

Let Nature Be The Canvas Of Your Love This Valentine's Day At These Handpicked Resorts In India

Kurumba Village Resort, Tamil Nadu

The mountains are awash in shades of green as you drive up the Nilgiris to the off-the-grid hideaway of **Kurumba Village Resort**, sculpted into the slopes of a 10-acre spice plantation. The **eco-friendly** resort, near Coonoor, including its swimming pool was built without felling a single tree. As a result, the property is alive with the song of birds and the chatter of giant Malabar squirrels. The laughter of a waterfall, the grumblings of a stream, the rustle of trees flirting with the wind, the call of the whistling thrush... The song of the forest stays with you on an early morning bird-watching trail. A woodpecker tapping on a tree adds rhythm to the soundtrack on a forest trek that could be truncated should you run into a herd of gaur or elephants. Back at the resort, you cool off with a tall drink at the open-sided restaurant that has a ringside view of the forested slopes of Pakka Suran Mountain. Come sunset and romance is in the air. Savour the moment as you dine sumptuously in a treehouse or opt for the cave dining experience.

Fact File

Kurumbadi is an all-season destination. Coimbatore (56-km) is the nearest airport. Coonoor (19-km) on the Nilgiri Passenger (toy train) line is the closest station. Kurumba Village Resort is located away from the bustle of Ooty and Coonoor yet within striking distance of the hill stations.