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Hotel Address

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Location

The Malabar House is a fabulous old Dutch Colonial building in the heart of historical Cochin, opposite St. Francis Church and 3 minutes walk to the Chinese fishing nets. It sits on a charming green which is alive with activity. It is a short walk from various small stalls and excellent shops.

Being a member of Relais & Chateaux, the hotel is known for its exceptional cuisine and immensely friendly, warm, welcoming, gentle atmosphere.

Accessibility

By air: Nedumbassery Cochin International airport. Daily flights from all Indian metros and Lakshadweep. 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 train: Ernakulam Junction (South), connected to all major cities in India and Kerala.

By Road: NH47 Highway till Ernakulam and onwards to Fort Kochi. Frequent comfortable bus connections from southern state capitals which stop at Ernakulam.

Transfers: The Malabar House arranges transfers by taxi to and from the airport and railway station. Time to airport is 1 hour and 30 minutes for 45 Km, to station 45 minutes for 12 Km.

The hotel

Designed to the last detail and furnished with select antiques and art, The Malabar House seamlessly combines tradition and contemporary design. The feel is small, cozy and personal, a heaven amidst this vibrant yet historical harbour city. All rooms are centrally air-conditioned with

attached bathrooms. The rooms have tiled floors, no rugs and are decorated superbly with stunning colour schemes antique objets d'art. All rooms have hanging space, televisions, direct dial telephones, safe deposit lockers, and Mini bar - suites only. No smoking rooms are available. Rooms with easy wheelchair access are available.

Accommodation

Comprises 17 rooms, categorized as 11 deluxe rooms, 5 Roof Garden Suites and the Malabar Suite.

Malabar Suite #18 – A very peaceful maisonette, situated towards the rear of the building, on the first floor. It comprises a sitting room downstairs and a bedroom, bathroom and private terrace upstairs.

Roof Garden Suites #9, 10, 11, 12, 17 – Large rooms on the first floor, have own terraces.

6 Double, Deluxe rooms – #1, 6, 7, 14, 15, 16 rooms on the ground floor.

Double, Deluxe *twin* rooms – #2, 3, 4, 5, 8 rooms on the ground floor.

Room numbers # 9, 10, 11 & 12 overlook the pretty parade ground

Room numbers # 9, 10, 11, 12, 17 & 18 have own terraces

Room numbers # 1, 6, 7, 8, 14 & 15 have own garden with private sit out

All rooms are air-conditioned, with internet access, hairdryers, televisions and a DVD player also in the Malabar Suite.

The daily room rate includes breakfast.

Dining

The Malabar Junction – A superb, open-sided restaurant in the garden. Known throughout India for its exceptional food (probably the best pasta in India!). The seafood is the best in this region. It offers Mediterranean, Indian and cuisine. Ask for the menu selection of Indian wines.

When full, the hotel offers a 'buffet' service for breakfast.

Other meals are from the seasonal menu plus daily market menu on a la carte. Smoking is allowed.

Create Exhibition space cum A/C restaurant. We showcase regional arts & crafts of the past and present. All exhibits are usually for sale.

Garden dining – meals, snacks and drinks can be served in garden by the swimming pool.

Divine, the contemporary, chic, buzzy wine bar, serves a wide choice of wine and tapas.

At the stage Classic Carnatic South Indian music & dances are performed during the evening dinner time. Subject to weather conditions.

Room Service available from 6 a.m. till midnight.

Meal times	Breakfast 07.00 am to 10.00 am Lunch 12.30 pm to 15.00 pm Dinner 19.00 pm to 23.00 pm This is only a guideline as meal times are not strictly imposed.
Children	The hotel accepts children of all ages. Children may be accommodated in their parent's bedroom for an extra charge. Only one additional child per room is permitted. Baby sitting can be arranged on prior notice.
Dress code	There is no official dress code at The Malabar House. However, you may wish to change into something a little tidier for dinner.
Check-in / out time	Midday. Extended check-out is subject to negotiation/availability.
Electricity	220 volts. The standard two round pin adaptors work.
Credit cards / currency	The hotel accepts Amex, Visa, and MasterCard. In case of payments in foreign currency, the resort accepts US dollars, Pound Sterling and Euros. Travellers cheques are also accepted.
Mobile telephones	All mobile telephones work on local networks.
When to go / climate	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 in Cochin. It tends to rain in June and July and there can be sporadic showers in October and November.
Opening and closing	The Malabar House remains open on all 365 days.
Pests	Being a coastal, tropical area, there are mosquitoes. However, the hotel takes precautions in this area through pest control; it sprays the public areas and gardens daily. The rooms have mosquito repellents, mosquito nets on request are also provided, mosquito coils are available for added protection when dining outside.
Hotel facilities & services	Money changing E-mail facilities for hotel residents are complimentary Press / mail service / Umbrellas / Tailor / Yoga Create is a small conference hall, A/C restaurant and Exhibition hall Swimming pool 4m x 8m x 1.5m

Ayurvedic Spa with one treatment room. Specialized in the Kalari school of ayurveda, it offers a range of ayurveda treatments & rejuvenation massages.

Bicycles with gears for the use of hotel resident's are complimentary subject to availability

Business centre with internet and WI-FI facilities

Cookery classes (upon request)

Sightseeing & tours can be arranged on site by contacting the hotel reception.

Regal Bow Rider 130hp 6-seater speedboat offers rides around the lake & does water transport to Privacy or other resorts on the Vembanad lake

Possible excursions

The hotel provides the map of Fort Cochin which takes you on a gentle stroll around the area, indicating key buildings and churches of historical value, the Chinese Fishing nets etc. This walk can be done at any time, on your own and without the services of a pre-arranged guide. However, local guides can be arranged if required.

Evening cruises in Cochin harbour

Visits to 'the backwater' with a Regal Bow Rider 130h 6-seater Speedboat.

Attendance at Kathakali or Theyyam dance performances

Attendance at local church services

Visits to Jew Town, the Synagogue and the Dutch palace

Browsing and shopping in south India's largest Antique market

Day trip on a houseboat

Average length of stay

Three nights. The Malabar House is the ideal place to stay in the historical city area known for walking or boat cruising, shopping opportunities and peaceful atmosphere, which will ensure you the best holiday ever.

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Reservations may be made by telephone +91 484 221

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Packages

Special packages are available if combining your stay with the hotel's sister properties Privacy, Serenity and Discovery. Minimum is 5 nights stay in total.

Management

General Manager Malabar Escapes and The Malabar House

Mr. Mervin Isaac,

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