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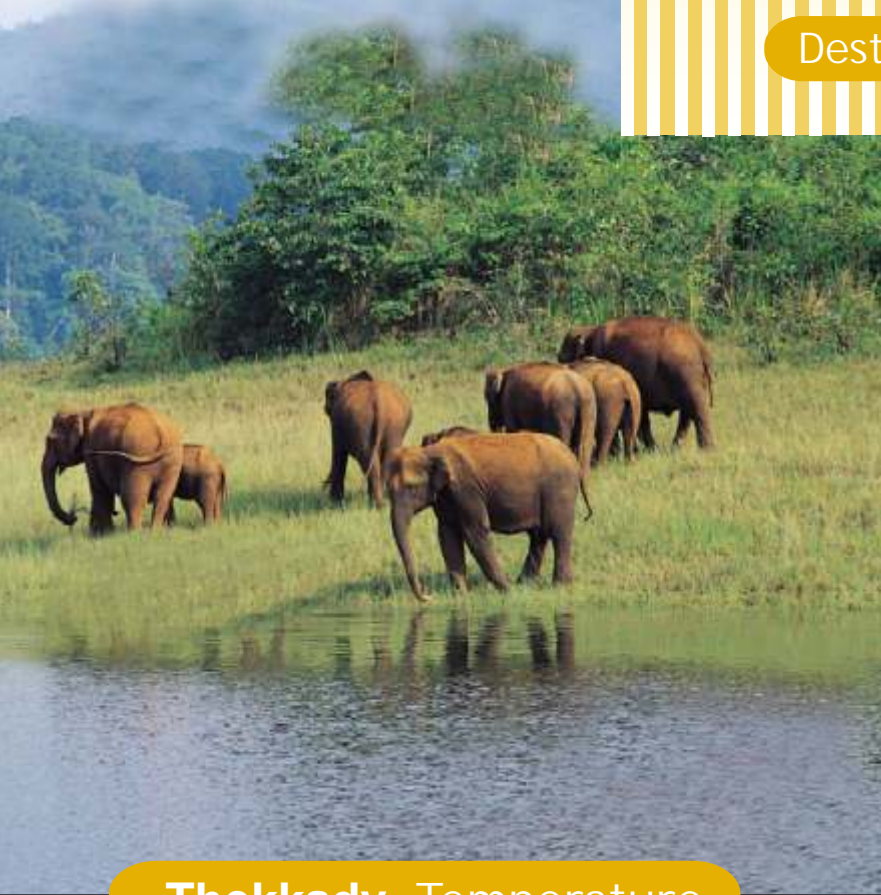


The Resort



How do I book my Holiday?

Destination Special



## Thekkady Temperature



Winter: 30° C (Max) 15° C (Min)



Rainfall : 2250 - 2500 mm (Max) 135mm (Min)

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The very sound of the name conjures up images of elephants, unending chains of hills and spice scented plantations. Here, in the crisp, cool air of the Western Ghats, you will experience the most enchanting holiday, with the animals of the wild and the simple unsophisticated mountain people. Across the entire district are lush plantations and hill towns that hold immense opportunities for treks and mountain walks. The Periyar Tiger Reserve also offers a fairly good chance of seeing the great Indian tiger in its natural habitat.

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## Seasons Guide



Week / Season Classification Chart



## Tusker Trails, Thekkady

At an altitude of 2,700 feet above sea level, this magnificent resort, built in traditional Indian 'machan' style, nestles within a thickly wooded plantation of coffee, cardamom, pepper as well as teak and fruit trees.

Surround yourself with the effortless blend of modern luxury and nature's glory.

## Check In / Out Timings

- Check in 2 PM
- Check out 10 AM

## How to get there

### Route to our resort By Road

Kumily 2 km (10 min)  
 Idukki 65 km (2.5 hrs)  
 Munnar 106 km (4 hrs)  
 Peermede 40 km (1 hrs)  
 Vagamon 70 km (2.5 hrs)  
 Kumarakom 128 km (4 hrs)  
 Sabarimala via Erumeli 134 km (4 hrs)  
 Kodaikanal 149 km (5 hrs)  
 Alappuzha 164 km (5 hrs)  
 Kollam 220 km (6 hrs)  
 Ooty 390 km (11 hrs)  
 Madurai 140 kms (4 hours)  
 Kochi 190 kms (6 hours)  
 Thiruvananthapuram 265 km (7 hrs)

### Nearest Railhead

Kottayam (108 kms), Madurai (140 kms) are the convenient railheads from Thekkady.

### Nearest Airport

The nearby airports are at Madurai (149 kms), Kochi (185 kms) and Thiruvanthapuram (265 kms).

## Resort Address

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## Facilities in Resorts



All 32 rooms have a private balcony and are in cottages built on stilts. The rooms overlook hills, verdant foliage or landscaped gardens. Amenities include in-room tea and coffee makers, mini refrigerator, hair dryer, direct dial telephones, colour television with satellite programs. All bathrooms have bath tubs.



Multi Cuisine – health and balanced cuisine, bursting with flavour – just the right complement to a natural holiday get away.

### Some of the other resort facilities include:

Indoor:

- Multi-cuisine Restaurant The Periyar Room, a charming restaurant with a rustic setting, serves A la carte and buffet open for breakfast, snacks, lunch and dinner. It also serves local Kerala specialties.
- Badminton court
- Laundry service
- Ayurveda Centre
- Library
- Indoor Games
- Pool table
- Table Tennis
- Gymnasium
- 24-hour facsimile/copier facilities
- Travel Desk
- Safe Deposit Lockers
- Doctor on call
- Conference facilities

Outdoor:

- Swimming pool
- Boat rides on lake Periyar for game viewing
- Jungle treks
- Spice plantation tour
- Elephant ride
- Bamboo rafting / Nature walk
- Adventure valley

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# activities



## What are the activities offered by the resort?



### Indoor activities

Outdoor Swimming Pool | Table Tennis | Pool Table | Badminton | Gymnasium



### Outdoor activities

Nature Walk | Jungle Patrol | Gavi | Mount | Bamboo Rafting | Boat Ride |  
View Point | Spice Plantation Tour | Tea Plantation Tour | Tusker Trail | Adventure valley

## Is there a ready pre holiday check list to refer to?

- Your membership card
- In the best interest of your security and to prevent unauthorized use of your inventory, it is mandatory for members as well as guests to carry the holiday confirmation voucher as well as some form of photo identification. The resort will not be in a position to process check in without this documentation.
- In line with the practice followed within the hospitality industry, a refundable deposit of Rs 1000 is payable at the time of check in. This may be made either via cash or credit card.
- Any other travel related documentation
- Sunglasses
- Camera
- Torch
- Binoculars
- Any specific medication
- Depending upon the time of the year and the climatic conditions, and on the activities that you would like to participate in, please do carry appropriate apparel and footwear. Your holiday consultant can help you with us.
- If you are about to experience a monsoon holiday, do remember to take your umbrella / raincoat along.
- Do take note of your travel time from the closest point of disembarkation to the resort. If more than a couple of hours, you may wish to carry some refreshments.
- If you like reading, there is nothing like enjoying a good book surrounded by nature.
- You may wish to check on phone / internet connectivity at the resort, if this is important to you while on holiday.
- It is also important to check that your mode of bill settlement can be processed by the resort.
- If you have pets, do remember to make arrangements for them during the period of your holiday. In the best interest of all resort visitors and guests, pets are not allowed at resorts.

## How do I make my holiday booking?

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For reservations write in to [reservations@clubmahindra.com](mailto:reservations@clubmahindra.com)

Or call us at 39880000\*

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## What are the places of interest?

### The Periyar Tiger Reserve



Lying close to the plantations, in the rich jungles of Periyar in Thekkady is one of the world's most fascinating natural wildlife reserves - the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. Spread across 777 sq.km, of which 360 sq.km is thick evergreen forest, the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary was declared a Tiger Reserve in 1978. Noted for its geomorphology, diversity of wildlife and scenic beauty, the Reserve attracts visitors from all over the world.

The splendid artificial lake formed by the Mullaperiyar Dam across the Periyar adds to the charm of the park. This is the only sanctuary in India where you can have the unique experience of viewing wildlife at close quarters from the safety of a boat on the lake. The greatest attraction of Periyar, however, are the herds of wild elephants that come down to play in the lake.

Entry timing: 0600 - 1800 hrs.

### Vandiperiyar (18 kms from Thekkady)

The River Periyar flowing through the centre of this town nourishes its vast tea, coffee and pepper plantations. A major trade centre, Vandiperiyar is also home to a number of tea factories. The Government Agriculture farm and Flower Garden have a delightful array of roses, orchids and anthuria.



### Pullumedu (43 kms from Thekkady, 26 km from Periyar)



The winding journey to this hill town, along the Periyar River, offers a stunning view of the rolling hills draped in lush greenery. Velvet lawns, rare flora and fauna add to the beauty of Pullumedu which can be accessed only by jeep. The famous Sree Ayyappa Temple at Sabarimala and the Makara Jyothi illumination at the shrine are visible from here. Since

it is part of the restricted forest zone, special permission to visit Pullumedu has to be obtained from the Wildlife Preservation Officer, Thekkady Ph:0486-322027 or the Range Officer, Vallakkadavu Ph:0486-352515. **This place is opened to public few days in a year.**

### Plantation Tours

Plantation tours are arranged from the District Tourism Information Office at Thekkady Junction in Kumily (Ph:0486-322620). Tours cover cardamom, pepper, coffee and tea plantations, tea factories, tribal settlements and the surrounding hill regions.



### Kurisumala

A place for adventure tourism and trekking. This will offer a panoramic view of Kumily town and Periyar Tiger Reserve.

## **Kumily (2 kms from Thekkady)**

This plantation town, closely associated with Thekkady, is situated on the outskirts of the Periyar Tiger Reserve. An important shopping centre and spice trade centre, the main bus station and most of the medium range accommodation in the Periyar region are in Kumily

## **Murikkady (5 kms from Thekkady)**

Washed in fresh spice-scented air, Murikkady is a panorama of cardamom, coffee and pepper plantations.

## **Pandikuzhi (5 kms from Kumily)**

This picturesque spectrum of exotic flora, fauna and gurgling streams is cradled between Chellarkovil and the Tamil Nadu border. A popular picnic spot, Pandikuzhi offers great opportunities for trekking and is a photographer's delight.

## **Mangala Devi Temple (15 kms from Thekkady)**

This ancient temple is hidden in the dense woods at the top of a peak 1337 m above sea level. The temple is built in the traditional Kerala style of architecture. Visitors are allowed here only on the Chithra Pournami festival day. The peak commands a panoramic view of the eastern slopes of the Ghats and some hill villages of Tamil Nadu. Permission to visit the area can be obtained from the Wildlife Warden, Thekkady (Ph.0486-322027).

**This place is opened to public once in a year. Visitors are allowed here on Chitra poornima festival only.**

## **Chellarkovil (15 kms from Kumily)**

This sleepy little village with its breathtaking view of the plains and cascading waterfalls is a feast for the eyes. The village slopes down to the famous coconut groves of Cumbum in neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

## **Vandanmedu (25 kms from Kumily)**

This is one of the world's largest auction centres for cardamom. A walk through the sprawling cardamom plantations of Vandanmedu is a heady experience.

## **Ramakalmedu (40 kms from Thekkady and 75 kms from Munnar)**

Rolling green hills and the fresh mountain air make Ramakalmedu an enchanting retreat. The hills top also offers a Panoramic view of picturesque villages of Bodi and Cumbum on the Eastern slope of the western ghats.

## **Elephant Rides**

The Forest Department, Thekkady offers facilities for elephant rides through the jungle. Time: 1000 - 1700 hrs. Duration: 30 Minutes. Tickets are available from the Wildlife Information Counter. Ph:0486-322028

## **Trekking**

Main trekking areas in Thekkady: Kurisumala near Kumily, Pullumedu, Ottakathalamedu near Kumily, Grampi near Vandiperiyar

The Forest Department conducts daily treks from the boat landing station at Thekkady to the Nellikkampetty area and Manakkavala.

## **Boat cruises on the Periyar Lake**

Timings: 07.30, 10.00, 11.30, 13.30 and 15.30 hrs. The Forest Department (Ph:322028) and the Kerala Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (Ph: 322023) conduct boating trips from Thekkady.

## BEST BUYS

Shopping in Thekkady is fun, as you will find many small knick-knacks to buy for yourself and family and friends. Thekkady does not have many big shopping areas, but one important area is Kumily, which is located at a distance of 4 kilometers. The question of what to buy in Thekkady shouldn't bother you much as this place is full of those little items that are petty but still beautiful in its own way.

Shopping is really entertaining in Thekkady. You may be tempted to buy just about everything displayed in the small, colorful stalls of the markets. Since it is located in the heartland, you will find the best of fenugreek, white and green pepper, rolls of cinnamon, cardamom, nutmeg, star anise, coriander, cloves and almost all spices you can think of. Buy a sample of all these, packed in neat, little, transparent pouches, that come with printed labels.

Munch on banana chips that are freshly fried in aromatic coconut oil, as you wade through the tangle of corridors of the spice markets. All said and done, do not forget to buy nice quality t-shirts for your kids that have tiger and elephant motifs on them as a memoir of your Kerala visit.

## LOCAL FESTIVALS

- Vishu April
- Onam September
- Diwali November
- Christmas December

