



MS-009 – BEAUTIFUL BOUTIQUE HOMESTAY WITH VALLEY VIEWS, NEAR MUNNAR



This beautiful homestay is a boutique, premium home stay having five well-furnished double rooms with private balcony and one spacious Family / Honeymoon suite; overlooking the magnificent Chokkanmudi peaks, Letchmi hills and Kanan Devan plantations of Munnar.

It features a traditional wood fired clay oven bakery, a cute café and art gallery, small library, a unisex

Ayurveda spa room and plenty of warmth and care from a typical Kerala Syrian Christian family who resides in the same premises and takes care of the services and food preparation.

The owner of this homestay, belongs to the third generation of the migrants who have moved from the Central Kerala district of Kottayam (Erstwhile Travancore kingdom) in the early 1930s.





The concept has been germinated through several years of passionate desire to offer a value for money real hospitality experience to discerning travellers both international and domestic.

Being a hospitality professional, the host would be happy to interact with the guests not intruding their privacy. Also, with regards to what the guests could do when they are in Munnar, the hosts will be happy to assist to organize the itinerary.

ACCOMODATION



There are two categories of rooms at this lovely homestay. They are; -

- 1) 6 Hill View Deluxe (Double Rooms)
- 2) 1 Family Suite (This can accommodate 4 adults)

FAMILY SUITE / HONEY MOON SUITE

A beautifully decorated living room with two sofas cum beds.





A four-poster king size bed & a spacious balcony.

The bathroom is very large and also has a mountain view.



HILL VIEW DELUXE (DOUBLE ROOM)



Contemporary interior Bedrooms (covering over 300 sq. Ft) with energy saving warm lights, tiled floor & ceiling, a sofa cum bed by the window, a balcony with a coffee table & chairs in total privacy. Three rooms are featured with sofa cum beds.

The rooms are spacious, well-appointed with modern shower rooms and private balcony and entry. The guests could expect a peaceful, homely atmosphere that is clean, hygienic and safe for families, couples, women travellers, solo travellers where the hosts' family lives in the premises.



AMENITIES

Free Parking on premises

Bathroom: Herbal and natural soaps, shampoo and moisturizers

Bedroom and Laundry: Essentials like towels, bedsheets, soap and toilet paper, Hangers

Entertainment: LED Flat Panel TV with cable/ satellite

Internet and office: Wi-Fi , Dedicated workspace

ADDITIONAL AMENITIES

Ergonomic Writing table and reading lamp

Sofa cum bed – convertible as extra bed (In some rooms)

Balcony chairs and coffee table

Hair dryer on request

Prayer and yoga mats, iron board, dental and shaving kits on request.

Reverse Osmosis Purified drinking water in sterilized glass bottles.

Tea Coffee making facility in the Oven Café

24 hrs power back up

MEALS



Food as a major ingredient during holidays; we offer neat home cooked food.



Breakfast is included in the tariff & other meals are available to order.



Baking and cooking as an activity is encouraged with prior intimation and with an affordable price.

One of the highlights of this wonderful homestay is the traditional bake oven & café. It is also the main and characteristic place in the home stay, where baking has been a family business for years. Here one could taste freshly made breads, cakes, cookies and experience baking by learning the basic steps of traditional baking – where the fuel has been always firewood or similar natural fuels like coconut shell etc. The guests would have a privileged feeling of staying with a baker's family and enjoying their simplicity of life and hospitality. It features a traditional wood fired clay oven bakery.



HOUSE RULES



Drinking water: Purified drinking water is served free of charge in room; and the glass bottles are steam sterilized and the water is Reverse Osmosis treated for safe consumption. Branded packaged bottles of water are available but are chargeable.

Housekeeping services are done in the morning between 10 am to 2 pm, request you to hand over the keys for services, and bed linen changed every alternate day. Laundry services could be availed, and 12 hours' time is required for delivery and are chargeable.

Electricity is precious. Try to reduce consumption and check wastage. In case of power failures, we have **24 hours back up inverter as well as diesel generator**; however, in the late-night hours we normally do not operate generator unless it is an emergency.

Water is invaluable. Use it wisely. Kindly place the used towel on the towel rack for re use, so that we change them on alternate days unless requested, so as to reduce the water consumption.

Warm water is available in your bathroom 24 hours and it is solar powered. For warm water open the shower mixer then turn towards the red dot and wait for the cold water to drain after which warm water will eventually begin to flow out.

Tea / coffee making facility is available at the café kitchen, you may feel to walk in to make a cup tea or coffee.

Extra blankets, pillows, towels, clothes hanger, soaps and additional toiletries are available from 7 am to 11 pm hours free of charge

Check in time to the is 12:30 hrs and **Check out** time is 10:30 hrs

Visitors cannot be entertained in the rooms without prior intimation.

Credit cards are accepted. Master and Visa. Online transfers can also be entertained. 3% charges are applicable on international cards and 2% on domestic cards respectively as well as GST.

ACTIVITIES AT THE HOMESTAY

Baking and cooking Demo/Class



You can experience an initiation into the basics of baking in the traditional clay oven. And you could surprise your loved ones with recipes of some special ethnic dishes and delicacies. A prior intimation is required to conduct in these activities. It is usually done in the late afternoons. This is a participatory activity for couples and families to experience some moments of truth and cherish for long time!

Bird Watching & Bird Photography

The surrounding of this homestay is an ideal place for bird watching during the season from September to May. More than 30 species of birds in the vicinities have been identified. The list include: Hill Myna, Ringed parakeets, 5 varieties of bulbuls, Orioles, Magpie robins, Malabar Whistling thrush, grey hornbills, Sun birds, wagtails, Rufus and white bellied Tree pie, common babblers, scarlet minivets, wood Peckers, white Checked barbets, tailor bird, tickles flower peckers, white eyes, Leaf birds, Common starlings, Great Tit and many endemic species such as Scimitar babbler, Wood pigeon, black headed bulbul, Indian Black Eagles!



Basic yoga sessions



You are welcome to participate in the basic yoga sessions in the morning; a simple sun salutation (Surya Namaskar) and Pranayam would make a great difference to you. The guests are welcome to join for the yoga sessions and meditation as an option.

Toddy tapping walk

During the season from October to April toddy tapping walk in the morning is an optional activity, where one can experience how toddy is tapped from the palm and coconut trees. The interaction with the toddy tapper and seeing him with all his tapping tools is an interesting activity and the end you are encouraged to taste the fresh sap of sweet toddy too.



Cycling in Munnar



Cycling in Munnar is an interesting activity, especially in the early morning between 6 am to 10 am or in the late afternoon. A twelve kilometres biking from Munnar to Letchmi estate offers not only the images of picturesque landscape of the tea plantation but also it gives a feel of the life in the plantation. It could be a guided activity as an option with a service fee. A shorter track (six kms) in the less crowded area of Munnar by the lake could be also explored. Geared mountain bikes are recommended at a reasonable rent and needs to be collected and returned from Munnar town.

Ayurveda Wellness Sessions

As you enjoy the beautiful landscape and natural surroundings that help rejuvenate and rewind, we recommend you some of these Ayurveda therapeutic and wellness sessions! At present we have a unisex treatment room attached with bathroom and steam cabin. With prior consultation we could also plan and organize therapeutic specific purposes.



SIGHTSEEING FROM THE HOMESTAY

ELEPHANT CAMP

Elephant Camp at Iruttukanam is situated at only a 3 minute from the homestay. This camp is a well-maintained elephant rearing centre having more than 5 elephants including a tusker. Here one can participate in the elephant rides in the coffee and pepper plantation, duration of one ride is about 25 minutes. Guests can also get a close encounter with the elephants and its mannerisms and habits and interact with the mahouts (elephant trainers). However, as a word of caution, the dos and don'ts at the camp has to be followed strictly for a safety and security purpose.



VIRIPARA WATERFALLS



Viripara waterfalls are nearby, & offers a short trek. The majestic Kallar river which runs through the year would be a visual treat on your way to the homestay. You will get to see waterfalls right out your bedroom windows throughout the Monsoon.

AANAKULAM

You may not be an elephant person, especially wild elephants. But once you see these magnificent creatures, pause, look around for humans and slowly advance to drink from this watering hole, you are not going to be able to wipe that smile off your face.



LETCHMI TEA ESTATE



Letchmi tea estate, near the homestay is one of the best tea estates in Munnar. Enjoy the serene nature with a jeep ride or perhaps a walk along the garden in the fresh air

SPICE FARM WALK

At about a kilometre from the homestay an authentic multi-crop organic spice farm is situated where one can see, cocoa, coffee, pepper, cinnamon, nutmeg, cardamom, cloves, Kokum etc grow in the natural environment. This is a less commercial farm where you could go for a small trek till the river. Visitors also can purchase organic spices at actual prices here. During and early morning walk, there are plenty of bird sightings available for avian lovers.



THE KALLAR RIVER AND FALLS



The Kallar river that originates from the Letchmi hills of Munnar and makes its eventful journey to reach the Periyar river, is very near at one kilometre from the homestay. There is a beautiful water fall cascade at a particular point where one can also have a dip in the water. It is indeed a photogenic spot. "Kallar" – literally means rock river because 90% of its journey the river flows over rocky surface only.

SENGULOM LAKE AND BOATING

This picturesque lake is located only 5 kms from the homestay, those who would like to do enjoy a quiet evening ride in the lake: options are pedal boat, speed boats and family size speed boats. The landscaped lawn is very photogenic and the nearby trails and less crowded road is an ideal spot for sunset walk.



HIKING & TREKKING



The entire region of Munnar is full of surprises for a hiker and trekker in you! As the undulating landscapes of tea and spice plantations, shoal forests, steams and river, peaks and valleys offer a number of trails for short and long hikes from two hours to full day. appreciated activities when you stay at this beautiful home.

MARTIAL ARTS AND KATHAKALI DANCE

Punarjani Kathakali and Martial art centre is just 9 kms, only 15 minutes driving distance from the homestay. This is a hot spot for evening entertainment in Munnar.



Ideally one should witness the facial make up and the ceremony of costumes of the Kathakali dancers and followed by the Kathakali performance This is dramatic dance of sign language and facial expressions accompanied by music. The martial art show is Kerala's traditional Kalari which is considered to be the mother of all contemporary martial arts.

(Transport to the various sightseeing spots is available at an extra charge.)

ABOUT MUNNAR



Munnar is a town and hill station on the Western ghats mountain ranges located in the southwestern Indian state of Kerala. Munnar is also called the "Kashmir of South India" and is a popular honeymoon destination.

The climate is in tune with the climate of Munnar. Very moderate sunny days and cool evenings at an average of 18 – 22 degrees is another unique feature of the place.

HOW TO GET HERE



Nearest Airport: Cochin International Airport. (95 km, a drive time of 2.5 hrs).

Nearest Railway station: Aluva, Kochi. (91km/2.5 hrs)

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