



WEDDINGS & EVENTS

The most cherished events of your life, held in a village.

Four acres in Arattupuzha, near Thrissur. Indoor and outdoor spaces that suit functions of quite different tones, and guests who arrive from Kochi airport inside an hour.

100

seated in the
Koothambalam

500–600

under the
Jaalam canopy

4

acres, and yours
exclusively

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Rural, and deliberately not remote

Neelambari sits in a working village against a verdant rural landscape, and the spaces blend into what is already around them rather than being dropped on top of it. There are several, indoor and outdoor, and they suit functions of quite different tones — which is why most families end up spreading a wedding across more than one, and why the days stop feeling like the same room three times.



GETTING EVERYONE HERE

Kochi international airport is 42 km away, about an hour by road. Thrissur railway station is 13 km. Two national highways pass within a short distance. For an event this is most of what matters: guests arriving from three directions on the same morning, and the logistics staying simple despite the rural setting.

HOW IT IS BOOKED

Three clusters, not seven rooms

The property has seven distinct spaces, but they are let as three groups. The Koothambalam, the Nalukettu courtyard and the front lawn are contiguous and booked together. All four Jaalam spaces are booked together. Puzhayoram, by the river, stands on its own. Within a cluster you can use any combination you like, and most events use several across the day.

Koothambalam, Nalukettu and the Front Lawn

About 100 seated indoors • 200–250 on the lawn

A temple theatre built by traditional artisans in wood, stone and mural, with the old-world charm of a Kerala shrine rather than a hall hired out for the day. The courtyard adjoins it for dining, and the lawn wraps around both. Ceremony inside, dinner in the courtyard, the evening out on the grass — one booking, three quite different rooms.



Koothambalam

The indoor space, and the reason most couples choose Neelambari. Ideal for intimate weddings, engagements, corporate gatherings and family functions. Lit at dusk it does most of the work a decorator would otherwise be paid for.

Nalukettu

The traditional courtyard adjoining the Koothambalam, used for dining. Wind and light through it, an informal ambience, and the charm of an old Kerala household.

Front Lawn

Luscious lawn framed by the Koothambalam and Nalukettu behind it — a vibrant party space for evening functions of 200 to 250. Often combined with the Nalukettu for more room and more glitter.

The Jaalam spaces

500–600 under the canopy • 400–500 more by the pond

A covered green space and the ground around it, for the parts of a wedding where the whole guest list is in one place at once. The canopy is grown over with creepers, so it holds up in sun or in rain — which for a Kerala date that might land in the monsoon is the difference between a plan and a gamble.



Jaalam Canopy

Covered, weather-proof, and comfortable across all seasons. It keeps the feel of a garden while behaving like a hall: receptions, sadya, and the evening that follows.

Jaalam Pondsides

Beside the canopy, lined on one side by the traditional pond. Used as the dining space for an event under the canopy, or on its own for 400 to 500. There is an annex for extended dining.

Jaalam Padippura

A traditional gatehouse in front of the canopy — the portal guests are received through, and an open-air stage in its own right, with paddy fields behind it as the backdrop.

Jaalam Park

A cosy outdoor space by the canopy with tall trees and a tree house. The one most often used for the haldi and the sangeet, and for whatever the children are doing during the main event.

Puzhayoram, by the river

Smaller gatherings

Right on the Karuvannur, with lush green on every side and two tree houses looking over the water. The smallest of the three and the quietest — for a ceremony that wants intimacy rather than scale, or for the morning before a larger day.



The riverbank

Open ground by the water, where a mandap sits well and the light in the late afternoon does the rest. Two tree houses above it add to both the look of the space and its usefulness.

Arriving by boat

There is a traditional vallam on the river. Couples use it for an entrance that no hall anywhere can offer, and guests use it the rest of the time for going nowhere in particular.

Nine rooms, and the rest of the estate

Nine rooms in the traditional style, two of them tree houses by the river — enough for the family closest to the event, with more arranged at properties within easy driving distance when the party is larger.



Deluxe
4 rooms · ~600 sq ft



Superior
2 rooms · ~350 sq ft



Family suite
1 unit · ~600 sq ft



Tree houses
2 units · ~250 sq ft

ON THE ESTATE

The pond

Laterite-lined and fed by water percolated from the river, with a kulappura and a shallow end.

Yoga hall and corner

Above the Koothambalam, and an open corner beside the pond. Both work as quiet rooms for a small gathering.

The spa

Built in the shape of a country boat, with authentic Ayurveda massage — a good way for guests to spend an afternoon between functions.

Photo booths

The landscaping gives a dozen places to set one up. Neelambari is already a destination for pre- and post-wedding photography.

Parking

About 100 cars under trees, without the tarmac spoiling the look of the place. Extended parking and valet can be arranged.

Cultural evenings

Kathakali or Koodiyattam in the Koothambalam, with an introduction beforehand. The thing guests from outside Kerala remember.

Cooked here, for however many

Kerala home cooking rather than banquet catering, which at a wedding is a decision with consequences: the sadya is made in our kitchen, the menu is worked out with you rather than chosen off a list, and dietary requirements across a few hundred guests are handled as a matter of course rather than as an exception.

Mostly vegetarian, with fish and meat when you want them. Very little of it has travelled far to arrive. If a guest wants to know how something was made, the kitchen is happy to be asked.



AROUND THE EVENT

For guests who have travelled to be here

Most of a wedding is the hours between the functions, and guests who have flown in for it have those hours to fill. We can arrange a cultural performance, sightseeing in Thrissur or to Athirappilly, boating on the river for smaller groups, Ayurveda treatments, or a walk through the village first thing. None of it needs to be decided in advance; most of it needs about a day's notice.

Capacities and practicalities

Koothambalam, seated	about 100
Nalukettu courtyard	dining, adjoining the Koothambalam
Front Lawn	200–250 guests
Jaalam Canopy	500–600 guests, covered
Jaalam Pondside	400–500 guests, with dining annex
Jaalam Padippura	gatehouse and open-air stage
Jaalam Park	haldi, sangeet, and the children
Puzhayoram	smaller gatherings, by the river
Rooms on site	9, including two tree houses
Parking	about 100 cars, extendable, valet available

EXCLUSIVE USE

The whole property can be taken exclusively for the days of your event, so that there is nobody else here — no other function in the next field, no passing guests. Most families planning more than a single evening do this.

NEXT STEP

Tell us the date, and roughly how many.

That is enough for us to say whether it works and what the day would look like. Approximate dates are fine — most enquiries start with a month rather than a date.

Enquire

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