

ELLISON ROBERTS - RECOMMENDED HOTELS IN KERALA



IN FORT COCHIN

BRUNTON BOATYARD - This colonial style hotel, built on the site of a former boatyard, is ideally situated next to the Chinese fishing nets in Fort Cochin. It has 26 beautiful rooms and a dignified, peaceful atmosphere. There is a large swimming pool and terrace overlooking the harbour, two restaurants and a bar/coffee shop. One of the very best places to stay in Cochin



MALABAR HOUSE - a small boutique 'heritage' hotel in Fort Cochin. Malabar House is stylish yet cosy and comfortable. There are 17 highly individual rooms and suites. It also has distinctive antiques and artwork, central air-conditioning, cable TV, telephone, wire-free internet, safe deposit lockers, swimming pool, travel desk, money changing, walking map through Fort Cochin, free bicycles, Ayurvedic spa and Malabar junction - an acclaimed restaurant.



THE OLD COURTYARD - A small family run heritage hotel built over 200 years ago by Portuguese spice traders. Centred around a cobbled courtyard this hotel has a wealth of character and charm. The service is friendly and efficient and the superior a/c rooms have a special ambience. This is a comfortable and relaxing place to stay, close to all the attractions, for those who prefer atmosphere and character to 5 star luxury. One of our favourites.

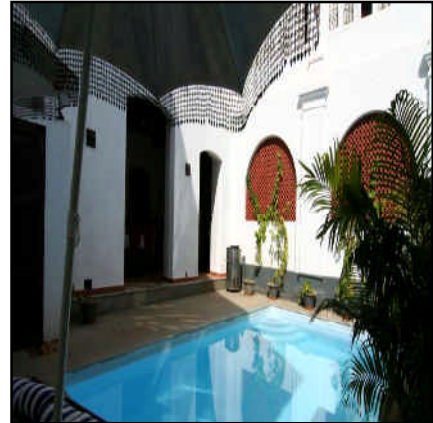


FORT HERITAGE - A Dutch Palace built in the 17th century.

There are ten spacious air-conditioned rooms with ensuite bathrooms and three suites. There is a lawned courtyard garden. The dining room serves Continental, Chinese and Syrian Christian delicacies, seafood specialties and a traditional Indian Barbecue. Here the suites are our recommendation. Good value.



KODER HOUSE - a three-story heritage boutique hotel opposite the beach at Fort Cochin. Until recently, it belonged to the most illustrious Cochin Jewish family the Koders. The restaurant [named Menorah in tribute to the heritage of its original owners] serves predominantly continental and Indian cuisine, with an emphasis on seafood. The deluxe suites offer a large bedroom, a state-of-the-art bathroom and a sitting room, all done up quite luxuriously. The heritage theme is carefully maintained in the draperies, furnishings and all the accessories. The suites overlook the park leading to the beach. There are twin-bed and double-bed options.



ARCHES - a small hotel in a newly renovated merchant's house, conveniently situated close to the Chinese nets and other Fort Cochin attractions. Economically priced, Arches offers good value and has a very good roof-top restaurant.



ON WILLINGDON ISLAND
[ACTUALLY IT'S A PENINSULA]

TAJ MALABAR - expressing the qualities typical of Taj Group this large 5 star hotel has a pleasant ambience and all facilities you would expect including two restaurants, infinity pool [right], bar and ayurvedic spa.

It is situated away from the crowds at the tip of Willingdon Island and you can take the hotel's boat to Fort Cochin, a journey of 15 minutes. Very good.

