

## Fact file

### Resort Address

**serenity** at Kanam Estate  
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### 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

**By air:** Nedumbassery Cochin International airport. Daily flights from all Indian metros & 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 & Malaysia, Followed by a 3 hour drive

**By Train:** To Kottayam from Palghat, Cochin, Quilon, Trivandrum, Madras, followed by a 1 hour drive.

**By Road:** from Cochin, 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 14<sup>th</sup> mile.

### Transfers

**serenity** arranges transfers by taxi to and from Cochin airport or railway station 130 km, or from Kottayam, Trivandrum and other towns.

### 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 and are decorated superbly with stunning colour schemes and antique objets d'art which blend 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  
2 of them are 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.  
The a la carte menu offers plenty of choice.

**Breakfast** is included in the daily room rate.

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

### Meal Times

Breakfast	07.00am to 10.00am
Lunch	12.00pm to 15.00pm

Dinner 19.00pm to 11.00pm  
Guideline only as meal times are not strictly imposed

<b>Children</b>	Ideal for families who want to escape to a retreat in the low hills. 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 arrange on prior notice.
<b>Dress code:</b>	There is no official dress code at <b>serenity</b> . It is extremely relaxed.
<b>Check-in / out time</b>	Midday. Extended check-out is subject to negotiation / availability.
<b>Electricity</b>	220 volts. The standard two round pin adaptors work.
<b>Credit cards / currency:</b>	<b>serenity</b> accepts Visa, and Master Card. If paying in foreign currency, the resort accepts US dollars, Sterling Pounds and Euros. Traveller's cheques are also accepted.
<b>Mobile telephones:</b>	Mobile telephones are accessible with many of the networks.
<b>When to go / Climate:</b>	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, November.
<b>Opening and closing:</b>	<b>serenity</b> remains open on all 365 days.
<b>Pests:</b>	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.
<b>Resort facilities:</b>	E-mail facilities are available. Bicycles with gears for hotel resident's use are complimentary subject to availability. TV & DVD & Music player with an in house collection of recent movies & by gone long plays can be use in the common sitting room. <b>serenity</b> can arrange escorted walks in plantations, village. A beautiful <b>swimming pool</b> 10 x 5 meter, surrendered by Cocoa trees multi <b>Gym</b> <b>Badminton</b> court <b>Yoga</b> stage <b>Ayurvedic Spa</b> with one large treatment room offers a range of ayurveda treatments & rejuvenation massages. The drawing room can be used for meetings and seminars
<b>Resort facilities &amp; services:</b>	The major highlight is a program called the <b>Day with the Elephant</b> <b>Bullet cart</b> excursions in the vicinity <b>Cooking</b> demonstrations Undisturbed walks, a rarity in India! in the surrounding rubber plantation, seeing how rubber is produced. The area also includes cocoa, pepper, coffee, cardamom, pineapple, tapioca, papaya and banana plantations. Visits to an orchid nursery.
<b>Possible excursions</b>	Excursion to the Aranmula cultural centre on the River Pamba for performances of classical and Kathakali dances, courses on astrology and natural medicine. Metal mirror handicrafts 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.

**Average length of stay:**

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, fax +91 484 221 7777, e-mail [reservations@malabarhouse.com](mailto:reservations@malabarhouse.com) or through our website [www.malabarescapes.com](http://www.malabarescapes.com) There is no minimum stay requirement

**Packages & offers**

Special packages are available if combining your stay with the hotel's sister properties **privacy & discovery** Minimum 5 nights stay in total.  
We also have special offers for an extended stay of 3 nights and more at an individual property

**Management**

General Manager Malabar escapes & The Malabar House Mr. Mervin Isaac  
Manager – Malabar escapes Mr. Samboo