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## Fact Sheet

### **Resort Address**

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### **Location**

Situated on low cliffs, flanked on either side by a beach and it lies in the heart of a palm grove. Surya Samudra is just a few minutes from Vizhinjam and close to Kovalam and Trivandrum. It sits on a promontory, jutting out into the Indian Ocean and the views all around are stunning – nothing but swirling sea. It has recently been totally renovated and upgraded and has been returned to its former glory and as being Kerala's leading boutique beach hotel.

### **Accessibility**

**By Air:** To Trivandrum from Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Bangalore  
**By Train:** To Trivandrum from Delhi, Bombay, Cochin, Quilon, Madras and other towns, followed by a 30 minute drive  
**By Road:** An easy drive from the 'backwaters', Kanam and Cochin. A longer drive from Thekkady.

**Transfers:** The resort is happy to arrange limousine transfers (at extra cost) from either the airport or the railway station (both 22kms away) to / from the hotel.

### **Accommodation**

Comprises 35 cottages scattered around the hillside. Some are down at the front of the cliff and have direct views out to sea. Others are set back a bit and have indirect views. Others are tucked away in the tropical green of the gardens / jungle. The whole place has been beautifully landscaped and the rooms have recently been totally upgraded and renovated. They are now exceedingly comfortable with state of the art furnishings and fittings. Plenty of piping hot water from powerful showers. One or two rooms have bath tubs. All rooms have a safe, hair, dryer television and DVD player, tea and coffee making machine. They are air-conditioned but also have fans – the sea breeze is often so cooling that A/C is not needed. Many bathrooms are garden bathrooms with one part covered and one part open to the skies. The bedrooms are traditional, Malayali, wooden.

cottages Some cottages have 2 rooms in the one building so noise does carry through the wooden beams and rafters. These rooms are suited to families or a group of friends travelling together. All rooms except the Rock Garden Rooms have a sea view. The Heritage Premium and Superior rooms are very close to the sea and the Heritage Classic rooms are set back a little. The rooms are linked by interconnecting walkways. Due to the position of this hotel, on a slope, there are only one or two rooms which are suitable for wheelchair access and it is not really ideal as it is all on a slope and up and down steps.

## **Dining**

The open-sided restaurant (Ottupura) overlooking the pools and with stunning sea views serves delicious continental, oriental and Indian food all day. It offers a la carte and table d'hotel menus. Behind this is the cosy library. Kanal is situated at a lower level, out on a rock, looking out to sea and it serves mouthwatering seafood delicacies. The brand new Madira is the fun bar, down by the beautifully enlarged and renovated swimming pool. This is the perfect place for sundowners and whiling away late nights of chat and laughter. Breakfast and delicious tea time goodies, served at the poolside, are complimentary.

Breakfast is included in the daily room rate.

Room **Service is available.**

## **Meal Times**

Breakfast 08.00am to 10.00am  
Lunch 12.00pm to 15.00pm  
Dinner 19.00pm to 11.00pm  
(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 (if over 6 years old, otherwise free). Only one additional child per room is permitted. There is a baby-sitting service available.

## **Dress code**

There is no official dress code Surya Samudra. It is extremely relaxed and only beach clothes are required. Topless sunbathing is not allowed as it offends the locals.

## **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, 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 here, on the local network.

**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. Being on the coast, the humidity is heightened. No warm clothes are necessary. 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**

Being a coastal, tropical area, there can be mosquitoes. However, the sea breezes tend to minimize the mosquito problem. Should there be mosquitoes about, the rooms have mosquito repellents provided and mosquito coils are available for added protection when dining outside.

**Hotel facilities**

Money changing facility  
Stunning (unheated) cliff-top swimming pool, built into the rock face  
E-mail facilities for hotel residents (charges apply)  
TV Room / Library  
Games / Children's Room  
Small shop  
Yoga pavilion with daily yoga sessions  
Tennis court  
Beauty parlour (in the spa)  
Hammocks by the pool

**The Spa at Surya Samudra**

This is a beautifully designed building with Ayurveda and Western treatment areas, amidst abundant greenery. It has been built on two levels. The Ayurveda treatment centre is on the ground level, supervised by Doctors, Professional Therapists and in-house dieticians. The Spa (wellbeing centre) with herbal and steam baths, body wraps and facials, is on the lower level. This is managed and operated by the professional "Serena Spa" company.

There are 7 treatment rooms, one beauty parlor and two steam rooms, out of which 3 are double rooms called "ADAM & EVE" and 4 are singles. There are male and female professional, masseuses & therapists.

For those who are looking to be pampered in style, body wraps, facials, pedicures, manicures, Turkish and Herbal baths are also available. The treatment rooms are light and airy with gentle music playing in the background, incense burning and a variety of exotic herbal teas on offer.

**Hotel services**

The hotel owns two excellent Toyota Qualis vehicles which can be hired for local excursions.

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

<b>Possible excursions</b>	Excursions to other beaches, palaces, museums and temples. 'Backwater' cruises on nearby canals and waterways. Attendance at Katakali or Theyyam dance performances. Attendance at local church services.
<b>Average length of stay</b>	Three to seven nights. Surya Samudra is the ideal resting place at the end of a holiday in Kerala. Spend time on the beach, relaxing and contemplating what you have seen, before returning home.
<b>Payment / cancellation</b>	Pre-payment is compulsory if requiring a confirmed, advanced reservation. A deposit of 50% of the entire stay's cost is required at the time of booking.  For cancellations which fall outside 45 days prior to check-in, 50% of the full, reserved stay will be forfeited. For cancellations which fall within 45 - 30 days prior to check-in, 75% of the full, reserved stay will be forfeited. For cancellations which fall under 30 days prior to check-in, 100% of the full, reserved stay will be forfeited.
<b>Reservations</b>	Reservations may be made by contacting the Front Office Manager by telephone, fax, e-mail ( <a href="mailto:info@suryasamudra.com">info@suryasamudra.com</a> ) or via the internet ( <a href="http://www.suryasamudra.com">www.suryasamudra.com</a> ). There is no minimum stay requirement.
<b>Government Taxes</b>	10% on Non A/C room, 15% on A/C room & 9.2% on food and beverage (subject to change)
<b>Seasonal surcharges</b>	A compulsory surcharge is applicable if your stay falls over the New Year. However, this includes a special dinner and drinks.
<b>Ownership</b>	S.S.H.R. Pvt Ltd.
<b>Management</b>	<b>General Manager - Mr Bharat Chandu</b>