

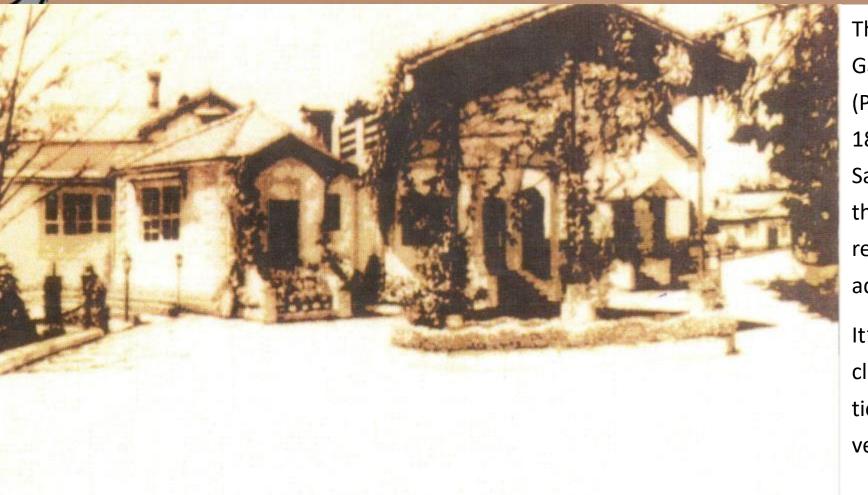
Nilgiri known as "Blue Mountain" and its located at Western Ghats. All the Blue Mountains area is the present district of Nilgiri. The height of the hills of the Blue Mountains varies between 2280 and 2290 meters, the highest peak Doddabetta at a height of 2623 meters.

Coonoor is a Hill Station with rich heritage legacy. The British developed Coonoor during their rule behind and left innumerable buildings and magnificent structures which are now being celebrated as Heritage constructions. Some of them are now used as: Churches, Hotels, Schools & Educational Institutions, Clubs, Hospitals and Government Offices. The Nilgiris Hills is home for more than 6 Tribal Communities who were the earliest settlers some of them are: Todas, Kurumbas, Irulas, Kotas, Badagas and Panias





#### Gateway Coonoor - Heritage BASIC Hotel- Est. 1857 | Slice of Heritage



The earliest recorded existence of Gateway Coonoor IHCL SeleQtions (Previously called "Hampton Manor") was 1857. It was built as a priory to the "All Saints Church". The property came under the IHCL banner in 1990 and was carefully renovated to retain its old character, adding all modern amenities.

It's a 161+ year old heritage property classified as Heritage BASIC which is a top tier and exclusive classification which only very few chosen hotels in India have.











SeleQtions is named collection of hotels from The Company Indian Hotels Limited (IHCL). IHCL's portfolio of hotel brands also includes the iconic luxury hotel brand "Taj," the upscale hotel brand "Vivanta," and the lean-luxe brand "Ginger." SeleQtions hotels are marquee hotels that celebrate a legacy, a location or a theme.







Gateway Coonoor - IHCL SeleQtion is the perfect place to unwind for both business travellers and leisure seekers. Nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of the Nilgiris, each room provides panoramic vistas of the exotic location. Coupled contemporary facilities, a warm and friendly service with some great Guest experiences and attractions like Pool Billiards, Badminton, Cycling, Foosball, Board games, Kid's zone, Fitness Centre, Library, Lounge, Soft toys, Yoga, Ayurveda Centre, Gym, Bird watching and much more. Gateway Coonoor IHCL SeleQtion ensures your stay with us is truly comfortable.

Gateway Coonoor - IHCL SeleQtions has 32 rooms and 4 suites amidst lush green lawns and is 80 kilometers from the Coimbatore airport with a driving time of 2 hours.





#### **Charming Rooms and Cottages**

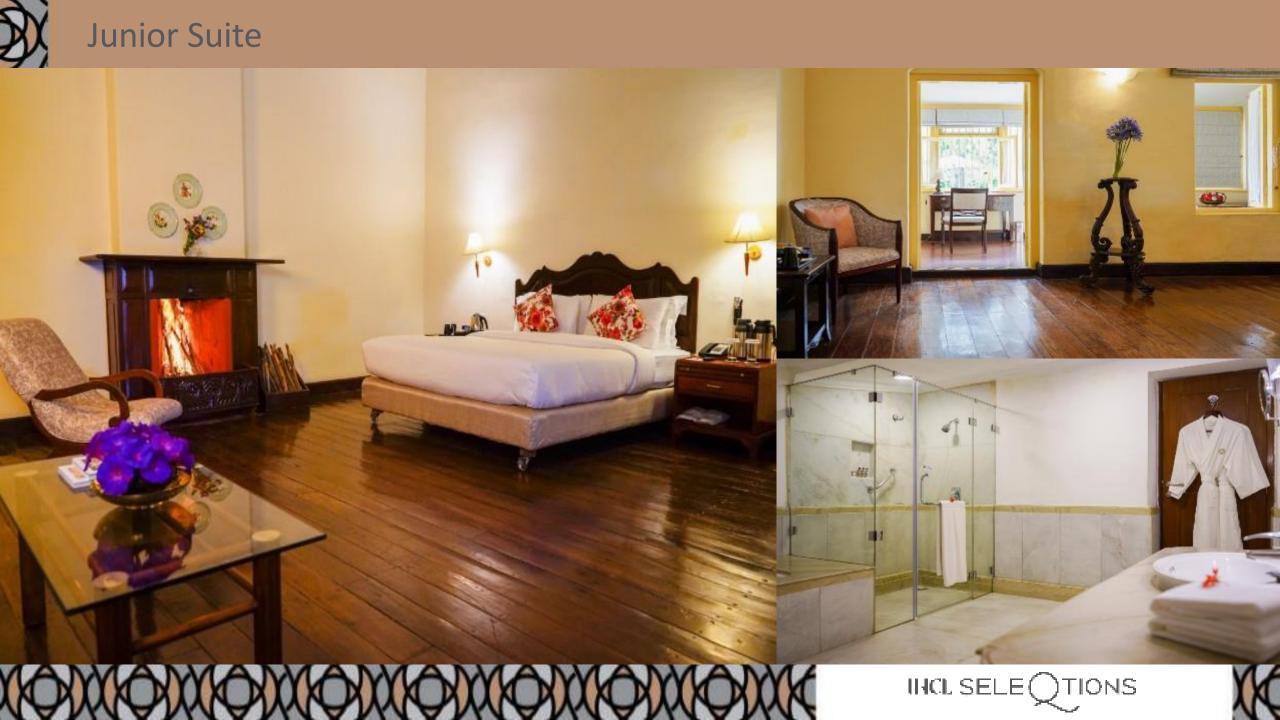


Superior Room

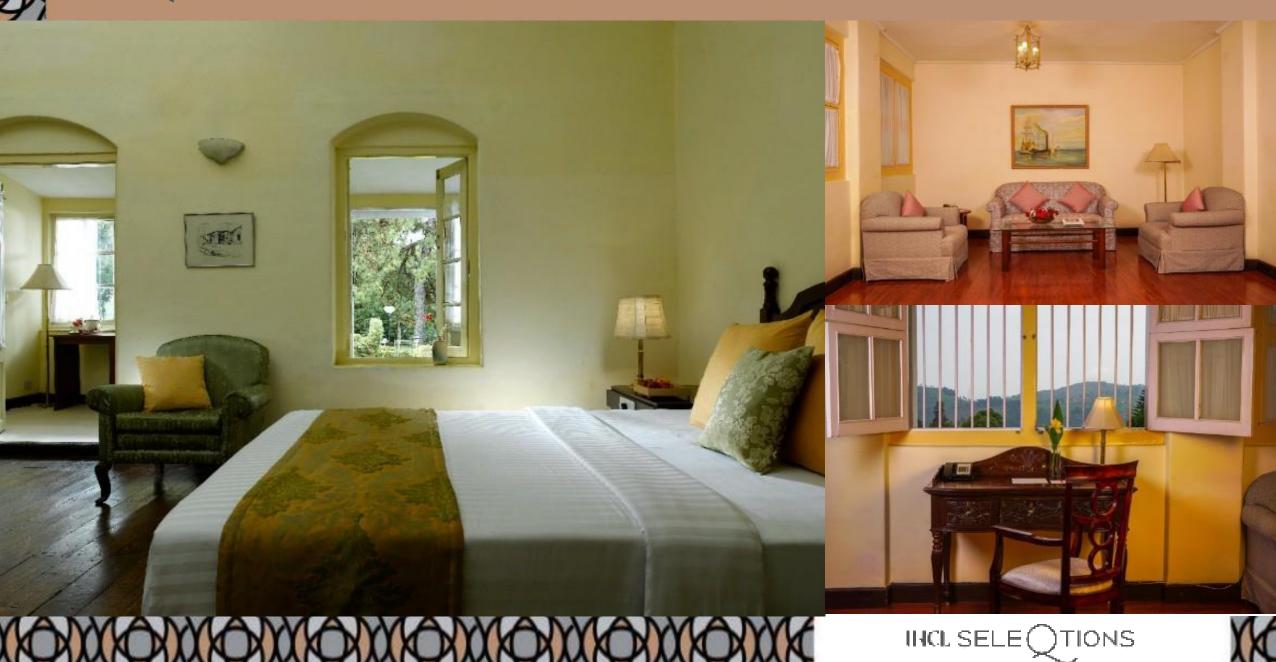
**GATEWAY COONOOR** INCL SELEQTIONS Deluxe room













An old world colonial style restaurant offering a multicuisine menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. An epicurean exhilaration with exclusive Badaga, Anglo Indian and Wellness cuisine.

Our culinary team would also be pleased to prepare dishes of your choice in the most customized manner, based on availability of the ingredients in the given geography and suitable advance preparation time.



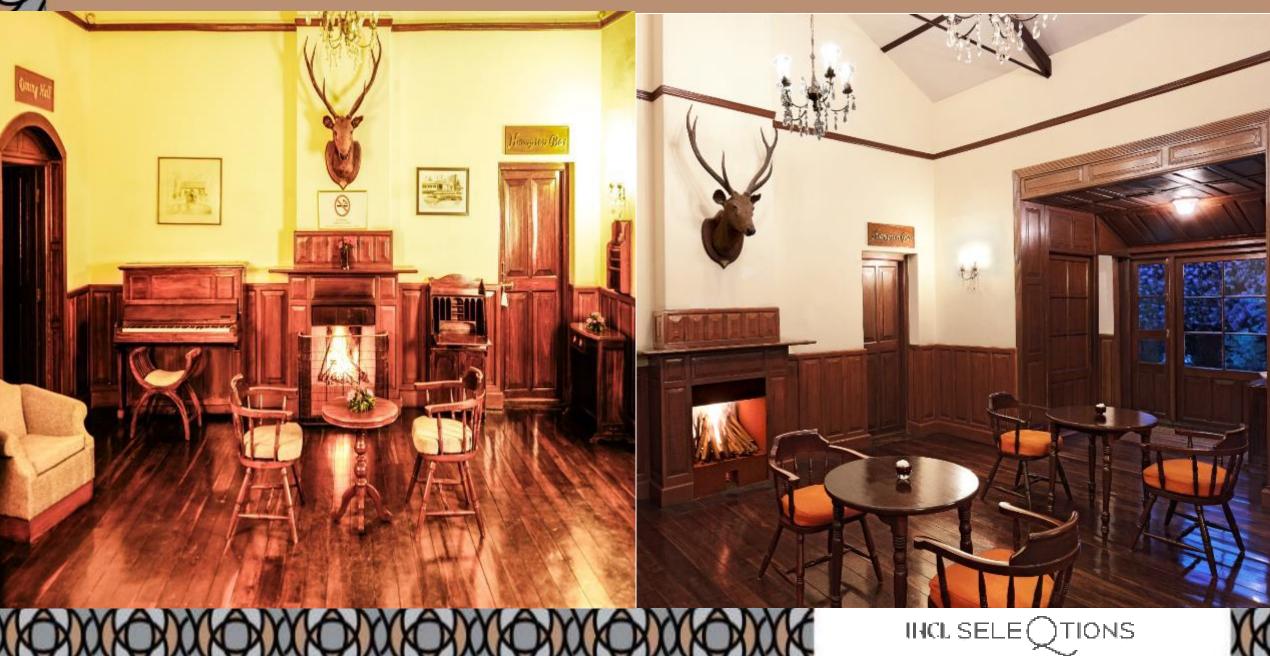


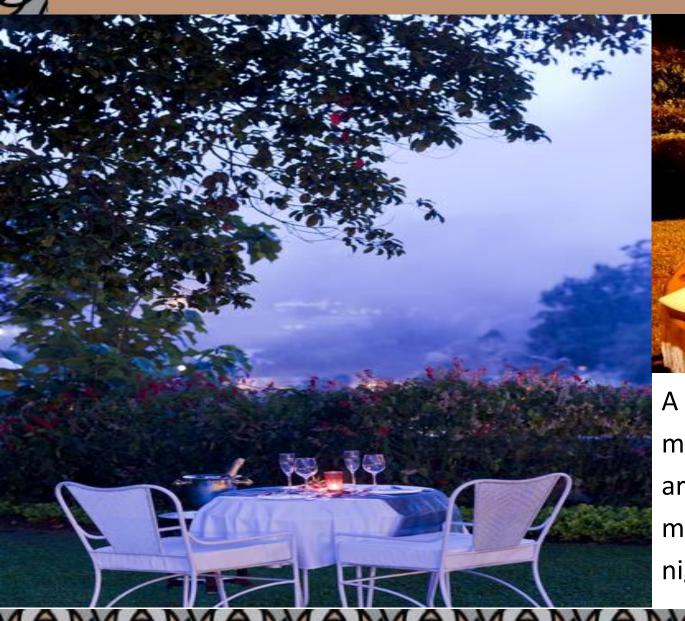


An old English style bar, serves fine Indian and international spirits, wines and liqueurs.











A romantic rendezvous with your loved one in midst of the exquisite Lawns, a whimsical romantic arrangements with exclusively curated gourmet meal to let your maudlin self-pour out under the night sky

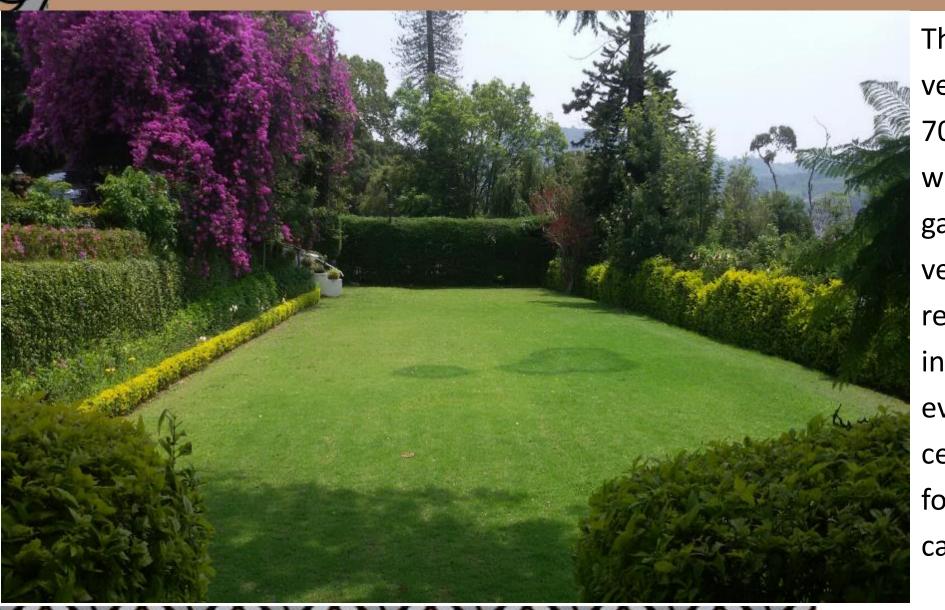




This modern and state of the art banquet venue with an area of 1000 Square Feet natural light and garden view, best for corporate events, workshops, private celebrations and dinners for up to 60 guests.

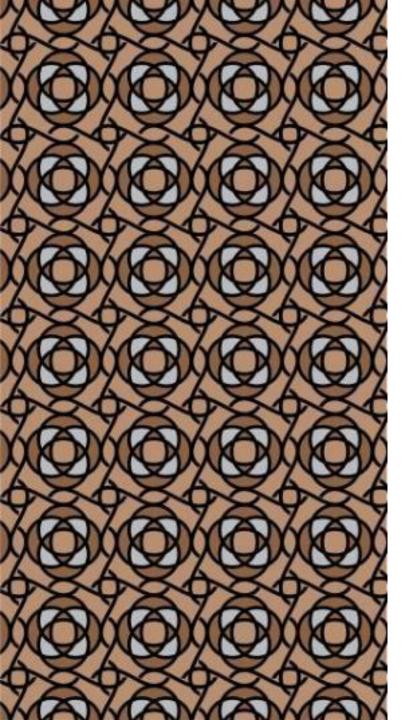


#### Rear Lawns for Outdoor events



The outdoor banquet venue with an area of 7000 Square Feet along with natural light and garden view, an exclusive weddings, for venue receptions, exhibition, inauguration, corporate events, workshops, private celebrations and dinners for up to 600 guests on casual seating.





# Gateway Coonoor Signature Experiences

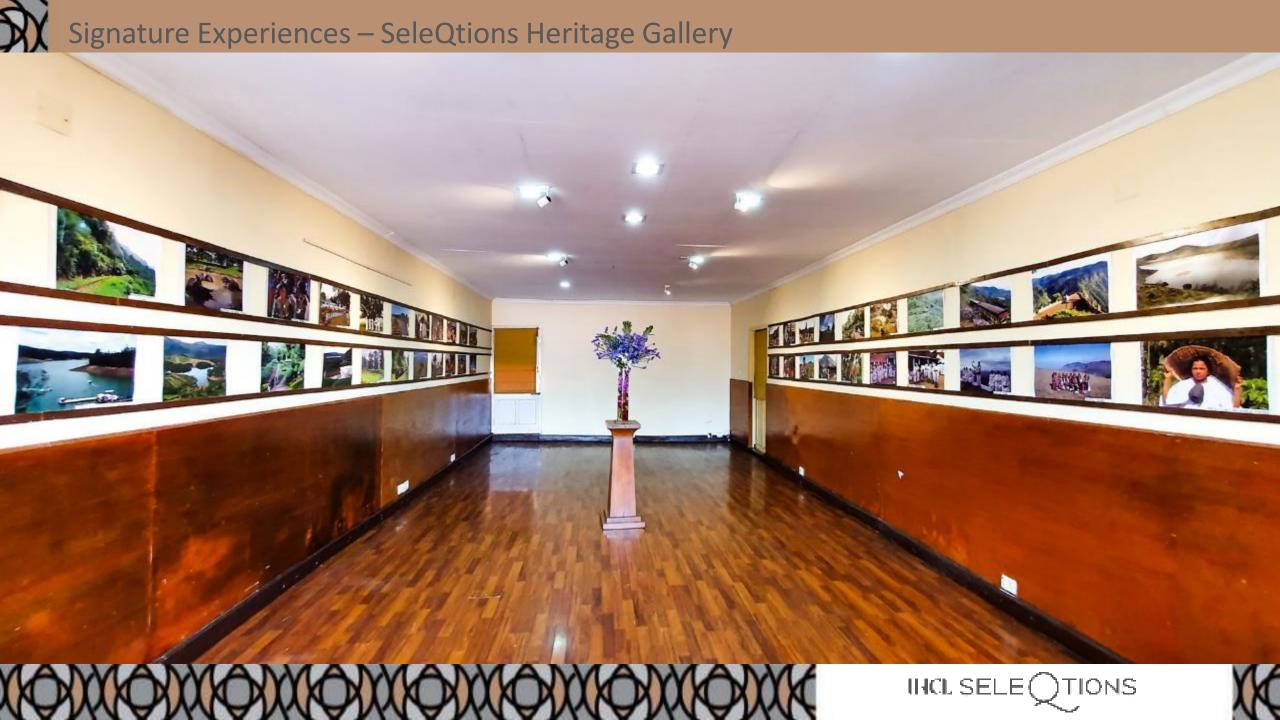
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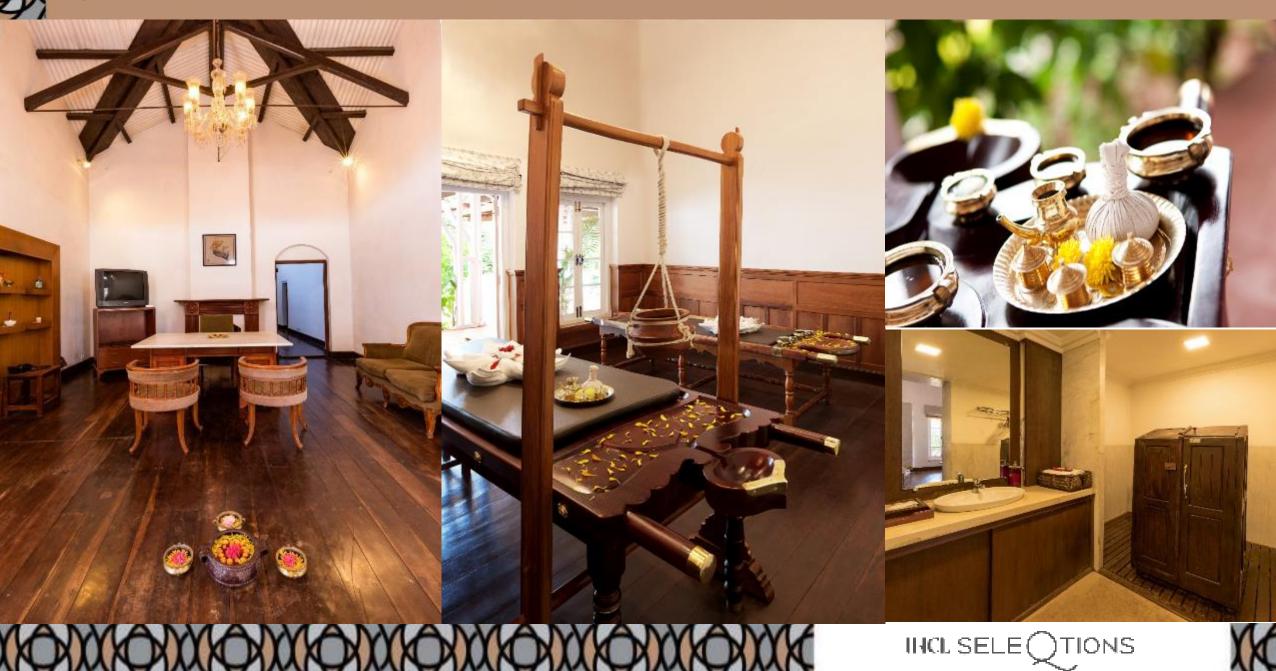


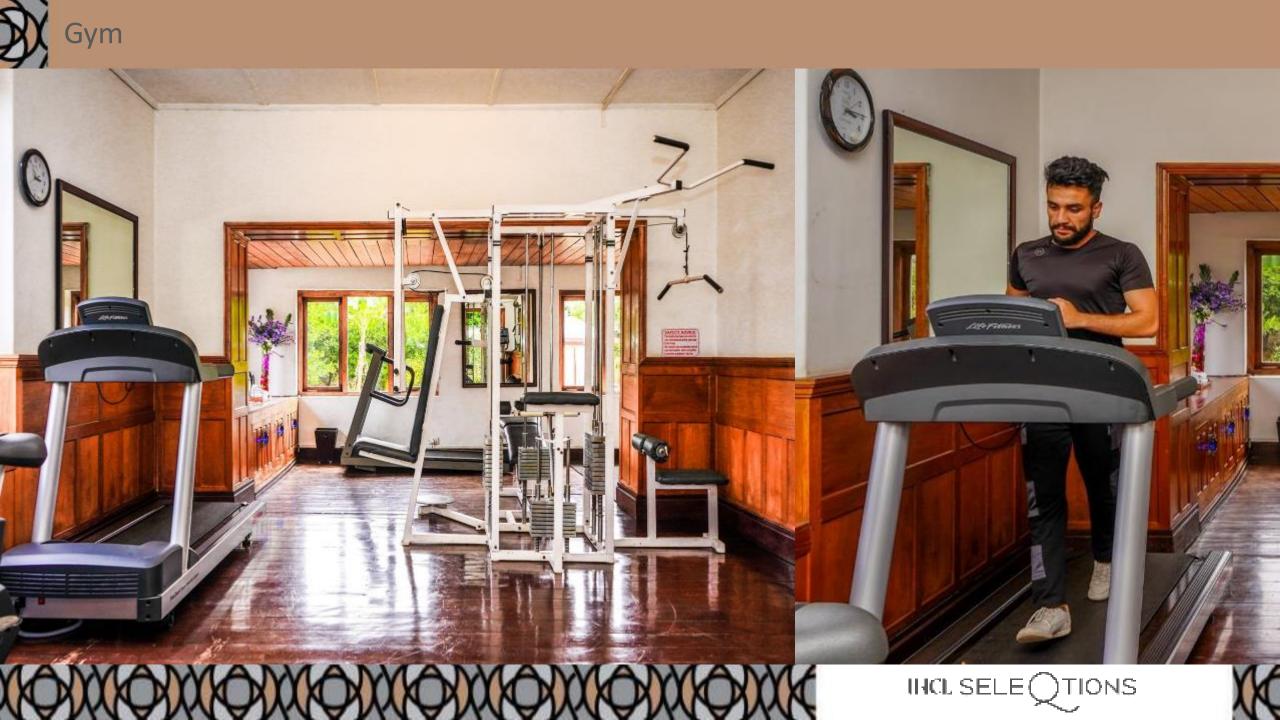




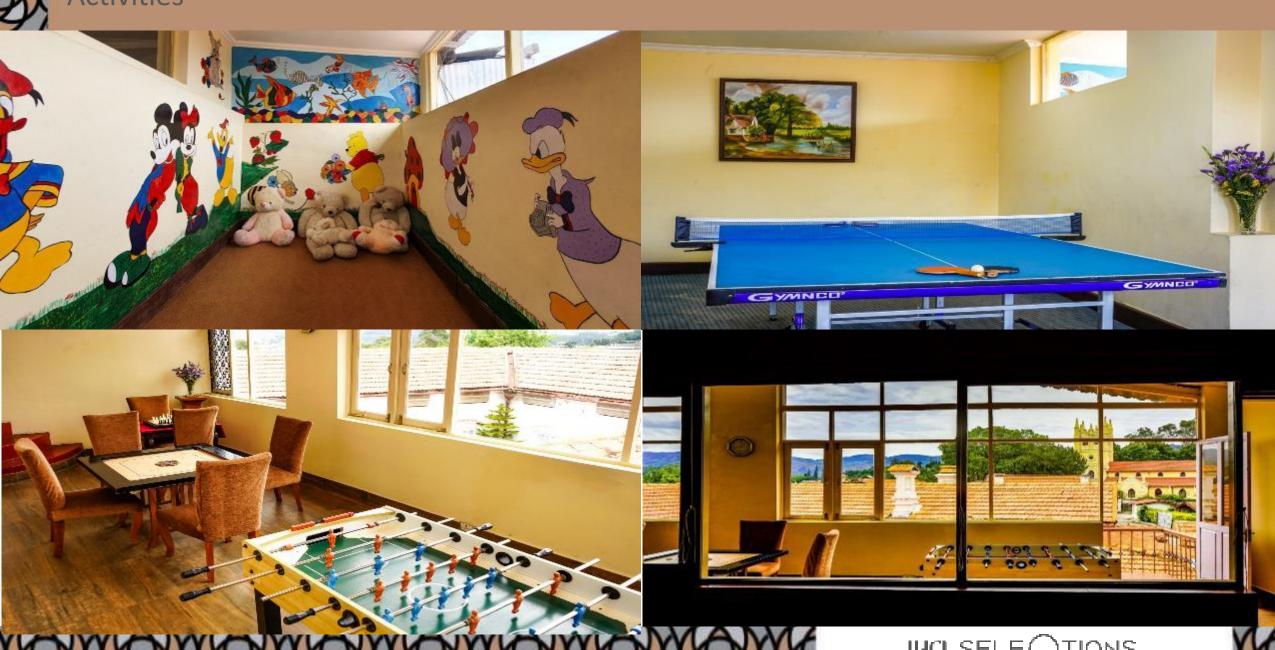


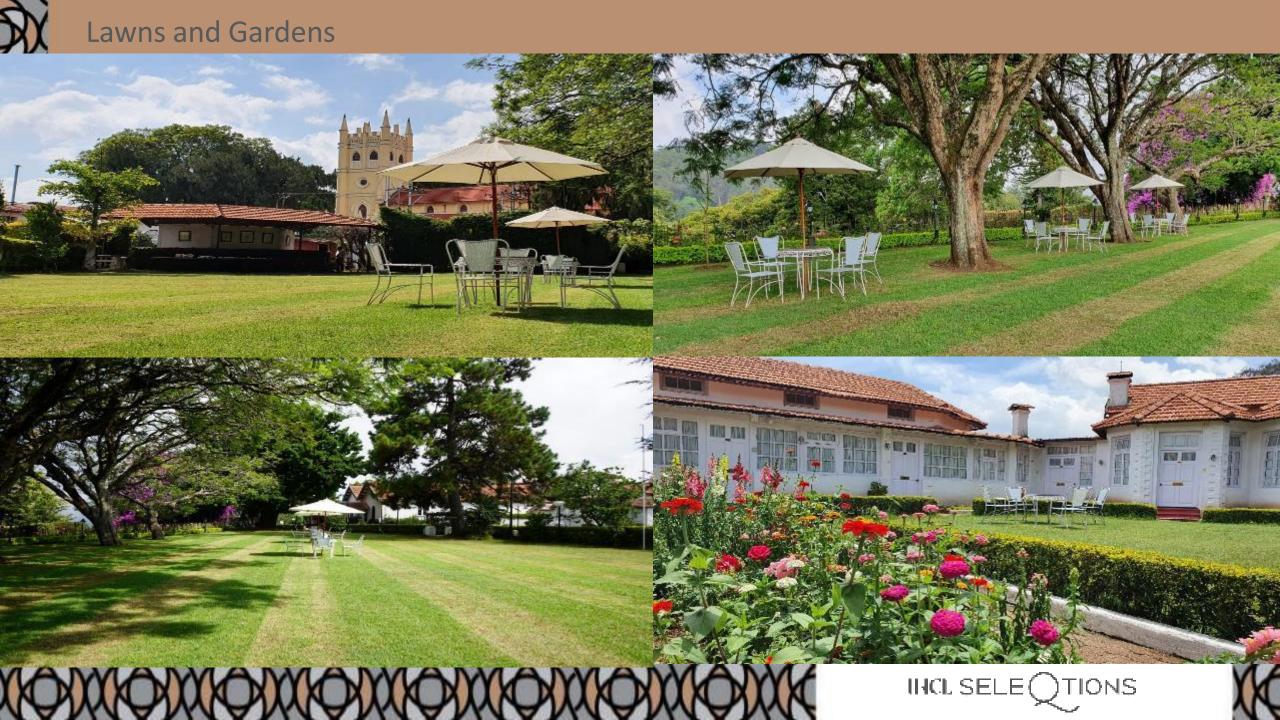


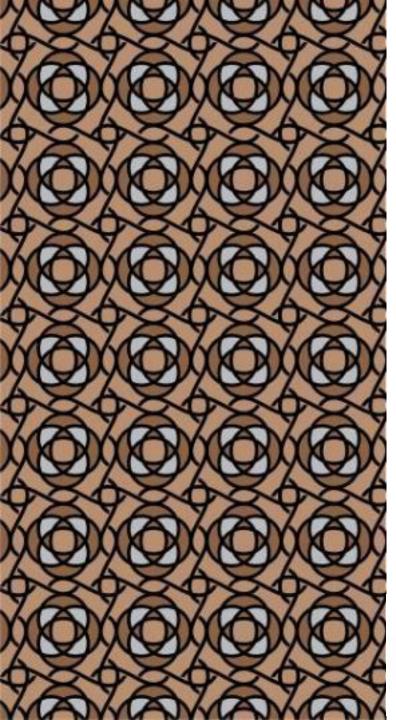












# Explore Nilgiris





#### ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH



A breathtaking architectural marvel built in the colonial times. The structure dates back to 1829 and was built by the British government. The date of the commencement of construction was cleverly chosen to coincide with the birthday of King George IV.

The fabulous pale-yellow building of the St Stephen's Church bears testimony to the geniuses of British architecture that existed during those times. This grandeur is also reflected in the painting of 'The Last Supper' that can be found in the Church.

Various attractions that appeal to visitors and tourists in the church include pretty stained glass windows that depict a myriad of different scenes, such as Mother Mary holding Jesus in her arms.





## DODDABETTA PEAK



Literally translating to mean Big Peak

Doddabetta is the highest mountain in the Nilgiri Mountains at 2,637 meters. There is a reserved forest area around the peak.

The summit offers an astounding view of the nearby areas which are covered with dense forests, on clear days, one can see as far as Mysore.



## Nilgiris Mountain Railway – TOY TRAIN

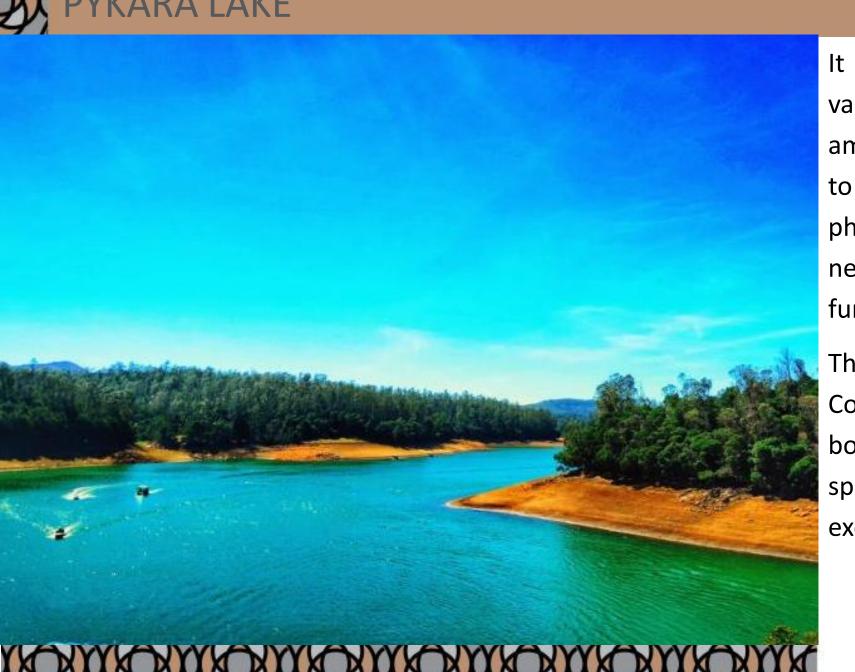


The 46 kms long railway line was first opened in 1899 by the British to hilly Ooty connect the with Mettupalayam on the plains. The exciting toy train journey takes visitors through several tunnels, bridges, forests, waterfalls, tea estates and forested hills. It has small blue wooden bogies with large windows and crosses almost 250 bridges and 15 tunnels. It was declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the year 2005.

To book tickets: <a href="http://www.irctc.co.in">http://www.irctc.co.in</a>







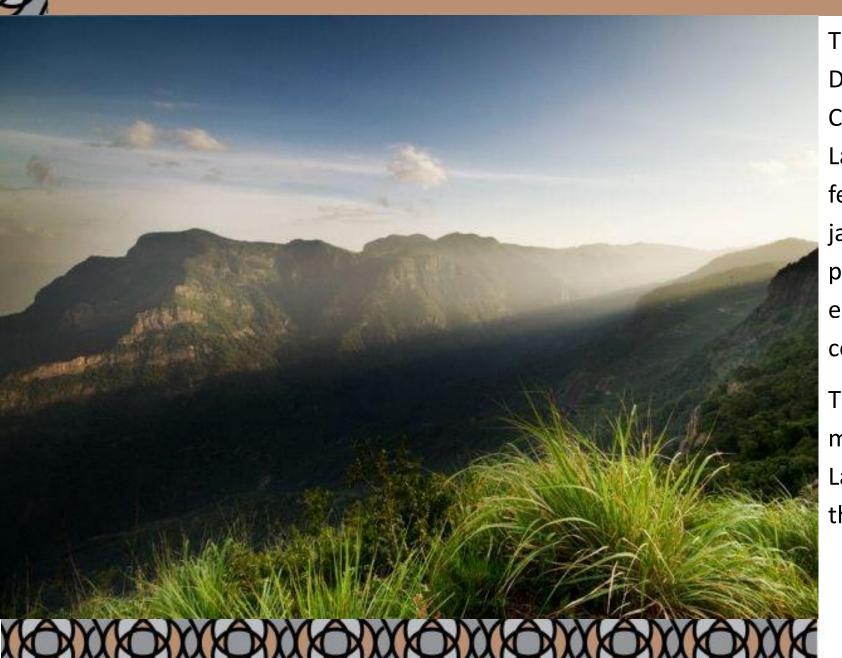
It has everything that a person on vacation can ask for, right from ambience, fresh clean water, comfort to scenic beauty. Nature lovers, photographers and adventure seekers never miss out on this unique and fun-filled place.

The Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation (TTDC) also runs a boathouse, family boats and speedboats can be hired to enjoy exciting rides in the lake.





# LAMB'S ROCK



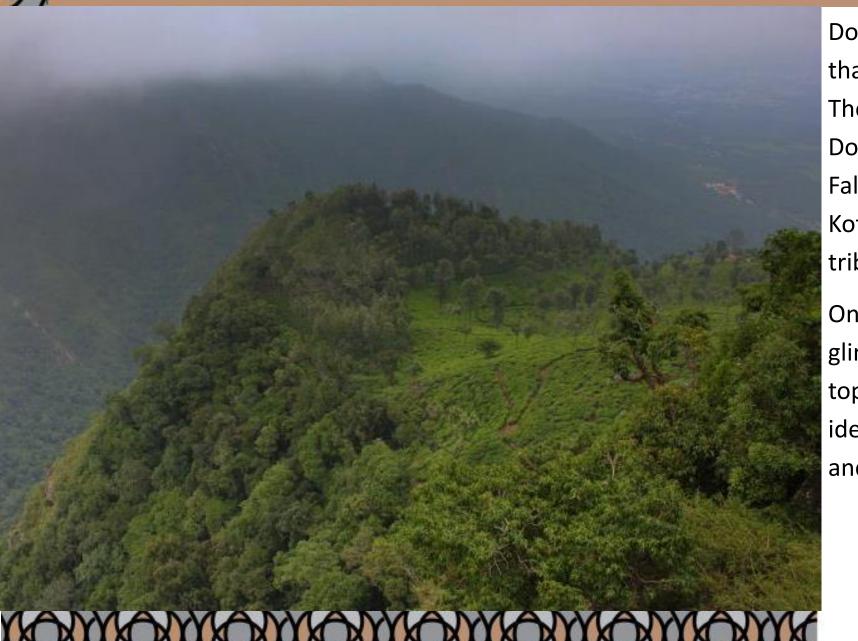
The Lamb's Rock is on the way to Dolphin's Nose, another viewpoint in Coonoor. The mountain cliff around Lamb's Rock stands at a height of 5000 feet above sea level and stand out for its jagged look. Lamb's Rock provides a panoramic view of Coonoor and one can enjoy the sight of green lush forests covered by clouds.

The drive to Lamb's rock in itself is memorable. Nature is best enjoyed at Lamb's Rock as it is located away from the hustle and bustle.





# DOLPHIN'S NOSE



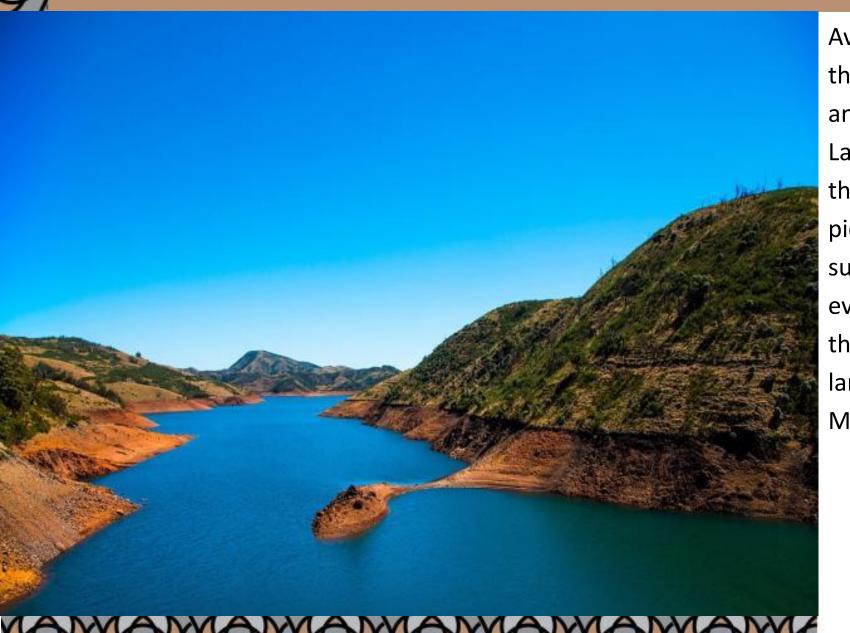
Dolphin's Nose is essentially a huge rock that resembles the nose of a dolphin. There are ravines on either side of Dolphin's Nose, including St. Catherine Falls and Coonoor stream meeting the Kotagiri stream. These water bodies are tributaries of the Bhavani River.

On a bright sunny day, visitors can get a glimpse of St. Catherine Falls from the top of Dolphin's Nose. Dolphin's Nose is ideal for outdoor games, like boating and horse riding, as well as picnics.





#### AVALANCHE LAKE



Avalanche Lake was formed naturally in the year 1823 due to a massive landslide and therefore is named as Avalanche Lake. Small waterfalls falling down from the encircling mountains creates a ambience. picture perfect The surrounding forests are so dense that even sunlight cannot penetrate through them. The lake is surrounded by a rolling landscape with blooming flowers like Magnolias, Orchids and Rhododendrons





# MUDUMALAI NATIONAL PARK



It is considered to be meeting point of the three southern states of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka. Situated in the Nilgiri forest, Mudumalai is known for its wildlife sanctuary which is one of the richest sanctuaries of Southern India The protected area is home to several endangered and vulnera ble species including Indian Elephant, Bengal Tiger, Gaur and Indian Leopard. There are at least 266 species of birds in the sanctuary.



#### BANDIPUR NATIONAL PARK



Bandipur is one of the premier Tiger Reserves in the country along with the adjoining Nagarhole National Park. Once the private hunting ground of the Maharajas of Mysore, the park also harbors Indian elephants, spotted deer, gaurs (bison), antelopes and numerous other native species.

There is a ban on traffic from 9 pm to 6 am of dusk to dawn to help bring down the death rate of wildlife.



## **BOTANICAL GARDEN**



Spread over a large area of 22 hectares, this beautifully constructed garden is located in the heart of the city. It was designed by the architect William Graham McIvor in 1847, The garden is home to more than 650 species of flowers and trees. it has rare tree species like the cork tree, monkey puzzle tree (as monkey can't climb this tree) and the paperbark tree. One of the must see attraction of this garden is a fossil tree that is believed to be 20 millions year old.





# OOTY LAKE & BOAT HOUSE



Artificial Lake constructed by John Sullivan in 1824, surrounded by beautiful eucalyptus tree with a railway line running alongside. It was constructed in the year 1824 by John Sullivan, then Collector Coimbatore. The lake is skirted by tall Eucalyptus trees while its waters are fed by streams that meander through the hills. Those who have a keen interest in photography can surely get some amazing clicks of water birds along with the beautiful Nilgiris mountain ranges in the backdrop.





## VISIT TO TRIBAL VILLAGE



The tribes constitutes half of the Nilgiris population. The Todas, the Badagas, the Kurumbas, the Irulas and the Kotas are the original inhabitants of the Nilgiris.

While the towns in the district presented a secular look, the people in the villages largely followed the tribal life styles.

The visit focuses on the customs, traditions and the culture of TODA tribe as they presented an interesting insight into the lives in Nilgiris Hills.



