


Malakkarethu House
Aranmula
A Thundiath Enterprise



Welcome to our home away from home... 



Malakkarethu House is one of the few homestays in Central Kerala possessing a diamond category certificate from the Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala.

Malakkarethu House, located at the heart of Aranmula, welcomes nature lovers, sightseers and pilgrims to the warm and friendly river-side green home stay. A mud house cuddled up with coconut trees and nutmeg trees, contoured by hibiscus, thulsi, chempaka, crepe jasmine etc will ensure a heavenly bliss in the lap of Nature.

The doors and casements open to the appealing sights of ever flowing River Pampa. A home away from home, we promise endearing memories for the rest of your life.

About us

Malakkarethu house a Thundiath enterprise is running by Adv. Jojy J Varghese, and his wife Deepthy Susan Varghese. Owing to the cultural richness UNESCO has declared Aranmula as a global heritage village. The metal mirror acclaimed as Aranmula Kannadi, alone has owned glory world-wide, a wonder akin to that excavated in Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro. The murals and architecture added to the grandeur of this small village. Proximity to many tourists spots attracted sight seers.



Facilities

- Fully furnished home in two floors
- 6 spacious bedrooms with attached bathrooms with balconies facing River Pampa
- Can be occupied as four bedroom or two bedroom houses or as individual rooms
- Affordable and competitive rates
- Traditional Kerala food or North Indian/Chinese cuisine served on demand
- Hygienic and hassle-free environment





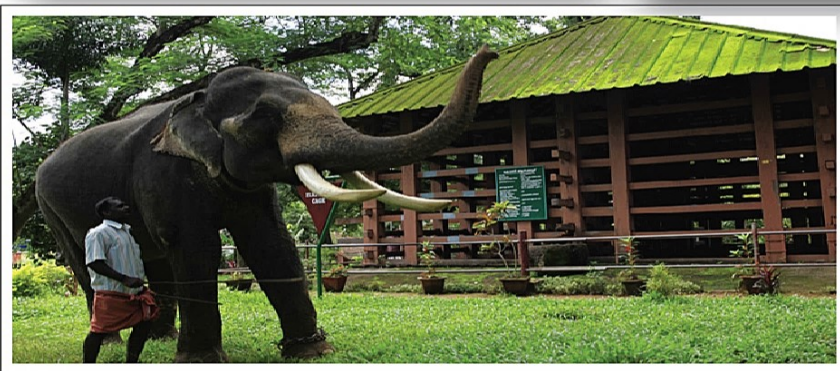
Aranmula Temple: One of the 108 Vishnu temples in India, hailed as Divya Desam, is acknowledged for its tranquility and beauty. Built on the banks of River Pampa, the temple has four entrances. 18 steps from the Eastern tower and 57 steps from Northern tower leads to the river. The temple is also known for its Kerala model architecture. The temple is one of the stops of the sacred procession carrying Thiruvabharam (Sacred Jewels) from Pandalam Palace to Sabarimala. The Thanka Anki (Golden Attire) gifted by Travancore Palace is stored here and carried to Sabarimala during Mandala season (late December). Aranmula temple is also famous for the Snake Boat race held during Onam season. Vallasadya, a fabulous Kerala feast, is served in the temple during this season for more than one month.

Aranmula Metal Mirror: Also known as Aranmula Kannadi is made from specially made metal alloy. The composition of the alloy is kept a secret within the artisan community. It is believed that Aranmula Kannadi brings luck to people who keep it at home.

Vasthu Vidya Gurukulam and Mural art Gallery: Under the Department of Culture, Government of Kerala, the Vasthu Vidya Gurukulam functions to promote traditional Kerala Architecture. The Mural Art Gallery, a department of the Vasthu Vidya Gurukulam, preserves old mural paintings and promotes new works. Mural exhibitions and sales are also conducted.

Konni Elephant Training Camp: One of the major tourist spots in Kerala that attract both internal and foreign tourists alike. Three to four elephants are trained in huge wooden cases locally known as Aanakkoodu. Elephants are trained to obey commands and tamed to perform exercises given to them. Elephant behavior, food habits etc. can be obtained along with a wonderful elephant ride.

Manjanikkara Dayara: A monastery of the Syrian Orthodox Church, situated at the top of the hillock of Manjanikkara, near Omallur attracts devotees in large number. It is the seat of Patriarchal Delegate to Malankara and metropolitan of the Simhasana churches.



Adavi Eco Tourism: Konni, a forested village situated on the banks of River Achencoil, is known for its scenic beauty interwoven by rivers and streams on the background of Western Ghats. A Bowl Boat Ride on the laps of the river Achencoil, amidst the dark woods, will soothe the stresses of daily chore.

Pernthenaruvi: Peruthenaruvi is a picaresque waterfall 36km away from Pathanamthitta. Falling from a height of 100 feet, water gurgles down onto the rocks making it a breathtaking view.

Pandalam Palace and Ayyappa Temple: Situated on the banks of the River Achencoil, Pandalam Palace is a major attraction of cultural tourism. The remnants of the Palace are maintained as temple. Valiya Koyikkal temple is on the left side of the river and Kaipuzha temple on the other side is the major blocks of the Palace that survived the flood. The ornaments of Lord Ayyappa is kept at Pandalam Palace and is carried in procession to Sabarimala during Mandalam season.

Parumala Church: The St. Peter's and St. Pauls Church, Parumala is a prominent church of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church. The church is circular in design. It is the tomb church of St. Geevarghese Mar Gregorios also known as Parumala Thirumeni.

Thrikkakkudi Cave temple: kaviyoor Mahadeva temple and Njaliyil Bhagavathy temple together known as Kaviyoor temples is situated on the banks of River Manimala, 5km from Thiruvalla. The rock cut cave temple well known for its architectural wonder, attract tourists in large numbers.

Gavi: Mentioned as a must watch tourism spot by international tourism major Alistair International, Gavi magnetized nature lovers recently. This small village has turned into Eco tourism spot with an abundance of over 260 species of birds like hornbill, woodpecker, kingfishers and endangered animals like Nilgiri Tahr and Lion-tailed Macaque. Trekking, jungle safari, night safari, jungle camping, bird watching and much more awaits adventurous and nature loving tourists.



Highlights

- Tourism packages and guides provided
- The Green Package that covers Gavi- Adavi- Kuttikkanam and the Blue Package on the backwaters of Kumarakom to Alapuzha offered
- Hassle-free pilgrimage to Sabarimala offered
- Short term appreciation programmes on Kathakali and Mural Painting offered on demand
- Short term basic yoga course offered
- Authentic Ayurveda treatment
- Visits to see casting of bell metal and Aranmula Metal Mirror
- Chance to witness Aranmula Snake Boat Race(seasonal)
- Vallasadya, traditional Kerala feast offered at Aranmula Temple during Onam season (seasonal)
- Traditional Snake Boat race in River pampa
- Trips to tourism spots like Konni Elephant Training Camp, Adavi Eco Tourism, Gavi, Kaviyoor Cave Temples, Pandlam Palace, Perunthenaruvi waterfalls, jungle safaris, trekking, and much more
- Guides provided on demand
- Pick and drop service provided on demand from airport or railway station



HOW TO REACH

125 Km from Nedumbassery Airport and

119 Km from Thiruvananthapuram Airport

10 km from the nearby railway station at Chengannur

ALSO

- Budgeted accommodation at Thundiath Homes.
- Two bedroom apartments at reasonable rate.



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