indoors on a very cold day. Dinner is usually served as a sit-down, candlelit meal in the dining room, the water lily bungalow, the garden pavilion, verandah or terrace. Guests tend to all eat dinner together but private dining can be arranged. Continental, Oriental and Indian cuisine is served. Room service is available. The delicious, fresh vegetables are all grown on the estate. Some of the best food to be had in India.

Picnics and barbeques can be arranged on request.

All meals, soft drinks, beer, mineral water, tea and coffee are included in the daily room rate.

Meal Times

No set meal times and guests tend to each lunch and dinner together at a mutually convenient time.

Children

Ideal for families who want to escape to a retreat in the foothills but with plenty to do. Children are welcome but, being a small and peaceful place, guests are asked to be aware that noise carries here! Children may be accommodated in their parents' bedroom.

Dress code

There is no official dress code at Glenburn. It is extremely relaxed. Walking shoes and equipment are a good idea if keen on walking. Warm clothes for the evenings in winter.

Check-in / out time

No official check-in / out times. It is flexible.

Electricity

220 volts. The standard two round pin adaptors work.

Credit cards / currency	The resort accepts Visa and MasterCard.
Mobile telephones	Mobile telephones work here on the local network.
When to go / Climate	Glenburn has a cool climate throughout the year. It can be cold from November to February but with clear, blue skies and plenty of sunshine. Spring and Autumn are lovely months but it can be humid from late May onwards. Warm clothes are necessary in winter and during spring and autumn in the early mornings and evenings. It tends to rain from mid-June to mid-September. The best time to visit is from October to May.
Opening and closing	The hotel is open all year round.
Pests	Due to its mountain location, mosquitoes are not a problem here. However, there can be mosquitoes and midges down by the river. Regular spraying takes place to combat any possible 'pest' problem that arises and mosquito coils are plentiful. It is not advisable to leave windows open that do not have mesh insect protection, when your lights are on as bugs will tend to fly in.
Hotel facilities	NO money changing facility is available but it can be arranged in Darjeeling Email facilities are available A selection of board games A library with a good collection of books and magazines A shop selling Glenburn honey, jams, tea and toiletries, along with clothes, shawls and block printed items. Resident Host.
Hotel services/activities	The hotel owns 2 Scorpio air conditioned jeeps, and an Armada jeep (all 4WD) which are used for local excursions Excursions within the estate are included in the room rate Local excursions to outlying areas can be arranged on site Massages can be arranged with a local, village masseuse Full time, resident guide / naturalist for all outdoor activities Birdwatching Fishing Swimming in the river Camping and picnicking Rafting and Trekking
Possible excursions	Undisturbed walks in the surrounding tea estate Tours of the tea estate and tea factory Excursion to the Glenburn Campsite Hikes along the River Rungeet to Manjitar Village in Sikkim Hikes along the River Rung Dung Hike Afternoon hikes to Shikari Dura Village Drive / walk up to Lamha Haata Orchard, and the Clooney

Sister's Church and School
Excursions to Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Sikkim
Hiking between Darjeeling and Glenburn
(ALL THE ABOVE ARE INCLUDED IN DAILY THE ROOM RATE)

Reservations

By telephone +91 33 2288 5630, email
info@glenburnteaestate.com or via the website
www.glenburnteaestate.com.
There is no minimum stay.

Average length of stay

Three to seven nights. Being so peaceful and removed from the hustle and bustle of city life, it is essential one has enough time here to really appreciate the beauty of surroundings and to enjoy all the outdoor activities. It is also a good base for exploring the area on day trips. It provides the perfect end to Shakti Sikkim.

Payment / cancellation

Pre-payment is compulsory if requiring a confirmed, advanced reservation. Non-refundable deposits are required at the time of booking.

For cancellations which fall with 15 - 2 days prior to check-in, 50% of the full, reserved stay will be forfeit. For cancellations which fall within 2 days prior to check-in, 100% of the full, reserved stay will be forfeit.

Packages

Special packages may be available by enquiring directly with the hotel.

Seasonal surcharges

A small supplement is applicable over the Christmas and New Year period. There are traditional Christmas and New Year festivities arranged each year. Minimum 4 night stay during this period.

Government Taxes

There is a tax levied on any alcoholic drinks you may consume. No other taxes are applicable as it is all inclusive.

Ownership

The Prakash Family from Calcutta

Management

Resident Hostess
(The owning family reside here part time)