

Dewalokam Farmstay Retreat

For those doing a combination of the hectic and dusty temple circuit of the Tamil Nadu and South Kerala with the backwaters et al, is a perfect place to end your holiday and spend some relaxing time before flying home. Spend at least 2 days here relaxing in the abundant nature all around, enjoy the undiluted hospitality of your host Dr. AJ Jose and his wife Sinta. Both Jose and Sinta are professors of English Literature in a local college. Great value for money too.

We really liked the simplicity of the Dewalokam folks. Right from the owners to the staff everyone was polite, courteous and there was great deal of attention to detail. Nothing was made up and it came all naturally to them. The camphor burning in the raw coconut while the owners welcomed us was perfect and reminded us of how guests were welcomed in these parts of Kerala during the days of the yore.

Doing nothing in Dewalokam is totally acceptable. But should you want to indulge in some of their many activities ranging from yoga by the pool to plantation walks to angling to milking the cow in the farm; you can do it at your own pace, assisted by their eager staff.

It is the flexibility that we really liked. A

6 Things We Liked about



welcome change that most travellers will enjoy after their packed days elsewhere on their tour.

We liked the idea of Dewalokam maintaining an album which narrates the story of each and every staff member; all from nearby villages. Don't forget to say hello to this 80 year old lady who takes care of their entire plantation and stays all alone. Although she speaks only Malayalam; the local language, the glitter in her eyes and her smile is contagious and welcoming enough.

We liked their simple but beautiful Bamboo Raft. We were taken on a ride on the river Kaliyar with its lush greenery, which flows just 100 meters away from Dewalokam. The highlight was of course a swim at the Kaliyar river. Dewalokam has a swimming pool in spite of which we have seen our guests really enjoying a swim in the river. A perfectly safe and enjoyable experience.

