



ESSENCE OF PERIYAR ON A PLATTER



Rendezvous with Mother Nature



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Ambadi is the mythological birthplace of Lord Krishna, the Hindu God of Love.

Symbolic tributes to the legend as detailed in

The Mahabharatha, (the renowned Indian epic) forms the essential theme here.



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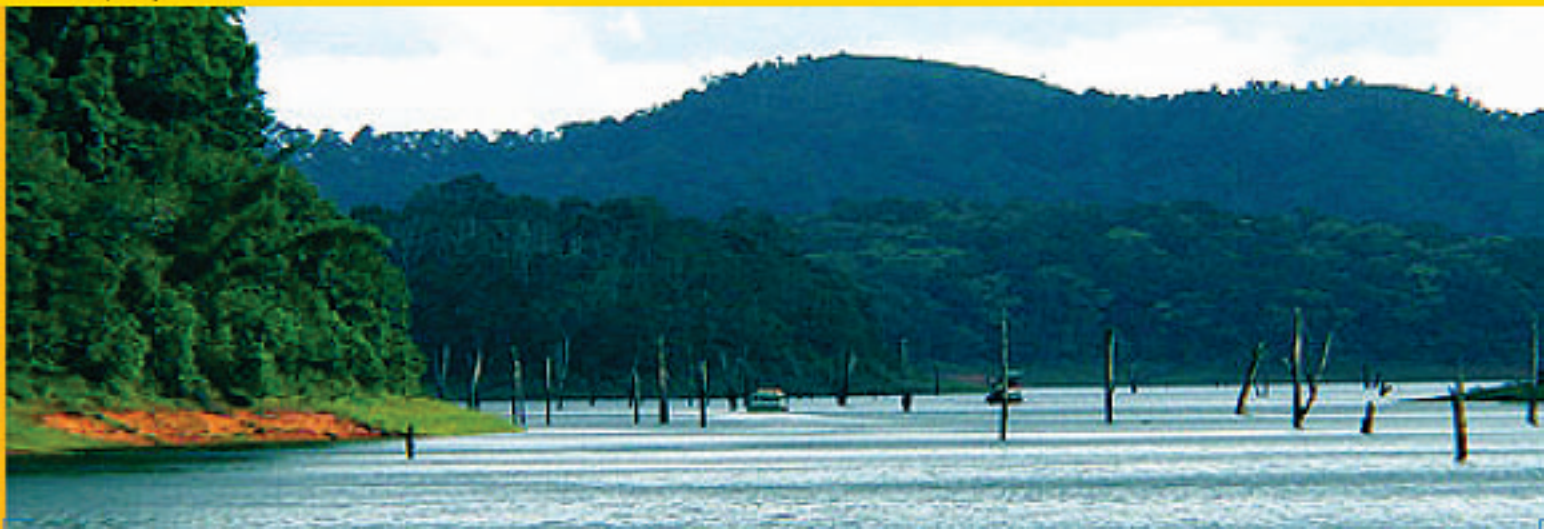
Take a breath of the spice-perfumed air and you will thank the Lord for blessing you with the gift of life.

Periyar is a part of the tropical rain forests once blanketed the Earth like a wide green belt around the equator. Some of the strangest and most beautiful plants and animals are found in rainforests, and undoubtedly there are just as many we do not even know about.



Awaken to the sounds of exotic birds heralding sunrise each day, go for an early morning jog along the tranquil forest trail past dew-drenched flora and towering trees, take a moment to observe the macaques in action, swing from branch to branch, close your eyes and your mind and body seem to switch to meditation mode effortlessly draining away your pent-up emotions and tensions.

Periyar Tiger Reserve / Lake





Designed by renowned architect Laurie Baker and christened by the celebrated film director the late G. Aravindan, Hotel Ambadi is the first heritage hotel in Kerala, showcasing the essence of Kerala Architecture.

Becoming operational in 1982 with just 10 cottages this landmark hotel fringing the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary is today a full-fledged resort with 46 rooms remarkably retaining the character and fluidity of its original.

Aditi, the multi-cuisine restaurant, serves traditional fare that is the toast of Kumily as well as the choicest of delectable cuisines from around the world conjured up by our chef and his team that is the delight of even the most discerning bon vivant amongst our guests.





The interiors are elegantly gracious complementing the age-old architectural plan and every modern comfort is tastefully incorporated in the rooms and en-suite bathrooms radiating a warm ambience that is soothing and mellow.

COTTAGES

There are 24 independant cottages with twin bed. Deluxe and split level Duplex accommodations are also provided. All the cottages are furnished keeping the archetectural essense as prime concern.





PERIYAR WILD LIFE

Construction of Mullaperiyar Dam across the River Periyar in 1895 to regulate water down to the lowlands, resulted in formation of a pristine lake in the heart of adjoining rainforests at 2000 feet above mean sea level spreading across 26 square kilometres. The surrounding forestland was declared a Wildlife Sanctuary in 1978.

ACTIVITIES

Cruise Safaris on the Lake | Elephant Rides | Trekking | Guided Plantation Visits | Ayurvedic Massage

This sanctuary is home to a kaleidoscopic variety of endangered flora and fauna many of which are found nowhere else in the world. Commonly spotted species include wild pigs, sambar, barking deer, lion-tailed macaque, the Nilgiri langur, mouse deer, Indian wild dog, civets, flying squirrels, mongoose and a plethora of birds, reptiles and butterflies.



Bamboo Rafting

Exploring the shoreline of the lake paddling along gently with a tribal guide is indeed a thrilling way to observe the wildlife in their natural habitat.



Trekking

Trekking, deep into the jungles and even camping here overnight (escorted by armed forest guards) is yet another tantalizing option for the adventurous at heart.



The weather here is cool around the year with short spells of rain during the monsoon. Biologically diverse and supporting an ecosystem unique to this region, these evergreen upper reaches of the mighty Western Ghats is indeed mesmerizing. Far removed from urban pandemonium this is one place you can meditate just about anywhere and the awareness of oneness with Mother Nature all-encompassing and exhilarating.

For more information to plan your travel, please visit www.hotelambadi.com



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