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Sterling Kodai Lake

THERE IS MORE THAN WHAT MEETS THE EYE AT KODAI

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Sitting at a height of 2,100 meters in the pristine Palani hills of the Western Ghats, Kodaikanal - often referred to as the "Princess of Hill Stations," is a popular summer retreat of the South. A true natural haven with loads of lush landscapes, serene lakes, and a rich tapestry of culture and history. As one ventures into the heart of the Kodai Valley, the crisp air, the aroma of eucalyptus trees mingling with the gentle mist and creating an enchanting ambiance is what defines the first and the lasting impression of Kodaikanal.

CULTURAL TAPESTRY, HISTORICAL SPLENDORS, AND UNIQUE GEOGRAPHICAL IDENTIFICATIONS

Embedded within its expansive natural 'Sholas' (thickets and forests of the Palani Hills) here lies an underbelly of rich cultural heritage that is deeply intertwined with its historical past. Originally inhabited by the Paliyan tribal people, the region witnessed the establishment of a hill station by the American missionaries back in the early 19th century. To go back further into history and culture of natives and early settlers one can take a trip to the Poombarai Village to get a glimpse into their lifestyle, a visit to the famous 10th Century Murugan Temple known to be decorated with nine medicated herbs, shopping for the distinctive bulb shaped pods of hill garlic called as 'Malai Poondu'

and a specially made 'Palani Panchamritam' - both bestowed with unique GI Tags are some of the best ways to discover Kodaikanal.

A ride in serene Kodai and Mannavanur Lakes, traversing through the picturesque Pine forests for a perfect Instagrammable pic, Lutheran Church, Coakers Walk and lots more are popular experiences of this idyllic hill town.

COMFORTABLE STAYS AND MEMORABLE HOLIDAYS AT STERLING

Located at a short distance from Coimbatore in the north and Madurai in the South, Kodaikanal is a perfect quick getaway destination by car, or a short 6-hour journey from Chennai. And



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3D Theatre at Kodai Valley



Valley View Restaurant at Kodai Valley

boasting of contemporary, thoughtful places for stay here are Sterling Kodai Lake and Sterling Kodai Valley. Featuring 102 and 106 upscale, spacious, and fully equipped rooms and suites, the two leisure havens are a feather in the cap for Sterling. Designed for families with pets, heightened venues for small to large scale events / celebrations, ample of car park spaces, private theatre, stylish dining destinations and loads of outdoor entertainment for all ages; Sterling's twin leisure hotspots are a bedrock of comfort and signature hospitality of Sterling.

CULINARY DELIGHTS OF STERLING

Food enthusiasts will find themselves in a gastronomic paradise at Sterling in Kodai. The in-house restaurant at Kodai Lake called as the Lake View not only offers a scenic view of the silvery waterbed but also serves sumptuous continental and India breakfast-signature delight of the region, packed by lively dinners and speciality dining menu. Hire our barbeques and grills with our chef special veg / non- veg menu for that private in-room dining experiences, accompanied with your favourite choice of spirits.

To tantalise your taste buds with some desi specials or to indulge in a more lavish spread with a larger group of friends and family head to Valley View at Sterling Kodai Valley. Kaadai chops, kola urundai, mulberry mule, panjunitai cocktail, are just some of the uniquely engineered local fusion food and beverages worth trying at both these resorts.

EVENTFUL BEGINNINGS BEYOND ORDINARY

Celebrations at Kodaikanal are not just out of the box but also out of the ordinary. Inspired and thematic destination weddings, corporate offsites with activities packed for small and large teams, reunions, launch events, conferences or private and intimate board meets; three distinctive versatile venues decked by natural light, fresh ambience, state-of-the-art AV equipment and expertise for seamless execution. There is everything for everyone here at Sterling!

DISCOVER AND EXPERIENCE KODAI BEYOND THE RESORT

While the Sterling Kodai resort offers a world of luxury within its premises, the allure of Kodaikanal extends beyond its boundaries. Guests can explore the vibrant local marketplaces,



Mulberry Mule at LOCAL



Sterling Kodai Valley

where handmade artefacts and local produce showcase the artistic prowess of the region. The bustling streets echo with the laughter of locals and the aroma of freshly brewed coffee, creating a sensory symphony for visitors.

Tourist spots like Coaker's Walk, Bryant Park, and the Pillar Rocks beckon adventure enthusiasts and nature lovers alike. Each site narrates a story of its own, adding layers to the already rich history of Kodaikanal.

In conclusion, Kodaikanal, with its cultural depth and natural splendour, is a destination that captivates the soul. Sterling Kodai - Lake and Valley blend modern luxury and traditional charm, emerging as a perfect getaway into this enchanting hill station, and offering a holistic experience that transcends the ordinary. Whether you seek tranquillity by the lake, cultural immersion, or a seamless blend of work and leisure, Sterling at Kodai offers promising memories that linger long after the journey ends.