

Resort Information Sheet

Resort Name: **Club Mahindra Backwater Retreat Ashtamudi**

Details (For Check-in purpose):

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Check-in: 2:00 pm Check-out : 10:00 am

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Nearest airport: Thiruvananthapuram International (71 km) and Domestic airport is 76 kms away from the city

Directions

By road: - An excellent road network links Kollam to all major towns and cities in Kerala.
- KSRTC operates Deluxe, Express and Fast Passenger, buses connecting important towns in the state.

Nearest Railhead: - Kollam is an important railhead of the Southern Railways
- Railway Station at Kollam is situated just 1 km from the heart of the town Chinnakkada

Resort facilities: On site: **Resturant & Lounge**
The restaurant is built in an imaginative manner on the shore of the Ashtamudi Lake, providing a marvellous view. Chefs prepare culinary specialties to the guest's wishes. The main food will be of the multi-cuisine and ethnic Kerala origin. The wide variety of preparations both vegetarian and non-vegetarian are available to please the gourmet. There is also a wide choice of other Indian, Chinese and continental specialties. There are specially trained chefs to prepare tasty Ayurvedic recipes.

Unit amenities: On site: The spacious rooms in five chalets are all built in aesthetic traditional and eco - friendly methods. They are comfortable, with separate toilet and bath tub in the western style. All rooms are furnished with fan and low noise air conditioning. From every room you have a beautiful view over the garden and the lake

Additional services: Indoor Activities: Pictionary, Card Tricks, Table Tennis, Play Station, Cards, Carrom, Ludo, Evening Program, Snakes & Ladders, Swimming Class, Yoga & Meditation, Glass Painting Class, Clay modelling, DVD Library.

Outdoor Activities: Cricket Volleyball, Speed Boat Cruise, Motor Boat Cruise, Pedal Boat, Kayaking, Fishing, House Boat Cruise, Children's Play Area, Coir Tour, Thenmala Tour, Temple Tour Sauna

Places of Interest: Sight Seeing Tours: Thangasseri, Mayyanad, Matha Amrithanandamayi Ashram Valikavu, Chavara, Sasthamkotta

Other useful information: Backwaters are unique to Kerala. It is a network of lakes, canals, and estuaries opening into the sea. The backwaters are a self supporting eco-system teeming with aquatic life. The canals connect the villages together and are still used for local transport. There are almost a dozen of such backwaters in Kerala of which Ashtamudi is the second largest.

Ashtamudi means, 'eight-armed', after the eight arms of the lake The Ashtamudi Lake is the gateway to the backwaters. Located in Kollam district, Ashtamudi is famed for its panoramic for its magnificent views. There are coconut groves and palm trees all along the banks of the lake and the monotony is broken by the quiet town of Kollam. The Kollam Boat Club provides boats to cruise on the lake. You can also go on a backwater cruise starting at Kollam and ending the journey at Alappuzha. Beside the coconut palms, all along the waterline one can see the famous Chinese fishing nets. Kollam was once the port of international spice trade. 30% of this historic town is covered by the renowned Ashtamudi Lake. The eight hour trip between Kollam and Alappuzha is the longest backwater cruise in Kerala.

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