The Old Harbour Hotel - Cochin, Kerala

Courtyard At The Old Harbour Hotel

Deluxe Boutique Hotel

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About The Old Harbour Hotel

At the heart of ancient **Fort Cochin**, **Kerala**, a place that exudes history and culture, is the **'Old Harbour Hotel'**. A 300 year-old building built in the **Dutch** style of architecture with hints of **Portuguese** influences. It was the first hotel of **Old Cochin**. Later it remained a residential home to employees of **English** tea-broking firms until it was left unused for a period of time.

Rooms

The interior of the hotel is designed and decorated with an eclectic blend of dated furniture and varied art juxtaposes to create a unique style. Thirteen spacious rooms, each of them named after the various old streets of **Fort Cochin**, are plush with high ceilings and either look into a courtyard with a fountain or over the ancient **Chinese Fishing Nets**. Special garden cottages, added to offer a feel of **Kerala**, have open-to-the-sky showers, a veranda and a private pond. Care has been paid to organic soaps and lotions in the bathrooms, comfortable robes and slippers as well as plenty of bottled water.

Bedroom At The Old Harbour Hotel

Old Harbour Hotel Restaurant

Fine Dining

At the restaurant, home made breads and plenty of freshly squeezed juices are a priority here. Only organically grown vegetables are used, while the meats are of the highest quality available. As the hotel rests close to the fishing nets, guests can enjoy a special seafood menu with a barbecue every night in the garden.

Facilities

There is a large garden with a swimming pool as well as a stage for cultural performances, all of it set amidst plenty of natural green. There is an **Ayurvedic Spa** and a large open-air terrace.

Fort Cochin

Fort Cochin begins around the **Old Parade Ground** where there are many lovely boutique hotels converted from old mansions of spice merchants. Narrow streets radiate from here in all directions full of crumbling and interesting historic buildings. **Cochin** is a wonderfully cosmopolitan Indian city with a multi-cultural history. It also has one of the country's largest ports. The famous and photogenic **Chinese Fishing Nets** are built along the northern shores of **Fort Cochin**.

Old Harbour Hotel Garden And Pool

Old Harbour Hotel Restaurant View From Garden

The **Jewish Synagogue** and its **Old Quarter** are also worth a visit, for their quaint shops, selling everything from wooden carvings to bedspreads, from ornate mirrors to exotic spices. Nearby is the **Mattancherry Palace**, which was home to the **Verma Kings** and today is a fine museum. The crest of the **Dutch East India Company** can still be seen in the **Stuber Hall**.

Cochin also features the oldest church in **India:** the **Church of St Francis**, built in 1503 by the **Portuguese** (it briefly housed the remains of **Vasco de Gama**, who died here), and is now used by the **Anglican Church** of **South India**.

Old Harbour Hotel Courtyard View

Old Harbour Hotel Interior Views

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