

Maison Perumal, Pondicherry, – Tamil Nadu



Balcony At Maison Perumal

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About Maison Perumal

Maison Perumal is a cameo experience, tucked away in **Puducherry's** seldom-explored **Tamil** quarter, it's a window to a time when two worlds met...and melted gracefully into one another.

The invitation to the compact 10-room property begins in the even-now **French** city's bustling **Tamil Quarter**. The cheerful **Thinnai** (traditional sit-out) leads to a sunlit courtyard, its floor a charming red oxide. Barring the discreet elevator and the even more discreet numbering of rooms, there is little to suggest that **Maison Perumal** isn't the home of someone with considerable wealth and even more good taste.



Bedroom At Maison Perumal



Maison Perumal Outdoor Dining Area

Rooms

The **Maison Perumal** bedrooms are simple and stylish with unvarnished **Cuddapah** stone floors, yet as alive and colourful as the sunlit stained glass of the balconies. Rooms have been refurbished with a studied attention to detail.

The white walls have a corrugated finish and set off the dark wood beams of the **Madras** ceiling superbly. Sombre, sepia-tinted photo portraits make up the décor. A small rose and jasmine floral arrangement on the turned sheet of a bed welcomes guests to their rooms.

Fine Dining

Breakfast is **Continental**. The **Maison's** restaurant serves appam with mutton/ vegetable stew from 10am to 7pm. Interestingly, the kitchen does not have a deep freezer so the catch, and mutton, is procured fresh. For dinner, non-vegetarians may have a grilled seafood platter.

Dishes outside of the house 'theme' may be arranged such as grilled vegetables in pesto sauce. Cut fruit is available. There is also a bar. All of which certainly does away with the need for a menu card and is not without benefits.

Facilities

Sit across the antique desk that serves as the reception or enjoy the **Oonjal** (the gentle, long swing crafted out of a plank of jackfruit wood). Imagine the open-to-sky mutrams when it rains — as in many traditional homes, two central courtyards let in the elements here. In particular, savour the tranquil old-worldliness of **Maison Perumal**, after the quaint, narrow-streets liveliness of this part of old **Pondy**.



Courtyard With Oonjal



Dining Hall At Maison Perumal

Though very small, **Pondicherry** was the largest **French** colony in **India**. The city has a long and interesting history of trade and war. There is a strong **French** influence in the city, especially in the old quarters, with **Rues** and **Boulevards** lined with **Mediterranean** style houses and bakeries, although the city remains very much **Indian**. **French** is still understood, and the whole city makes for rather pleasant mix of **East** and **West**. It is also known as The **French Riviera Of The East (La Côte d'Azur de l'Est)**. Approaching **Pondicherry** by land, you'll very likely experience mild culture shock on discovering elegant **French** architecture and restaurants serving steak and good wine.



Exceptional Cuisine At Maison Perumal

Hotel Website

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