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Isla's Ridge
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BEAUTY IN THE MIDST OF THE PALANI HILLS

Nestled within the Western Ghats, the Palani Hills boasts a rich tapestry of biodiversity. Part of the Shola Forests, it is one of the planet's 25 geological hotspots.

Perched at 1200 meters above sea level, this region is characterized by the lush moist deciduous forests of the South-Western Ghats that are interwoven with pockets of shrub savannah.

Despite much of the land being converted to plantations, CGH Earth Isla's Ridge is an effort to restore some of the land to its original form through rewilding.

Here, amid the whispering trees and the melody of bird songs, we welcome you to explore Isla's Ridge, an abode atop the Palani Hills.



QUAINT, ARTISTIC AND TRANQUIL

A coming together of the charm of the hills, an artist's space, and bespoke hospitality, Isla's Ridge offers an unparalleled experience.

As you enter, you're greeted by serene and breathtaking vistas, inviting you to unwind and immerse yourself in the allure of the hills. It's like stepping into an Enid Blyton story, where every moment is filled with magic and wonder.

Isla's Ridge is a far cry from turbo-charged urban life. Keep your gadgets away and go on long strolls through the untouched wilderness. If you feel like taking a dip, go for a refreshing swim in the pool. Instead of eating on the go, savor freshly prepared, delectable cuisine. Pick up a book from the library and enjoy it with locally brewed coffee.

It's a place for you to reconnect with nature, and in doing so, reconnect with yourself.





AN UNEXPLORED HEAVEN IN TAMIL NADU'S BACKYARD





A place where nature's grace and an artist's imagination come together – that's one of the best ways to describe Isla's Ridge.

Named after Isla Van Damme, also known as 'LouLou,' an internationally acclaimed designer, the bungalow is perched above a tranquil ridge with vistas stretching over the Tamil Nadu plains.

Twin buildings house rooms, a kitchen, a dining room, and a living space. Each piece, from the furnishings to the decor, tells a captivating story and embody a seamless fusion of casual charm and chic sophistication, meticulously curated by Isla herself. Step outside, and you're greeted by a garden oasis, where a glistening pool mirrors the beauty of the valley beyond.

Take in the clear view of mountains and the expansive surroundings that seem to go on forever. It's a one-of-a-kind experience brought to life by a one-of-a-kind person.





MEET ISLA



Born in Kodaikanal in 1945, Isla is the epitome of elegance and grace. Her journey spans across Mumbai, Brussels, and London, where she made a name for herself before returning to her roots in Kodaikanal. Her penchant for the unique is evident in her curation of jewellery, antiques, and textiles. This has translated into fashion where Isla blends Indian fabrics with European styles, creating something out of the ordinary. Isla's Ridge is her vision come to life—a fusion of tradition, heritage, and culture set against the enchanting hills.

Isla's Ridge is not just another homestay. It's a masterpiece of sorts which makes it an ideal collaboration for CGH Earth which is always looking to give guests unique experiences.





WELCOME TO ISLA'S RIDGE

Every corner here is a sanctuary of serenity. The spacious rooms and inviting sit-out areas overlooking the vista are meticulously styled by Isla herself. As you step outside your room, be greeted by the gentle rustle of leaves and a refreshing breeze. It's nature's symphony in all its glory.



The bungalow is divided into ground and first-floor sections. The living room on the ground floor features a mix of furnishings like an antique centre table, coffee tables, and wooden and glass cupboards, creating a seamless blend of sophistication and homely comfort.

Each of the four bedrooms has a balcony that opens out to views of the hills. One of the rooms has a charming sit-out that opens onto the hills and the garden, allowing you to take in the magnificent views from multiple points.



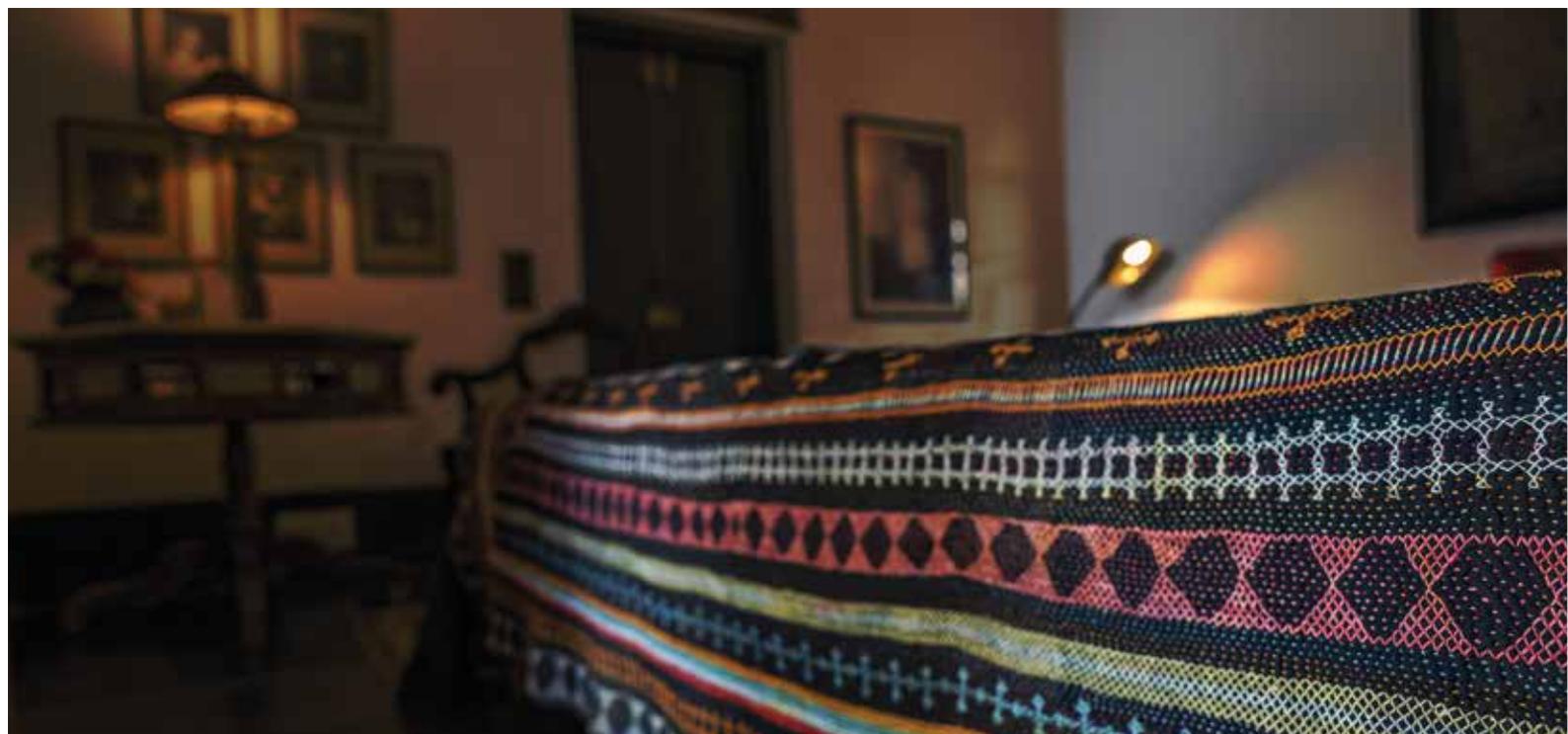
On the first floor, an outdoor space overlooks the swimming pool. Cozy sit-outs provide a stunning view of the hills where you can gaze at the stars and take in the grandeur of the Western Ghats.





Every glance out of the window is a reminder of the beauty that surrounds you, enticing you to stay a little longer.





ENJOY CULINARY ARTISTRY

The cuisine at Isla's Ridge reflects the place – thoughtful and sure to captivate your tastebuds.

Our eclectic menu is a testament to our commitment to sustainability and using local produce. It draws inspiration from Isla's Kitchen and the culinary traditions of CGH Earth. More importantly, personalised attention is given to each dish that is prepared by our chef.

The menu features a diverse range of cuisines, incorporating recipes inspired by Isla's own creations as well as traditional dishes from the Nilgiris, Tamil cuisine, and the historical Raj period. Every bite is accentuated by freshly harvested produce from our garden and farms in the nearby village.





Indulge in our serene indoor dining space or immerse yourself in outdoor views that elevate your dining experience to new heights. Every meal here is one for the memory books.



ACTIVITIES



Farm Visit

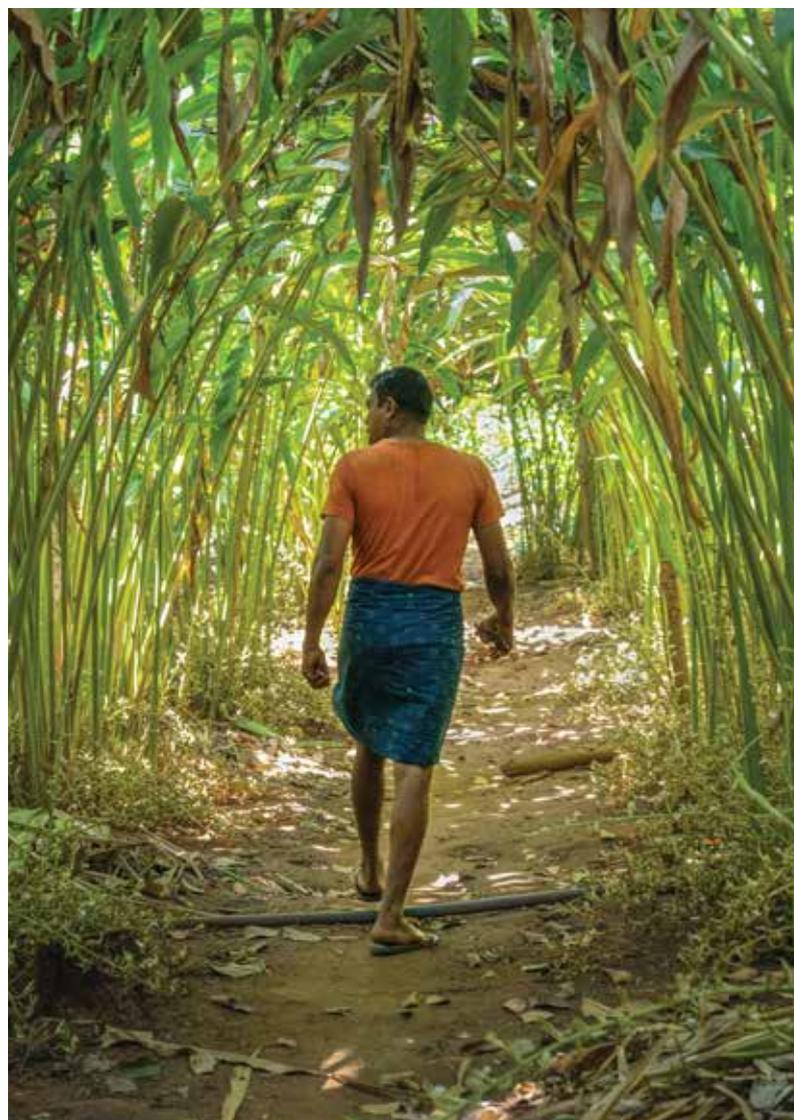
Cultivate a strong bond with animals by engaging with our delightful farm residents - majestic horses, gentle cow, hens, and even the friendly dogs. Take a leisurely ride through the property on a pony. Wander through our vegetable garden to uncover the origins of our chef's finest ingredients. It's a visit that will leave you feeling warm and fuzzy in more ways than one.





Outdoor Exploration

From the vibrant calls of Barbets and Cuckoos to the majestic displays of Peacocks, Munias, Bulbuls, and Parakeets, the valley is a haven for bird enthusiasts and nature lovers alike. Guided by locals immersed in the community and familiar with the hills, you'll unravel the secrets of the region, connecting with the natural wonders that define this valley.

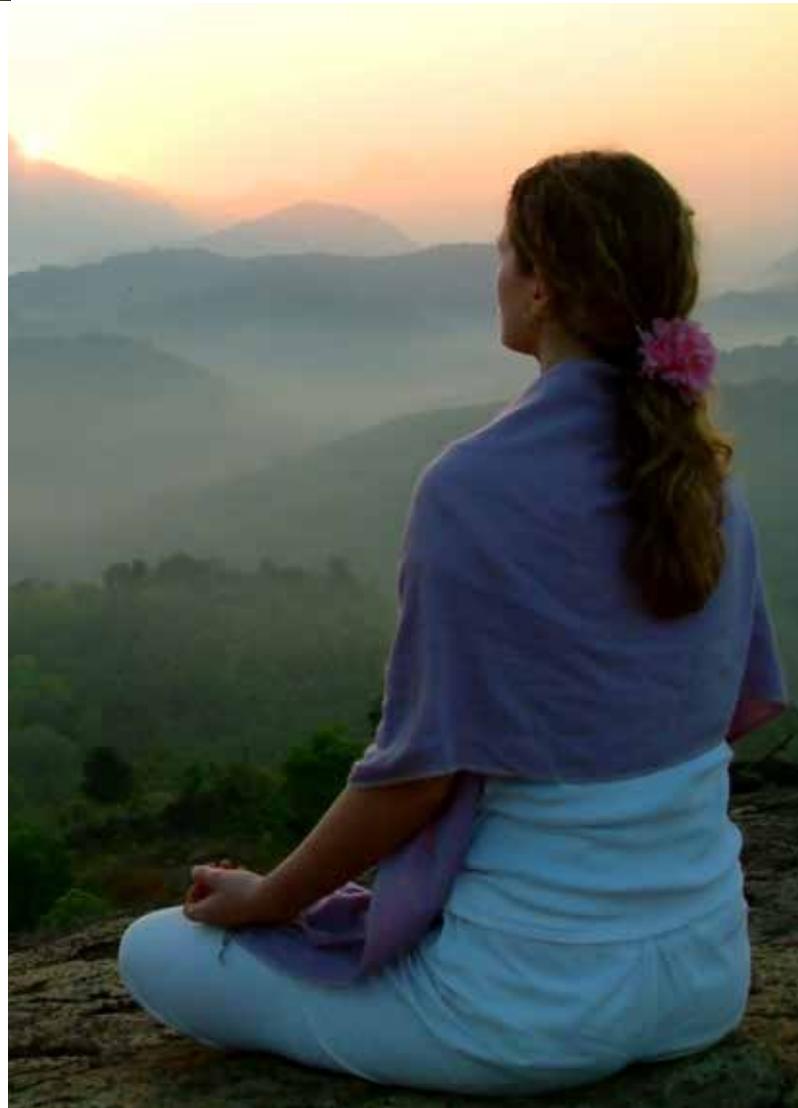
A man in an orange t-shirt and a blue sarong is walking away from the camera down a dirt path that winds through a dense plantation of tall, green plants, likely pepper trees. The path is shaded by the overhead canopy, and the ground is covered with fallen leaves and twigs.

Village and Plantation Visit

Take a peaceful stroll along the paths weaving through the lush plantations, where you can observe the laid-back rhythm of village life. Treat yourself to a warm cup of tea brewed in the age-old way at a local tea stall, then venture into the plantations to witness how the villagers gather and prepare pepper.

Retreats

Be it yoga, meditation, writing or cooking workshops, photography, or even official retreats, Isla's Ridge is a perfect getaway for a small group retreat. Whatever the occasion, the place will make it even more special.





Kodaikanal Town Visit

The town area is a treat for the senses. Browse through shops for artifacts and handicrafts to take back home, and don't forget to sample some local delicacies at any of the eateries. The Anna Salai market buzzes with activity, keeping you on your toes as you explore its bustling lanes. With numerous shops dotting the town, your shopping bag will undoubtedly be heavier when you return.

The town is a potpourri of experiences and the perfect place for you to immerse yourself in the local culture.

FACTSHEET

About

Just a couple of hills away from Kodaikanal, Isla's Ridge offers a beautiful getaway in nature's embrace. The home of a world-renowned designer, it invites you to wander its trails and discover hidden treasures in the lush greenery.

History

Isla Ridge is a tribute to its founder, Isla, who envisioned a sanctuary blending tradition, heritage, and culture against enchanting hills. Embraced by nature, every corner reflects her artistic spirit.



VILLA

Isla's Ridge



LOCATION

Kattakadu, Manjalparappu,
Perumparai.P.O. Attur,
Dindigul dist.,
Tamil Nadu – 624212



KEYS

5 Independent
Rooms



ARCHITECTURE/ DESIGN

Contemporary/
Bohemian



NUMBER OF ROOMS

5 Bedrooms



MEALS

Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner

Facilities

- 8 Seat Formal Dining Table
- Stunning valley view
- Organic garden
- Garden dining
- Kitchen/Pantry
- Daily housekeeping
- Swimming pool
- Drawing room/Library
- In-tvhouse chef/staff for service
- Free WIFI
- Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

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