

### The Coconut Lagoon - Kumarakom, Kerala



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#### World Famous Lagoon Hotel

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#### About The Coconut Lagoon

Actually coming to **Coconut Lagoon** is an experience in itself as the resort is only reachable by boat over the water. This hideaway nestles along one shore of the **Vembanad Lake**, a 175 square km. expanse stretching between the backwaters of **Kerala** and the sea. The buildings at **Coconut Lagoon** are a triumph of design and architecture having been re-assembled heritage buildings, the **Tharavads** of old **Kerala**, including an entire timber and tile mansion that was painstakingly transplanted from a nearby village. The reception area dates from 1860 with a four-cornered open courtyard design reflecting an echo of times past.

#### Rooms

You can choose from three kinds of accommodation at **Coconut Lagoon**. The **Heritage Bungalows** are compact independent cottages, set in lush lawns along the canals. The **Heritage Mansions** are larger, with an upper story defined by distinctive wooden ribs that resemble the sides of a boat. Most of these afford fine views of the lake. Beyond, on their own quiet section of lake front, are the **Pool Villas**. Peace and privacy combine here, with private pools, distinctive interiors and even a little hammock, tied up front.

These old-world touches betray little of the conveniences that are found within such as air-conditioning, IDD telephones (those with laptops can ask for a direct line to access their dial-up connection), minibars and tea/coffee-making facilities and all the comforts of a modern resort hotel. The bathrooms are open-roofed, so you can shower under the sheltering sky, in complete privacy.



Interior Of Heritage Bungalow



Spacious Interiors Of Heritage Mansions

### Fine Dining

**Fort Cochin** is the speciality seafood restaurant, where, among other delights is the '**Karimeen**', or pearl spot fish. Besides these signature dishes, a variety of shellfish, sea and river fish are served in local and international styles. The extensive menu includes delicious vegetarian spreads, ranging from local classics (**Avial** and **Kottu**) to the exotic (drumstick and basil soup). These combine splendidly with the red rice that is organically grown in the hotels own paddy fields.

The restaurant building is built in the old '**Ettukettu**' style, two roomy courtyards with dozens of slender supporting pillars. The space has been designed such that a constant, playful breeze dances attendance on diners. This is the oldest structure at **Coconut Lagoon**. Room service is arranged around-the-clock.

### Facilities

You can take a boat out into the backwaters for sunset cruises, or visit the **Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary** across the **Kavanar River**. Numerous species include bitterns, brahminy kites, marsh harriers, several varieties of lake herons and the darter. There are also local farm visits and 'learn to cook with spices' courses. The resort grounds contain a swimming pool and a unique butterfly garden that is home to a profusion of tree species, including many **Ayurvedic** and medicinal plants.



Bedroom Of Pool Villa



Idyllic Entrance To Coconut Lagoon

#### Ayurveda Centre

**Ayurveda**, the ancient **Indian** science of health and longevity, deals with the well-being of the spirit, as well as the body and mind. The hotel's expert **Vaidyars**, trained in traditional medicine, will prescribe treatment programmes including **Ayurvedic** drinks and foods that have specific restorative, digestive or cooling effects. A peaceful yoga and meditation room that looks out over the hotel's paddy fields.



Exterior Of Heritage Mansion

Hotel Website: <http://cghearth.com>