

AN ODE TO THE PLANTER WAY OF LIFE

CGH EARTH LOCKHART
A Bungalow Set Amidst Tea Gardens

Lockhart  Bungalow
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Where Nature meets History

Munnar - a summer retreat for the British in the past and a retreat for the city weary in the present. Blessed with a soothing climate and endless tea plantations, it's now home to a bungalow that will transport you back to a bygone era.

Nestled in a picturesque tea plantation in Munnar, CGH Earth's Lockhart Bungalow is the ideal balm for city life. It's a piece of history, located in a perfect piece of geography.

Let the mist-kissed hills, soothing weather, and acres of tea plantations rejuvenate you.



LIVE THE PLANTER LIFE

Immerse yourself in the planter way of life and surrender to nature's beauty and the gentle rhythms of existence at CGH Earth Lockhart. Well-staffed to take care of all your needs, it's a place where you can enjoy exceptional service and take in the magnificent views.

We can't wait to welcome you.



THE BUNGALOW

Turn back time. Go back to the 1940s.
Don't just read history, be a part of it.
And stay there for a while.

CGH Earth, a pioneer of responsible tourism in India, has partnered with Harrisons Malayalam Limited, a major player in natural rubber production and tea cultivation in South India. This partnership introduces a unique experience - an enchanting tea plantation retreat, seemingly cut off from the world.

Nestled within Munnar's famous Lockhart Estate, this retreat resides on about 1,500 acres of tea plantations and is located in the historic Lockhart Bungalow, one of three colonial-era bungalows on the estate. The Lockhart Estate has a rich history. Started in 1879 during the British Raj, it's the first estate in the Munnar region used for plantation. It originally cultivated cinchona, then transitioned to coffee, and finally to tea.

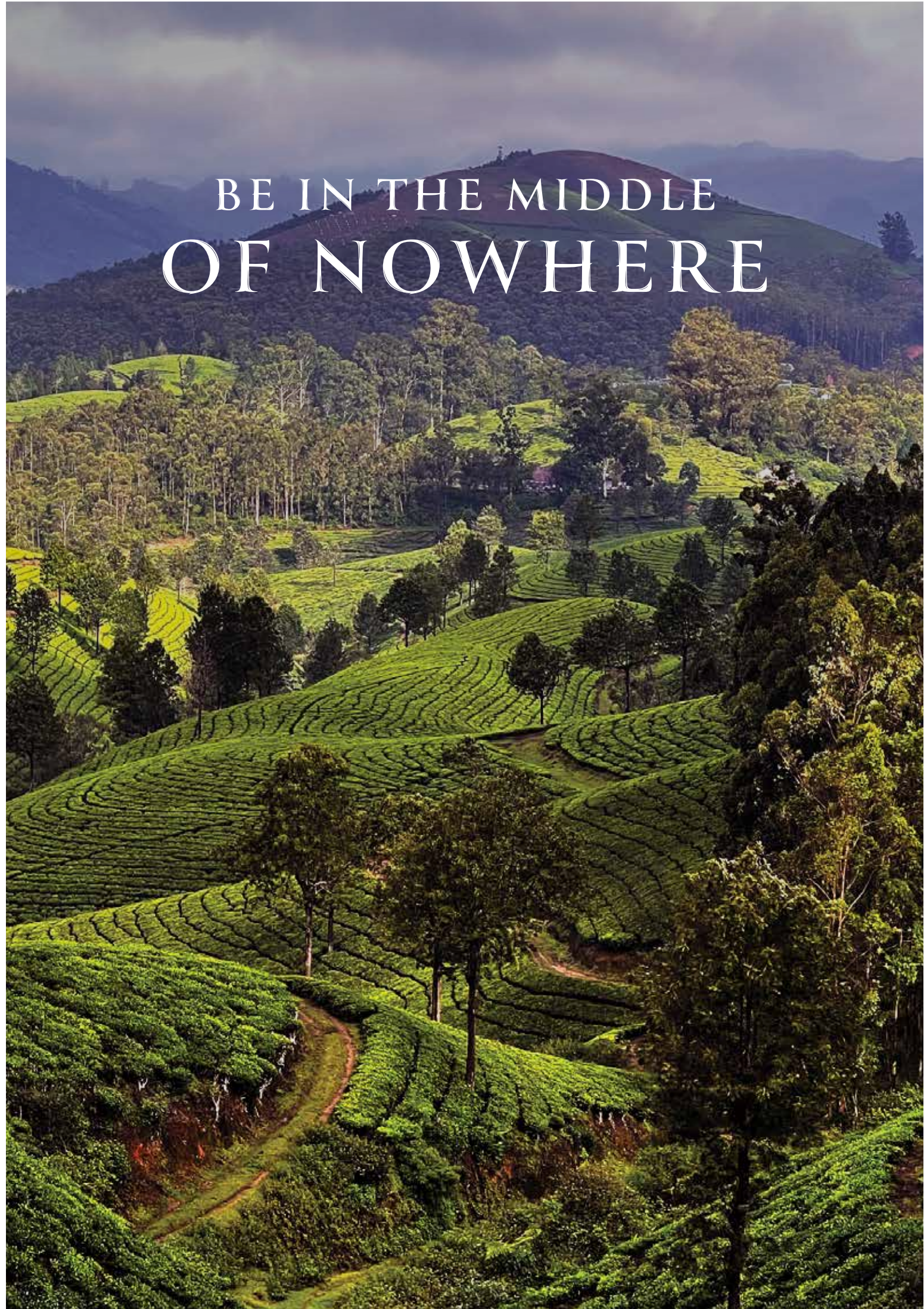
Lockhart Bungalow features three well-maintained rooms with views of rolling hills and tea gardens. It's the ideal getaway from daily life.







BE IN THE MIDDLE
OF NOWHERE



THE CULINARY EXPERIENCE

At CGH Earth Lockhart Bungalow, heightening your culinary senses takes on a new meaning. After all, you're atop a hill.

Take in the stunning views while sipping on some signature Lockhart tea. Choose from a variety of curated blends of tea that pay tribute to the region's history and heritage.

The lunch and dinner menus take your taste buds on a gastronomic tour that will leave you satiated. From continental to traditional dishes, no stone has been left unturned to give you an unparalleled culinary experience.





ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION

SUNRISE WALK

Begin your day with a walk around Lockhart Estate. Revel in the fascinating views and diverse terrains and witness the sunrise from a scenic viewpoint. Take in the fresh air and savor a piping hot cup of tea while the view of the plantations put you in relaxation mode. Our guide will regale you with stories of Lockhart Bungalow and its history.



DURATION
2 hours



CHARGE
No extra charge

BIRDING TOUR

Guided by an experienced naturalist, the route will take you through the scenic tea plantations and lush woods of Lockhart estate.

Tailor-made for bird watchers, it's your perfect chance to spot species specific to the area. Common sightings include Palani chilappan (Laughing thrush), Black and Orange flycatcher, Nilgiri flycatcher, Malabar whistling thrush, Black bulbul, and more.

Also, keep an eye out for butterflies like the Red-disc bushbrown, Palni fritillary, Palni four-ring, and others.

Pack a great camera to capture the sightings for posterity.



DURATION
Approximately
60 to 90 minutes



START TIME
6:30 am from
Lockhart Bungalow



TERRAIN
Uneven



CHARGE
₹2,000 per person



ADDITIONAL
Binoculars will be provided



MAKE YOUR OWN CUPPA

Over 60% of India runs on chai. In this unique activity, witness the journey of a cup of tea - from the tea garden to your cup.

Begin with a tea plantation walk that lasts a minimum of 2 hours. Learn the art of picking tea leaves with the locals. Then, witness the meticulous weighing process.

Next, step into one of the oldest tea factories in the region and see how the leaves are withered, rolled, oxidized, dried, and sorted.

Finish your sojourn by tasting a cup of freshly made tea.

Enter as a tea lover and leave as a tea connoisseur.



NUMBER OF PEOPLE
10 Guests per tour



CHARGE
₹3,500 per person



DURATION
3 hours



START TIME
10.00 am

A PICNIC TO REMEMBER

Discover a hilltop paradise with breathtaking vistas and idyllic weather. Surrender to serenity and savor the art of doing nothing.

To reach the location, you can walk or take a cycle ride (distance - 4 km). Top it off with a specially curated picnic lunch.



START TIME
11.00 am



CHARGE
₹2,500 per person



LETCHMI HILLS TREK

A 20-minute drive from Lockhart Bungalow, this peak in Munnar offers a breathtaking experience.

The trail is adorned with rocky slopes on one side and tea plantations on the other, creating a picturesque setting. Pass through the tranquil Shola forests, and on a clear day catch a glimpse of Anamudi, South India's loftiest peak.

Ask the staff to pack a delectable picnic lunch and begin by around 9.00 am to make the most of this adventure.

The highest point of this trek will be about 1,950 meters above sea level and the starting point will be 1,420 meters above sea level.

**START TIME**

8.30 am from Lockhart Bungalow

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE**

Two guests per car

**CHARGE**

₹3,500 per person

CHOKRAMUDI TREK

This trek offers picturesque views of diverse landscapes - rugged volcanic rock faces, dense forests, lush grasslands and tea plantations. The trek begins from old Munnar or Lockhart Gap.

If weather permits, you can catch a glimpse of the rare Nilgiri Tahr, an endangered species of mountain goat, and also spot a few of our endemic birds and plants.

You will retrace the same path taken to ascend the mountain and this offers splendid views of tea plantations, distant forests, and paddy fields.

**ALTITUDES**

Starting point – 1,420 MASL
Highest point – 2,252 MASL

**TREK ROUTE**

Start point – Old Munnar
End point – Devikulam
or Pothamedu

**CHARGE**

₹3,500 per person
(excluding transport)

**SUGGESTION**

Start at around
8.00 am to make
the most of the trek

VISIT TO THE TEA FACTORY

The Lockhart tea factory is the first tea factory constructed by the British in 1936. Located 2 km away from Lockhart Bungalow, it's one of the oldest orthodox tea manufacturing facilities in India.

A guide will take you through the entire tea leaf processing journey - from weighing to packaging and finally tasting. It's a chance for you to experience freshly brewed tea from Harrisons Malayalam Limited.



DURATION
2 hours



CHARGE
No extra charge

HERPING

Munnar has approximately 40 frog and 30 reptile species in its biodiversity treasure trove. These come to light through our knowledgeable local guide.

You can spot endangered species such as the Shrub Frog, as well as Jayaram's bush frog, Beddom's bush frog, Kalakkad gliding frog, and the Large-scaled pit viper.

Herping activities are limited to designated areas for the safety and well-being of the creatures.



DURATION
60 to 90 minutes



START TIME
7.00 pm



**NUMBER
OF PEOPLE**
Groups of up to 6 guests



CHARGE
₹2,000 per person



ADDITIONAL
Binoculars and leech
socks will be provided

ENJOY RECREATION

The High Range Club offers a range of recreational activities like golf and tennis. Doesn't matter if you're a pro or an amateur, make your recreation time truly memorable.



Note: Please let us know your preferred activities while booking the room to enable us to make arrangements.

PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR STAY

At CGH Earth, we believe in being a part of the wider community that surrounds us. This co-existence has helped us build deep bonds and this gets passed onto the guests. Almost everyone at Lockhart Bungalow, as well as the gentle folk you encounter on each of the activities, is part of the local community.

We believe that when communities thrive, everyone thrives. Your experiences are richer, more immersives and those that you'll cherish for years to come.





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