

## PROPERTY FACT SHEET

### **Pepper Trail** Wayanad, Kerala.



Set in the heart of a 200-acre colonial spice plantation and surrounded by the tropical rainforests of Wayanad, Pepper Trail is a boutique plantation experience that relives the essence of a bygone era.

Choose to live in a charming 140-year-old colonial bungalow or on a luxurious tree house nestled 40 feet high amongst the trees. Indulge in our warm personalised service, enjoy a traditional meal at our restaurant surrounded by breathtaking views or relax with a soothing Ayurveda massage. Explore the many spice-scented trails around the plantation, catch glimpses of the abundant wildlife or discover local lore with a visit to the prehistoric caves nearby.

Experience Pepper Trail, a personal voyage of discovery into the wild heart of Wayanad and the culture of its people. Where unending plantations, immersive local experiences, glorious Kerala cuisine and our exceptional service come together to create a truly unique and authentic experience.

Condé Nast Traveller Magazine has featured Pepper Trail in its  
2016 Hot List of the **Worlds Best New Hotels**



### PEPPER TRAIL AT A GLANCE

- \* 2 Heritage Suites
- \* 2 Luxury Tree Houses
- \* Restaurant & Organic Farm
- \* Swimming Pool
- \* Ayurveda Spa
- \* 200 Acre Plantation
- \* Private Reservoir
- \* Medicinal Garden
- \* Nature Activities
- \* Local Experiences

### ROOM FEATURES & AMENITIES

- Air-conditioning in the bedrooms of both suites.
- Exquisite collection of antique furniture in the suites
- Custom-designed safari style furniture in the tree houses
- Large verandahs/balconies in all suites/ tree houses
- Mini-Refrigerator with non-alcoholic refreshments
- Complimentary mineral water
- Tea/Coffee maker
- In-room electronic safe
- Hair dryer
- Telephone
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in all suites/ tree houses
- Luxurious guest supplies & room amenities
- Twice-daily housekeeping service
- Rain showers (24 hours hot & cold running water)
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### PHOTO GALLERY

Please find below a link to our photo gallery on Google Drive.

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## ACCOMMODATION

### ○ *The Old Bungalow*



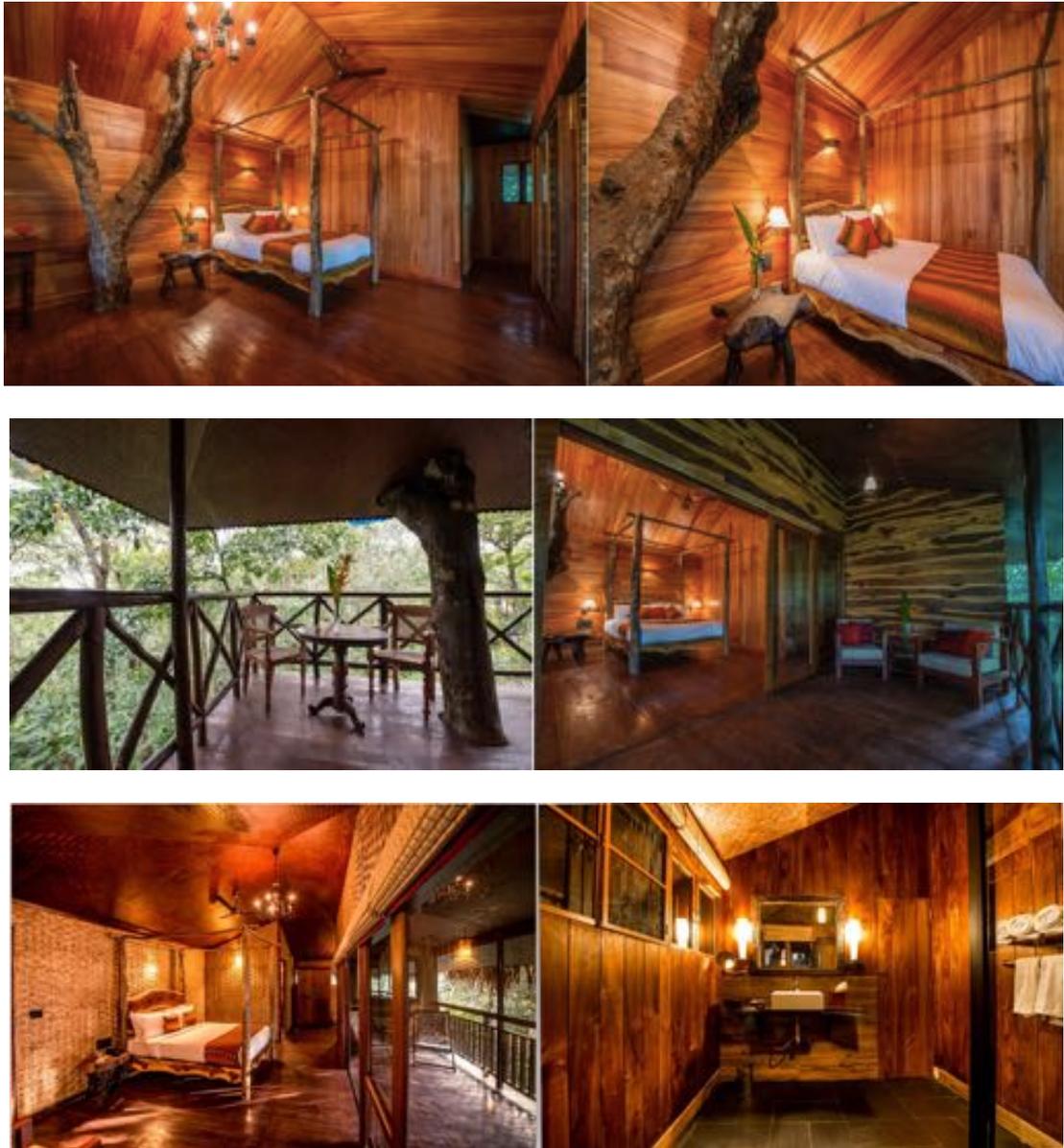
*Malabar Suite & Mackenzie Suite (101 & 123 Sq.Mtrs. respectively)*

The 140-year-old colonial estate bungalow houses two elegantly furnished heritage suites with air-conditioned bedrooms. Lovingly restored, the individually designed suites feature the old bungalow's original collection of antiques, family heirlooms and hand picked colonial style furniture.

The Malabar Suite, with its dark wood floors and bright colourful furnishings, occupies the entire ground floor of the bungalow. The Mackenzie Suite (on the first floor), named after the pioneering Scottish planter who built the bungalow, is a symphony in warm tones of wood and offers sweeping views of the plantation on every side.

Set in manicured tropical gardens and surrounded by unending coffee plantations, the old bungalow offers the perfect setting to sit back and experience the plantation life.

○ *Luxury Tree Houses*



*The Woodpecker & The Hornbill (72 & 60 Sq.Mtrs. respectively)*

Set on ancient Jack trees at heights of over 40 feet, our tree houses have been designed to offer a truly elevating experience.

Inspired by the local Wayanad tribal styles and hand built by traditional craftsmen, our tree houses are unmatched in style, space and luxury. Both tree houses feature an outdoor living, a spacious bedroom with four-poster bed, a dressing room and a large bathroom. Our handcrafted interiors cleverly combine a variety of natural local materials to create an interesting mix of civilised luxury and the untamed wild.

## **CULINARY EXPERIENCE**

A celebration of Kerala's famed cuisine combining fresh produce with a tantalizing array of local spices, straight from our plantation. Private dining experiences are arranged on request.

## **ORGANIC FARM**

We believe that food tastes best when grown the natural way. The Organic Farm at Pepper Trail is our effort at ensuring wholesome food for our guests. Our farm grows a wide variety of herbs, spices, fruits and vegetables to ensure a bountiful supply of fresh produce to our kitchens.

## **PLANTATION**

Guests have the opportunity to take part and to observe, as experienced hands harvest coffee, tea and spice, using methods quite unchanged over a hundred years. The daily activities on the Estate vary according to the season thus offering a variety of experiences. The 200-acre coffee, tea and spice plantation proudly uses traditional methods and generates substantial employment opportunities among the local communities.

## **SWIMMING POOL**

Take a relaxing dip in our 20-metre infinity-edged pool or lounge all day by the poolside and taking in stunning views of the valley beyond. (The pool is currently under construction and will be ready for use by the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2018.)

## **AYURVEDA SPA**

Rejuvenate body and mind with our healing Ayurveda treatments performed by trained masseurs in the privacy of a private pavilion. Set in lush tropical gardens, our Spa features an open to sky shower and a vintage cast iron bathtub.

## **THE RESERVOIR**

In the heart of the plantation, fed by natural springs, is a water body that forms the focal point for the local flora and fauna. The reservoir offers an idyllic, picture perfect setting to spend a relaxing day doing just nothing. Guests could lounge in the pavilion or on hammocks, serenaded by a hundred birds or take a coracle ride along its calm waters and explore nature uninterrupted.

## **OUR PEOPLE**

Pepper Trail is owned and managed personally by a family of coffee planters who take tremendous pride in ensuring that guests are more than delighted by our hospitality. By keeping our maximum occupancy at just 10 guests, we ensure a level of privacy and personalization that is truly unparalleled. Our hand picked team of well-trained local staff share our passion in ensuring that a stay at Pepper Trail is a truly special experience.

## ACTIVITIES (COMPLIMENTARY)



We have on offer a selection of activities (complimentary) to help explore the 200 pristine acres of plantations around us:

### 1. Guided Plantation Walk

A guided walking tour through the spice scented pathways of a 200-acre working coffee and spice plantation. Learn first hand the journey of coffee from the bush to the cup and the processes that give pepper its white, green and black colour.

### 2. Daily Sunset Walk

A delightful evening walk that meanders through tea plantations and the wilderness beyond. Listen to the birds, breathe in the fresh mountain air and take in breathtaking views of the Wayanad sunset.

### 3. Escorted Cycling Tours

An escorted cycling tour through plantations and rice paddies. Cycle like a local through the rice paddies and explore ancient temples and the traditional brick kiln nearby.

### 4. Open Jeep Safaris

A thrilling ride in our open jeeps across plantations, countryside and the forests beyond. Our vintage 1940 Willys Jeeps help make the experience a truly unforgettable one.



## 5. Bird Watching

A leisurely guided walk through the birding hotspots of the plantation. Over 140 species of birds have been spotted at the retreat and are listed in our handbook: “The Birds of Pepper Trail”.

## 6. Boating

Coracle rides on the retreat’s private reservoir. Sit back and let our oarsmen take you on a leisurely ride across an idyllic water body that is home to an astounding variety of bird life. Or choose to row on your own in one of our traditional dugout canoes (*Kerala Thoni*).

## 7. Brick Kiln Visit (October- March)

Guided visit to the local Kiln where bricks are made by hand in the traditional way. Finely ground mud and water are mixed by hand to get the right consistency. The mixture is set into moulds and left to dry in the sun for a day. Once dry, the bricks are stacked in a neat pyramid in alternating rows of brick and firewood. The firewood is then lit and burns slowly till the bricks are baked to perfection.

## 8. Cooking Demonstrations

An introduction to the tasty world of Kerala cuisine. Observe or join in as Chef Mani reveals a few of his treasured recipes and brings to life traditional Kerala dishes using fresh spices from our plantation.

## Around Pepper Trail

Embark on your journey of discovery with our list of handpicked Wayanad experiences:

1. **Edakkal Caves:**

Awaken your spirit of adventure with a trek to the pre-historic Edakkal Caves. Set high on the slopes of a forested hill, the caves house a fascinating set of Stone Age rock art. Discovered in 1890 in true Indiana Jones style by Fred Fawcett and Colin Auley Mackenzie, the 6000-year-old rock inscriptions depict human and animal figures in a striking yet unique style.

*Distance/Time from Pepper Trail: 9.5 Kms/ 30 Mins away.*

*Duration of Trek: 2 Hours.*

*Difficulty Level: Moderate (1 Km of a steep incline followed by a climb of 150 steps)*

*Open from 09:00 AM to 03:00 PM. Closed on Mondays and Public Holidays.*

2. **Wayanad Heritage Museum:**

The Wayanad Heritage Museum houses a small but interesting collection of historical artifacts that give a deep insight into the daily life of the people of the region over the centuries. A visit to this museum (situated 5kms from the caves) can be a short yet interesting extension to a visit to the Edakkal Caves.

*Distance/Time from Pepper Trail: 13 Kms/ 20 Mins away.*

*Duration of activity: 30 Minutes.*

*Open from 10:00 AM to 05:30 PM. Closed on Mondays and Public Holidays.*

3. **Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary:**

The Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary affords a wonderful opportunity to watch elephants, tigers, leopards, bison, deer and a variety of birds in their natural surroundings. The sanctuary offers a daily morning and evening safari.

*Distance/Time from the Pepper Trail: 18 Kms/ 45 Mins away.*

*Duration of activity: 1 - 2 Hours*

*Safari Timings: Morning 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM & Evening 03:00 PM to 05:00 PM.*

4. **Tea Factory Experience:** For tea aficionados, the 100-year-old Wentworth Tea Factory offers an interesting tea experience. Observe how fine orthodox Nilgiri tea is made, learn about the many grades of tea and end the tour with a tea tasting session. The factory tea store retails a variety of fine Nilgiri orthodox tea.

*Distance/Time from Pepper Trail: 14 Kms/ 30 Mins away.*

*Duration of activity: 1.5 Hours*

*Open from 09:30 AM to 04:00 PM. Closed on Mondays and Public Holidays.*

5. **Chembra Peak Trek:**

Take the challenging trek up the tallest peak in Wayanad (6890 feet) and discover a heart shaped lake shrouded in mist at its peak. Enjoy panoramic views of unending tea plantations and forests that extend beyond the horizon.

*Distance/Time from the Pepper Trail: 30 Kms/ 2 Hours away.*

*Duration of Trek: 5 - 6 Hours.*

*Difficulty Level of Trek: Moderate to Challenging (Uneven Terrain)*

*Open from 07:30 AM to 02:00 PM.*

6. **Banasura Lake & Meenmutty Waterfalls Day Trip:**

Enjoy a day trip to this scenic lake surrounded by tropical forests and mountains. Take an hour-long speedboat ride and try spotting wild elephants as you enjoy beautiful views of the lake. You could also visit the Meenmutty waterfalls that are located just 3 Kms away.

*Distance/Time from Pepper Trail: 50 Kms/ 1.5 Hours away.*

*Duration of activity: 1 - 2 Hours.*

*Open from 09:00 AM to 04:00 PM.*

7. **Uravu Bamboo Crafts Village:**

Visit the bamboo crafts village where a collective of local craftsmen work together to revive the dying traditional crafts of Wayanad. Observe skilled craftsmen work their magic and hand craft a mindboggling array of traditional bamboo products.

*Distance/Time from Pepper Trail: 28 Kms/ 1 Hour away.*

*Duration of activity: 1 - 2 Hours.*

*Open from 09:30 AM to 04:00 PM. Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.*

8. **Village Life Experiences:**

Immerse yourself in the vibrant village life of Wayanad with its farmers, artisans and tribal communities. An absolute treat for the experiential traveller, this novel initiative by Kerala Tourism showcases the daily village life and traditions that visitors rarely get to experience otherwise.

*Prior reservations are required for this tour. Please contact the concierge for more details.*

## GETTING TO PEPPER TRAIL

### INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS AROUND PEPPER TRAIL

- 110 Km from Calicut/Kozhikode International Airport
- 190 Km from Coimbatore International Airport
- 230 Km from Cochin International Airport
- 285 Km from Mangalore International Airport
- 300 Km from Bangalore International Airport

### RAILWAY STATIONS AROUND PEPPER TRAIL

- 90 Km from Ooty Railway Station
- 100 Km from Calicut Railway Station
- 120 Km from Mysore Railway Station.

## DISTANCE CHART TO/FROM POPULAR DESTINATIONS NEARBY

Destination	Distance
Sulthan Bathery	10 Kms
Kozhikode/Calicut	100 Kms
Mysore	110 Kms
Ooty	90 Kms
Kabini	80 Kms
Tellicherry	120 Kms
Neeleshwar	180 Kms
Cheruthuruthy	150 Kms
Palakkad	160 Kms
Coimbatore	180 Kms
Kochi/Cochin	260 Kms
Bangalore	270 Kms
Mangalore	280 Kms

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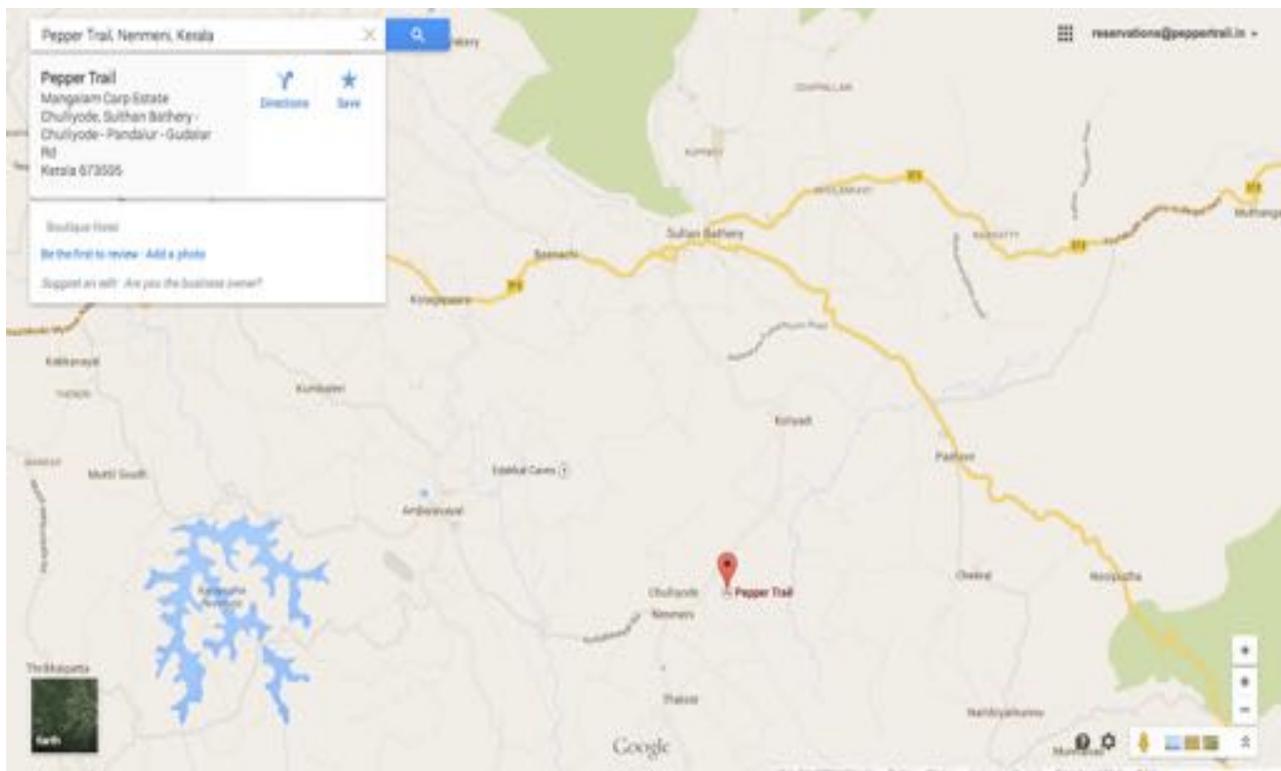
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