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Fact Sheet

Resort Address

Shalimar Spice Garden
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Location

Situated in the rolling hills of the Southern Ghats, close to Periyar National Park, and surrounded by a spice plantation and tropical greenery, in Eastern Kerala. Altitude 1000m. It is reached by a series of steps and a wooden walkway which takes you across to this secret hideaway, hidden away in the jungle.

Accessibility

By Air: from Delhi, Bombay, Goa, Madras, Bangalore, Trivandrum to Cochin or Madurai, followed by a 4-5 hour drive.
By Train: Not really accessible by train due to it's hill location. However, Kottayam station is 110kms away (2 ½ hour drive).
By Road: An easy drive from Alleppey, Kottayam, Munnar and Kanam. A longer drive from Madurai, Cochin, Quilon and Trivandrum.

Transfers: The resort is happy to arrange chauffeur-driven transfers from your previous destination or to your onward destination (at extra cost).

Accommodation

Accommodation comprises 18 rooms, made up of 10 elegant cottages and 8 rooms. The cottages are larger and freestanding and the rooms are in clusters of 2 or 4. There are 6 twin rooms and 9 double rooms and they are all scattered around the gardens, rising in tiers up the hill. There is one traditional Malayali house, constructed almost entirely of wood, which has a bedroom and separate sitting room and is very private.

The rooms are not air-conditioned as this is unnecessary with the given climate which is cool at night throughout the year. All rooms have heaters. They have attached bathrooms and hairdryers. The rooms have a small garden and a hammock. The rooms are simple but stylish and have tiled floors with rugs. All rooms have hanging space, telephones and a small verandah. No smoking rooms are available. Hot water bottles are provided

when nights are cold. The Elegant Cottages have a sitting area inside and a larger verandah outside. Hot water is plentiful and provided by geyser. Tea and coffee making facilities and a safe are available in all rooms. Due to the rambling, jungle nature of the hotel, this is not suitable for wheelchairs.

Room 201 is a particularly private cottage, surrounded by the gardens and by the pond. Ideal for honeymooners.

Dining

A charming small restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. There is also a dining area outside for those who like to eat in the open air. It offers superb Italian food, along with Oriental, Indian and local cuisine. Either Table d'hote or a la carte menus are available. Smoking is allowed.

Breakfast is included in the daily room rate.

Room Service – During the day only

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

Meal Times

Breakfast	07.30am to 09.30am
Lunch	12.00pm to 15.00pm
Dinner	19.00pm to 21.30pm

(Guideline only as meal times are not strictly imposed)

Children

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. A baby-sitting service is available upon request.

Dress code

There is no official dress code at Shalimar Spice Garden – it is all very informal. However, many feel more comfortable changing into something marginally 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 resort accepts Visa and Mastercard. If paying in foreign currency, the resort accepts US dollars, Sterling Pounds and Euros. Travellers cheques are also accepted.

Mobile telephones

Mobile telephones work but only on the local network (BSNL)

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. However, due to its elevation, it tends to cool down at night and a jacket or shawl is required at night and in the early mornings. It tends to rain in June and July and

there can be sporadic showers in October. The best time to visit is from November to March. April is getting hot and May, August and September are very humid.

Opening and closing

The hotel remains open 365 days per year.

Pests

Due to it's height and cool night temperatures, there are not many mosquitoes about. However, the hotel takes precautions and both mosquito repellents for the bedrooms and mosquito coils are available for added protection when dining outside.

Hotel facilities

Money changing facility
A medium-sized, unheated swimming pool (approx. 5m x 12m)
E-mail facilities for hotel residents (payment extra)
Internet and WI-FI available in designated areas
Small conference hall
Surrounding spice garden
Cosy sitting area with a log fire for the cooler nights
Small shop selling jewellery, clothes and artefacts
Small spa with two treatment rooms, offering all traditional Ayurvedic treatments and massage.
Sitting room with TV and board games.

Hotel services

Sightseeing excursions can be arranged on site by contacting the hotel reception.
Onward transport to other destinations
Spice walks

Possible excursions

Excursions to nearby Periyar National Park where you view game by boat
Trekking / walking with a guide in the surrounding spice plantations
Visits to a tea factory
Bamboo rafting
Night walks
Visit to tribal villages

Average length of stay

Two or three nights. A peaceful place to break a journey between Cochin and Madurai

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 within 3 days prior to check-in, 50% of the full, reserved stay will be forfeit.

Reservations

Reservations may be made by telephone, fax, e-mail reservations@anantara.in or www.amritara.co.in

Packages

Special, reduced price packages are available on the website.

Seasonal surcharges	A supplement of \$20 (US) on the nightly room rate applies to all bookings which fall between 20 December and 6 January (inclusive).
Government Taxes	7.5% on room and 8% on imported alcohol (subject to change)
Ownership	S.S.H.R. Pvt Ltd.
Management	General Manager