

Fact file

House Boat address

discovery

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Location

discovery cruises start from **purity**, situated on the shores of Lake Vembanad, Muhamma near Alleppey, Kerala with a panoramic view of Kumarakom.

Accessibility

By air: Nedumbassery Cochin International airport, daily flights from all Indian metros & Lakshadweep. International flights connecting from all major European metros via Bangalore, Madras, Mumbai, Delhi, Dubai, Kuwait, Doha, Muscat, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Colombo, international flights connecting from Asia are via Singapore and Malaysia, Followed by a 1 ½ hour drive.

By Train: Ernakulam Junction (South), connected to all major cities in India and Kerala, followed by a 1 hour drive, alternatively by train to Cherthala then 12 km by car to Muhamma.

By Road: NH47 Highway from Thiruvananthapuram or Ernakulam to Cherthala, turning off to Muhamma police station

Transfers

discovery arrangements are through purity. Transfers by taxi to and from the airport & railway stations. Time to airport is approximately 2 hours to Ernakulam station 1hour & 30 minutes or from Alleppey ½ hour.

The house boat

discovery is a 65 ft. long, 16ft wide and 18ft high, is the first boat on the backwaters to be completely eco-friendly. The house boat is the ultimate way to cruise the backwaters through this green fascinating area. Discovery has a unique design retaining the feel of a typical Kerala rice barge blended with contemporary tropical architecture.

Accommodation

discovery comprises 1 double bedroom and an identically sized living room both air-conditioned, spacious dressing room & bathroom. The living room can be converted into a twin bedroom. Upstairs on the deck there is a large covered sitting area and a sun deck.

Dining

discovery comes with its own chef who will prepare delicious meals, based on the recipes of The Malabar House, Kerala and Mediterranean inspired cuisine is available. Meals are

taken either on the privacy of your A/C living-dining room or upstairs on the deck overlooking the lake.
Breakfast included in the daily room rate.
Room Service available from 6 a.m. until midnight.

Meal Times

No fixed meal times.

Children

Being on a boat, vigilance is required if children cannot swim. Life jackets are available for all passengers and crew. Discovery accepts children of all ages. Children may be accommodated in their parent's bedroom or in the adjoining room.

Dress code

There is no official dress code at discovery. It is extremely relaxed.

Check-in / out time

The boarding and disembarking point is from purity, check-in Midday Check-out is at 10:00 am.

Electricity

220 volts. The standard two round pin adaptors work.

Credit cards / currency

discovery accepts Visa and Master Card through purity only. If paying in foreign currency, the resort accepts US dollars, Sterling Pounds and Euros.

Mobile telephones

All mobile telephones work here, on the local network.

When to go / Climate

There are no particular seasonal weather changes in Kerala as it benefits from a tropical climate and is warm and humid all year round. No warm clothes are necessary in Cochin. It tends to rain in June and July and there can be sporadic showers in October, November.

Opening and closing

discovery operates 365 days per year subject to weather conditions.

Pests

Being a coastal, tropical area, there are mosquitoes. However, the house boat takes precautions by way of pest control. The rooms have mosquito repellents provided and mosquito coils are available for added protection when dining outside.

discovery facilities & services

Mobile phone on board
E-mail facilities are available via a dial up service from a guest's laptop
Charges are local phone charges only.
Discovery can use the privacy country boat electrically propelled for exploring the nearby canals and villages.

Itinerary

One day trip
Two days trip
Three days trip
For detailed information see malabarescapes.com

Average length of stay

according to the itinerary chosen

Reservations

Reservations may be made by telephone +91 484 221 6666, fax +91 484 221 7777.
e-mail reservations@malabarhouse.com or through our website www.malabarescapes.com. There is no minimum stay requirement.

Packages

Special packages are available if combining your stay our other properties **purity, The Malabar House** and **serenity**

Management

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