



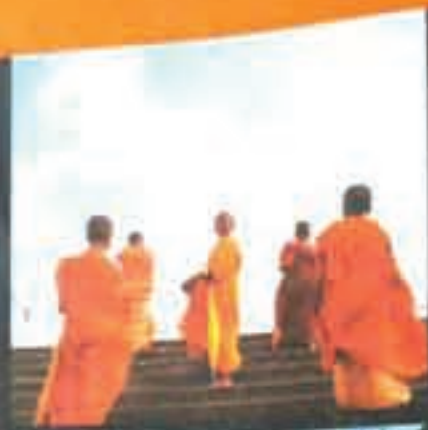
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# Alastair Sawday's

Special Places to Stay

## India & Sri Lanka



“The inimitable Alastair Sawday has turned his eye to the best that India has to offer.”

The Times

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Other place

Kerala



### Emerald Isle

A dug-out canoe ferries you across the Pamba river to the historic wooden bungalow that hides on a little island in the backwaters; all is birdsong and bountiful nature. A sprawling veranda dotted with wicker chairs hugs the contours of this idyllic heritage home, so settle in with a book and cup of sweet milky *chai*; this is a place to just 'be'. Furniture is dark and heavy and much of it original, even the hinges of the carved doors are teak. Vinod's great-grandfather renovated the place years ago and property deeds etched into 250-year-old palm leaves hang in the cool dark living room. Shower rooms are open to the sky and the food is truly delicious. Vinod is gentle and friendly, keen to share the history of this dreamy place. He can organise cookery classes, ayurvedic massage, an overnight trip on the backwaters (on his cousin's boat) or suggest ambles through a maze of canals to the paddy and coconut fields of the estate. Hammocks have been strategically placed en route... a delightfully soporific way to spend your time in India. *House boats available for rent at any time.*

- Price Full-board Rs5,000-Rs5,800.  
Peak season: August-April.
- Rooms 5 doubles.
- Meals Full-board only.
- Closed Rarely.
- Directions Directions on booking. Collection by boat from 'Chathurthiakary Kadav'.  
Airport: Kochi (95km, 2 hours).  
Train: Alappuzha (12km, 25 mins).



Price band: B

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