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Resort Address	Serenity at Kanam Estate Payikad Kanam P.O Vazhoor 686515 Kerala Tel: +91 481 2456353 Fax: +91 481 2457063 E-mail: reservations@malabarhouse.com Web: www.malabarescapes.com
Location	Situated on a small hilltop, surrounded by a rubber plantation, in a very peaceful, solitary location in the heart of the Plantation hills, midway between Cochin and Thekkady.
Accessibility	<p>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. Followed by a 3 hour drive.</p> <p>By Train: To Kottayam from Palghat, Cochin, Quilon, Trivandrum, Madras, followed by a 1 hour drive.</p> <p>By Road: from Cochin, followed by a 3 hour drive, 25 km from Kottayam - Kumili road – KK road, 7 km before Ponkunam, turning point to Kanam at Government press Vachor. From Alleppy, Changanassery - Kumili road- KK road turning point to Kanam at 14th mile.</p>
Transfers	Serenity arranges transfers by taxi to and from Cochin airport or railway station 130 km, or from Kottayam, Trivandrum and other towns. Chargeable.
The resort	A delightful old plantation bungalow, built in the 1920's which has been beautifully converted and which retains the original woodwork, paneling and atmosphere. The rooms have a polished stone floor on the ground floor and coir wall to wall carpeting on wooden floor in the 1st floor. They are decorated superbly with stunning colour schemes and antique objets d'art blending with the local environment. All rooms have hanging space, verandahs & terraces, direct dial telephones. Some bedrooms on the

ground floor have easy access for wheelchairs. The property is also ideal for a group of friends to rent in its entirety.

Accommodation

Comprises 6 rooms categorized as:

3 Double, Deluxe rooms 1 on the ground floor 2 on the first floor, one of which is air conditioned.

2 Double, Deluxe *twin* rooms 1 on the ground floor 1 on the first floor.

1 Double, Deluxe room on the first floor with the bath outside the room *Room numbers # 3, 4 & 5* have hilltop views across the tropical landscape, towards the Blue Mountains.

Dining

Serenity has a unit manager and six members of the staff. A trained chef will prepare delicious meals, based on the recipes of The Malabar House cuisine. Local Indian and Mediterranean cuisine is available. Meals are taken either on the privacy of your verandah – terrace, on the patio by the swimming pool deck or in the sitting/dining room. There is a daily menu with plenty of choice.

Breakfast is included in the daily room rate.

Room Service available from 6 a.m. till midnight

Meal times

Breakfast 07.00 am to 10.00 am

Lunch 12.00 pm to 15.00 pm

Dinner 19.00 pm to 11.00 pm

This is a guideline only as meal times are not strictly imposed

Children

Ideal for couples and families who want to escape to a retreat in the low hills with its tropical climate. Children are welcome but - being a small and peaceful place - guests are asked to be aware that noise carries here! The resort 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 Serenity. It is extremely relaxed.

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

Serenity accepts Amex, Visa, and Master Card. If paying in foreign currency, the resort accepts US dollars, Pound Sterling and Euros. Traveller's cheques are also accepted.

Mobile telephones	All mobile telephones work on 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 particularly warm clothes are necessary but, being in the low hills, it cools down at night and a jersey may be required for the evenings and early morning. It tends to rain in June and July and there can be sporadic showers in October and November.
Opening and closing	Serenity remains open on all 365 days.
Pests	Due to its hilltop location, mosquitoes are not a problem here. However, on the odd occasion that mosquitoes are seen, the hotel can provide mosquito repellent and coils.
Resort facilities	<p>E-mail is available free of charge. Bicycles with gears for hotel resident's use are complimentary subject to availability. TV & DVD with an in-house collection of recent movies and the Record player Music with the inherited collection of records can be used in the common sitting room. Serenity can arrange escorted walks through the surrounding plantations and tropical gardens. A beautiful swimming pool, surrounded by cocoa trees and a multi Gym add to the activities.</p> <p>Badminton court Yoga stage Ayurvedic Spa with one large treatment room offers a range of ayurveda treatments & rejuvenation massages. The drawing room can be used for meetings and seminars.</p>
Resort activities	<p>The major highlight is a program called the Day with the Elephant - Lakshmi Bullock cart excursions in the vicinity Cooking demonstrations Undisturbed walks, a rarity in India! In the surrounding rubber plantations you can see how rubber is produced. The area also includes cocoa, pepper, coffee, cardamom, pineapple, tapioca, papaya and banana plantations. Visit to an orchid nursery.</p>
Possible excursions	<p>Excursion to the Aranmula cultural centre on the River Pamba for performances of classical and Kathakali dances, courses on astrology and natural medicine. Excursions to Ettumanur, a Shiva temple with stunning frescoes. Excursions to Kerala's main Christian centre at Kottayam, which boasts the 16th century churches of Cheria Palli and Valia Palli. Excursions to tea plantations with a visit to the tea factory.</p>

Average length of stay	Usually three nights, small groups stay for one week. Serenity is the perfect place to break a journey between Thekkady and the Malabar Coast / Trivandrum. It provides a welcome quiet break in a hectic schedule.
Reservations	Reservations may be made by telephone +91 484 221 6666, by e-mail info@malabarhouse.com or through our website www.malabarescapes.com There is no minimum stay requirement.
Packages	Special packages are available if combining your stay with the hotel's sister properties Privacy & Discovery. Minimum is a 5 night stay in total.
Management	General Manager Malabar Escapes & The Malabar House, Mr. Mervin Isaac, Manager – Malabar escapes. Mr. Samboo