

## Orchid Pool Cottage



Rooms	Sleeps	Bathrooms	Beach	AC	Rates (per night)
1 Bedroom 1 Kitchenette	2 Adults & 1 Child	1 En-suite Skyview	300m	Yes	Rs. 7,000 -Rs. 11,000

Orchid Pool Cottage is a charming 1 bedroom cottage within 3 minutes walk of one of the most beautiful parts of Marari, where the backwaters meet the sea.

The cottage is built in a contemporary style with white walls, a coconut leaf thatched roof and large glazed doors that open to the private pool and garden.

### Facilities

- 1 AC bedroom with double/twin beds (sleeps 2 adults and 1 child)
- En-suite sky-view bathroom with contemporary fittings
- Private swimming pool, BBQ, outdoor kitchen and dining terrace
- Quiet private walled garden and veranda with hammock and garden furniture
- Flat screen TV, cable, DVD/CD player, MP3/iPod connection, surround sound
- Kitchenette and self-catering facilities (gas hob, fridge, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils)
- Private beach area with hammocks, sun beds, umbrellas and outdoor shower
- Low noise Air Conditioner and fans
- Emergency back-up electricity supply (excludes use of AC)

Orchid Cottage is adjacent to Hibiscus Heritage Cottage, so both cottages can be booked together for a group of up to 7 people (4 adults & 3 children) sharing the garden, pool, BBQ and dining area.

Ideal for honeymooners, romantic couples, 2 friends, a family with 1 child or an individual.

### Services

- Chef, butler and daily housekeeping services included
- Breakfast included. Lunch / dinner / snacks and beverages additional
- Complimentary bathroom products (shower cream, shampoo, conditioner, soap)
- Complimentary refreshments (drinking water, tea, coffee, milk, sugar)
- Starter pack of household items (washing-up liquid, cloths, candles, matches, torch, mosquito repellent)
- Free WiFi internet (with your own laptop, PDA or smartphone)
- Visitor Guide with information about local restaurants, activities, amenities, cultural sights, markets, shops etc.
- A local SIM card with our 24 hour support (as foreigners living on Marari Beach)



### Location

Marari is ideally located as a base for your Kerala holiday, being just 1½ hours drive from Cochin Airport and within a few hours' drive of all major tourist destinations in central Kerala.

- Cochin Domestic/Intern.l Airport: 60km (1 ½ hours by taxi)
- Alleppey Railway Station: 15km (20 minutes by rickshaw)
- Mararikulam Railway Station: 3km (5 minutes by rickshaw)
- National Highway NH47: 4km (5 minutes by car/taxi)

Both cottages are situated in a peaceful village just 3 minutes walk to their private beach facilities on the most beautiful part of Marari, where the backwaters meet the sea.

### Environmentally Friendly & Socially Responsible

Our properties use traditional and modern practices to reduce energy and water use, CO2 emissions and waste and include:

- A biogas plant that provides cooking gas from food waste
- Vermi composting provides garden nutrients
- Solar water heating and rainwater harvesting
- Food purchased from local fishermen and farmers

### Climate

- Dec-Feb: Mild winter (20–30 °C). Sunny and dry with cool nights and 8-9 hours of sunshine per day. Usually the main tourist season
- March-May: Hot and humid summer (28-36 °C)
- June-Aug: Tropical monsoon (26-32 °C). Dramatic skies, quick rain showers and 5-6 hours average sunshine. The perfect time for Ayurvedic treatments
- Sept-Nov: Cool and pleasant with warm nights. North-east Monsoon in October with rains at night.



### Dining

The chef cooks traditional Kerala or Continental breakfast as well as lunch and dinner on request (vegetarian, meat or seafood options available). All meals and candlelit dinners are served in the garden or on the private veranda.

### Activities

- Sleep, read, sun-bathe, relax in hammocks
- Go for long walks or jog on the white sand beach and swim in the sea
- Take a houseboat tour on backwaters
- Take yoga lessons in the private garden
- Visit local markets and BBQ the fresh produce in the garden
- Cycle around the neighboring villages and sights
- Take a local auto rickshaw tour of temples, churches, weaving and coir factories
- Visit Alleppey town (20 minutes drive) or have a day visit to the cultural centre of Fort Kochi (1 hr drive)
- We can also arrange tours to Munnar, Thekkady/Periyar and other tourist destinations in Kerala

### Getting There

**From Cochin/Ernakulam or the Airport:** Take NH 47 (Cochin-Trivandrum) towards Alleppey. Turn right 1 km after 'SL Puram' junction towards Mararikulam and continue straight for 3km towards the beach. You will pass a railway crossing at Mararikulam Railway Station, followed by Mararikulam temple, and the village centre before you reach Marari Junction (crossing the beach road). Turn left at the cross roads and follow the signs on the road to 'Marari Beach Resort'. On the Beach Road you will pass Marari Beach Resort and Abad Turtle Beach Resort before you reach the village of 'Pollethai' with a church and local shops. Turn right after the bridge across the river at the large 'Alleppey Optical's' sign. Follow the small road along the canal and we are on the right side of the canal after the small bridge and before 'Beach at Pollethai' Resort.

### Reservations & Enquiries

We look forward to welcoming you to our unique cottages and villas at Marari.

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