GUEST WELCOME GUIDEBOOK

Welcome to Albany

Your time in the Nilgiris begins here.



Settle into the fresh hill air, find your favourite chair and let the day unfold slowly. This guide brings together arrival essentials, the cottage's comforts, dining and ideas for exploring Coonoor.

CHECK-IN	CHECK-OUT
2:00 PM	11:00 AM

Arrival and departure times follow the property's online listing. Your confirmed reservation and instructions from the guest relations team take precedence.

01 · ARRIVING

Find your way to the hills

Your destination

Albany Cottage, Wellington Enclave, Jagathala Post, Coonoor, Tamil Nadu. Use the exact map pin for the final approach: https://www.google.com/maps/search/?api=1&query=11.381437,76.793784

By road

From Coimbatore, travel via Mettupalayam and the ghat road towards Coonoor, then follow the cottage's map pin. A pre-arranged car or taxi is a convenient option for the final approach.

By train

Arrive at Mettupalayam and continue by taxi, or take the Nilgiri Mountain Railway to Coonoor and arrange an onward road transfer. Check train schedules and reserve your seats before travelling.

By air

Coimbatore International Airport is the nearest airport serving Coonoor. The property brochure estimates a drive of approximately 2 hours 30 minutes to the cottage. Allow extra time for traffic, weather and stops.

Before you set off

- Share your expected arrival time with the guest relations team.
- Save the location pin and your reservation contact details.
- Discuss transport, meal preferences and dietary requirements in advance.

02 · AT HOME

Settle in, spread out



Four ensuite bedrooms and a choice of shared lounges offer room to rest and reconnect. Spend the morning on the verandah, gather around the dining table or unwind in the garden gazebo. The terrace bar is a lovely setting for an evening conversation.

Comforts provided

- Wi-Fi — ask the villa team for connection details on arrival
- Television with set-top box and Bluetooth speaker
- Board games
- Bath linen, toiletries and hair dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Dedicated villa attendants and concierge assistance

Ask the villa team for help operating the fireplace and any equipment you are unfamiliar with.

03 · DINING & HOUSE ETIQUETTE

A comfortable stay together

Dining at the cottage

Complimentary breakfast is included as described in the property brochure. The in-house cook also offers home-style lunch and dinner, with prix-fixe, barbecue and biryani, and South Indian meal options. Please finalise your menu at least 24 hours in advance. Meal prices exclude taxes.

A few thoughtful essentials

- Only registered, checked-in guests may stay overnight.
- Smoking is prohibited inside the villa. Use outdoor areas and ashtrays, following the villa team's guidance.
- Keep your personal belongings and valuables secure.
- The online listing identifies the cottage as pet-friendly; discuss your pet's stay and any applicable conditions with the team before arrival.
- For additional guests, special arrangements or changes to your stay, speak with guest relations.

Assistance during your stay

Contact your villa attendant or guest relations team using the details shared with your booking. The brochure lists reservations assistance at +91 70170 65494 and +91 70786 86622. The team can assist with doctor recommendations if needed.

For the complete booking, cancellation and house policies, refer to your confirmed reservation.

Explore the neighbourhood



Wellington offers a quieter side of the Nilgiris, with green hills, winding lanes and colonial-era character. Explore accessible public areas, then venture into Coonoor for gardens, cafés and local tea shops.

OUTING	BROCHURE DRIVE ESTIMATE
Wellington Gymkhana	10 minutes
Sim's Park	12 minutes
Coonoor Club	15 minutes
Tiger Hill Cemetery	20 minutes
Lamb's Rock	27 minutes
Ooty Race Course	45 minutes
Kalhatty Falls	58 minutes

These are approximate brochure times. Confirm opening, access and travel conditions before setting out; club access is not guaranteed. A local taxi or private car is recommended for outings.

05 · OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Time for yourself

The following are rates and conditions from the supplied Coonoor experiences brochure, not live quotations. Confirm availability, current prices, taxes and terms with guest relations before booking. Payments are made directly to the vendor.

Spa

TREATMENT	DURATION	RATE
Full body massage	60 minutes	₹1,000
Foot massage	30 minutes	₹500
Shoulder massage	30 minutes	₹500
Head massage	30 minutes	₹500

Brochure terms: 48 hours' notice; sessions between 9 AM and 6 PM, subject to availability. Prices exclude taxes. Cancellations within 24 hours attract a 100% fee.

Mindfulness & wellness workshops

The brochure lists sessions with Bindiya Murgai, a counsellor and mental fitness, mindfulness and digital wellness coach.

WORKSHOP	DURATION	RATE
Nano workshop	1 hour	₹3,600
Half-day workshop	3 hours	₹9,600
Full-day workshop	6 hours	₹12,000

Brochure terms: 4 days' notice; 9 AM–6 PM, subject to availability; taxes extra. Cancellations within 12 hours attract a 50% fee. The source also lists a full-vaccination requirement; confirm current eligibility conditions with the provider.

06 · OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

A taste of the Nilgiris



Pictured: the gazebo at Albany Cottage. The tea-tasting experience below takes place off-site.

Tea tasting at Pithapuram Palace

90 minutes · ₹1,500 per person, excluding taxes. Brochure terms: 48 hours' notice; 9 AM–6 PM, subject to availability; 100% cancellation fee within 24 hours.

Experience details are from the supplied Coonoor guide. Please reconfirm the venue, rate, availability and cancellation terms before booking.

Outdoors, at your own pace

Golf · Mountain Greens Golf Academy, Highfield

EXPERIENCE	DURATION	PER PERSON
Adult coaching	45 minutes	₹1,200
Junior coaching (12 years and below)	45 minutes	₹600
Playing, kit rental & course fees	60 minutes	₹420

Brochure advance notice: 3 days.

Fishing

LOCATION & INCLUSIONS	DURATION	PER PERSON
Coonoor, equipment rental included	45 minutes	₹1,500
Mettupalayam, equipment rental included	45 minutes	₹12,000

Brochure advance notice: 4 days for local fishing; 7 days for Bhavani Sagar Dam fishing. Confirm the exact location and arrangements with the vendor.

Guided trekking · Coonoor or Kotagiri

GROUP SIZE	DURATION	PER PERSON
5 or more	2 hours	₹1,000
Fewer than 5	2 hours	₹1,200

Brochure advance notice: 48 hours; subject to guide availability.

For all activities on this page, the source lists 9 AM–6 PM sessions, taxes extra, payment directly to the vendor and a 100% cancellation fee within 24 hours. Rates and availability must be reconfirmed.

08 · FOOD & DRINK

A table beyond the cottage

The supplied experiences guide suggests the following places to dine. Ask guest relations to confirm current opening hours, menus and reservations before you travel.

Coonoor

RESTAURANT	CUISINE	SOURCE BOOKING NOTE
Café Diem	European	Reservation
The Culinarium	European	Reservation
Open Kitchen	Pizza	Walk-in
Bhagaicha	Chinese	Reservation
McIver	Continental, Indian	Walk-in

Ooty

RESTAURANT	CUISINE	SOURCE BOOKING NOTE
King's Cliff (Earl's Secret)	Indian, Continental, Chinese	Walk-in
Place to Bee	Italian	Walk-in
Little Earth Café	Finger food	Walk-in
Frugal Gourmet	Modern European	Reservation
Celeste by Mindescapes	European, Pan Asian, Chinese	Reservation

Restaurant reservations are subject to availability and the restaurant's discretion. These are source-guide suggestions, not confirmed reservations.

Make room for the little things



Tea in the gazebo. A chapter by the fireplace. A leisurely breakfast, followed by a drive through the hills. Some of the best moments at Albany Cottage need very little planning.

Keep these close

- Your booking confirmation and guest relations contact
- The cottage's map pin
- Your dining selections and any dietary requirements
- Confirmed arrangements for optional activities and transfers

Source notes

Prepared from the supplied Albany Cottage property brochure, In-villa Dining Menu and E_E Coonoor experiences guide. Check-in, check-out, pet-friendly status and selected house rules were checked against the property's Lohono listing on 9 October 2026. Experience rates and drive times remain source estimates.

Property listing: https://www.lohono.com/villas/india/coonoor/albany-cottage