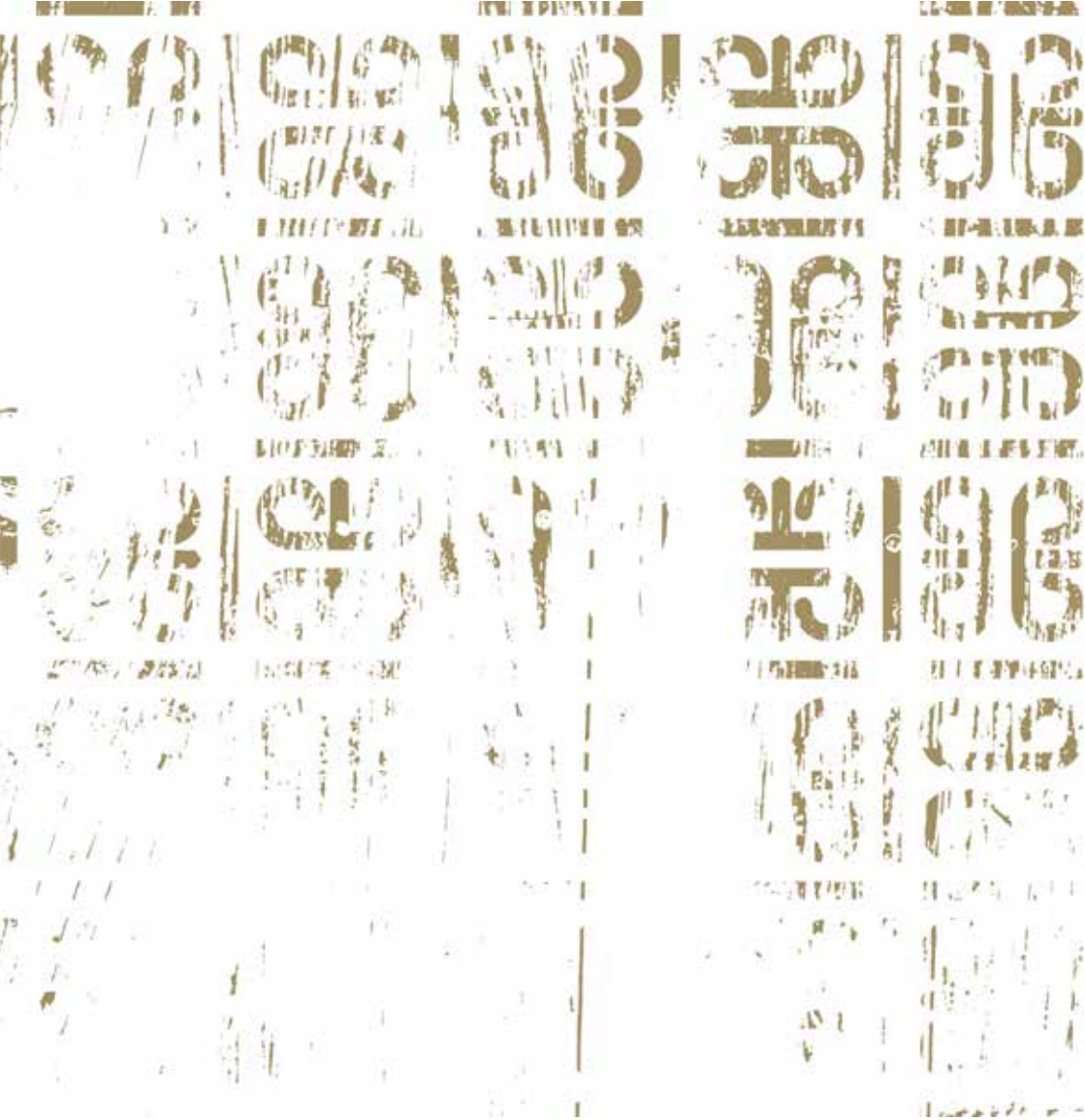






# discover

*{the definitive guide to the Nilgiris}*  
2017-2018



*Welcome to the Nilgiris!*

*At Isprava, we believe that the Nilgiris are the perfect holiday destination. We have explored its rich history and heritage and aim to bring it into our homes. The abundance of picturesque vistas along with its delectable fare leaves you with little time and much to do. It is no surprise that travel guides are replete with recommendations for tourists.*

*The Nilgiris are Isprava's second home and we personally wanted to help you make the most of your time here with our specially-curated, local-approved, 'Discover' - Isprava's definitive guide to the Nilgiris. This guide is filled with everything from little-known tips and tricks for navigating these spectacular hills, to our inner knowledge of popular cafes and restaurants, events, tourist attractions, clubs and getaways.*

*Whether you are an equestrian enthusiast, nature lover or golf fanatic, we hope that our 'Discover' will be your guide to the first of your many experiences and memories.*

*Regards,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Shah', written in a fluid, cursive style.

*Nibhrant Shah  
founder and CEO, Isprava*





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Albany Cottage, Façade Rendering

*Isprava's Nilgiris*

*It's not just a destination in the hills.*

*It's an **enigma** that will lure you in.*

*For its climate, revered as the best in the world.*

*For its untouched, unexplored and pristine beauty.*

*For its rich culture and abundant nature.*

*For its panoramic peaks and peace loving people.*

*Isprava couldn't resist.*

*It commanded our attention.*

*Made us admirers.*

*Compelled us to make it ours.*

*And add to it our sophisticated charm.*

*Isprava's Nilgiris is a place to desire.*

*Until you make it yours.*



## *{getting to the Nilgiris}*

'The Nilgiris', which in literal terms means 'Blue Mountains' forms a part of the Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala. It is home to three of the most enchanting hill stations in India: Coonoor, Kotagiri and Ootacamund (Ooty). The easiest way to get to the Nilgiris is to fly to Coimbatore International Airport.





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## *{Journey from Coimbatore Airport}*

Within a minute of getting out of the Coimbatore International Airport, one can reach Annapoorna, a large and bustling restaurant where you can start your trip with authentic South Indian food.

The journey to either Coonoor or Kotagiri via Mettupalayam would take about two hours. You can also access Kotagiri via Coonoor or vice versa.

The drive from Mettupalayam as one comes up to the Nilgiris is immensely picturesque and several natural waterfalls can be seen along the way.

**Isprava Tips:** The Laws Falls is a major attraction, especially during the monsoon.

To book a car service from the Coimbatore International Airport you can contact Dinesh at 9488065722 or you can choose the age old traditional way and experience "The Nilgiri Mountain Railway".



## *{the Nilgiri Mountain Railway}*

The Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) is a treasured element and fabled charm of the Nilgiris since 1899. This Nilgiri rail system is unique as it is the steepest in Asia. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2005.

A century after it first attracted travelers, the Nilgiri Mountain toy train continues to inspire; weaving through forests, moving through time, along the valleys and into the little dark winding tunnels, round the bends, up the gradients, through the glens, trees and birds. The journey originates in Coimbatore and passes through Coonoor and Wellington while on its way to Udhagamandalam, which is the final destination.





*{hotels and clubs}*



**THE TAJ GATEWAY HOTEL**

The Gateway Hotel, Coonoor is the perfect place to unwind for both business travellers and leisure seekers. Nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of the Nilgiris, each room provides panoramic vistas of the exotic location. Coupled with contemporary facilities and a warm and friendly service, The Gateway Hotel, Coonoor ensures a truly comfortable stay. You will always hear guests speak highly of their hospitality, restaurant and spa.

Coonoor: 5 minute drive  
Kotagiri: 30 minute drive  
Ooty: 45 minute drive  
Coimbatore Airport: 2 hour 15 minute drive



**KURUMBA VILLAGE RESORT**

This jungle resort is amidst an off-trail, untouched and luxurious world in sync with nature. Named after a forgotten tribe Kurumba, this resort is a tribute to the ancient clan that co-existed happily with nature in this hot spot of great biodiversity. This resort has been built artfully on a 10 acre former spice plantation, sculpted into a hill.

Isprava Tips: Do not miss their seven course spice infused menu at the Tree Top Dining. Delve into your inner self at their Ayurshala. And on a gloomy evening, do try their Chai Kada.

Coonoor: 30 minute drive  
Kotagiri: 1 hour drive  
Ooty: 1 hour drive  
Coimbatore Airport: 1 hour 45 minute drive



### THE WELLINGTON GYMKHANA CLUB

Wellington Gymkhana Club, one of the oldest clubs in the country, has a recorded history of a century. The Club has affiliations with numerous other prestigious clubs, in India and abroad. The main attractions of the club are its sylvan surroundings, sprawling golf course and an inescapable spell of history it casts on the visitors. Wellington Gymkhana Club is 69 acres of pure bliss, where nature and history are a part of the menu.

Isprava Tips: All golf fanatics can enjoy a great game by paying a nominal fee at the Golf Hut. While you are at it, do try out Café Diem for some great food and an amazing view.

Coonoor: 3 minute drive  
Kotagiri: 30 minute drive  
Ooty: 35 minute drive



### THE OOTY GYMKHANA CLUB

The Ooty Gymkhana Club, situated on the rolling Wenlock Downs at a height of 7000 ft above sea level, is one of the finest natural golf courses in the world. Surrounded by the Avalanchi range and a heavily wooded tree line that consists of eucalyptus, oak, rhododendron and fir, Ooty Golf is an idyllic course to play in the midst of thick woods.

Established in the 18th century, The Ooty Gymkhana Club is now affiliated with prestigious clubs across the world and thus brings together golf enthusiasts from all over.

Coonoor: 45 minute drive  
Kotagiri: 50 minute drive  
Ooty: 5 minute drive



### THE COONOOR CLUB

Spread across 5 acres, The Coonoor Club, is a landmark club in the Nilgiris. Established in the 19th century, this was a small club with a few tennis courts. Over the years The Coonoor Club has come a long way in memberships and facilities. It is a "Members Only" club but, is also well connected and affiliated with other clubs all over the country. One could either go as a local member's guest or can use his affiliation card there to enjoy games like Badminton, Tennis, Billiards, Snooker and Cards at the same time unwind and relax at a well-stocked friendly bar.

Coonoor: 2 minute drive  
Kotagiri: 30 minute drive  
Ooty: 45 minute drive



### THE OOTACUMAND CLUB

Built by the British in the 18th century, as you step into this iconic club, you will be transported back in time with its panelled walls, parquet flooring and rosewood furniture.

The Club has 15 residential chambers that retain the old world charm with modern amenities, just like every Isprava home!

The Ootacumand Club has reciprocal arrangements with various such clubs across the world.

Isprava Tips: A worthy experience would be sitting on the lawns adjoining the chambers and sipping on high-grown Nilgiri tea.

Coonoor: 45 minute drive  
Kotagiri: 45 minute drive  
Ooty: 5 minute drive



*{tourist attractions}*

### DOLPHIN'S NOSE

This curiously-named viewpoint, about 10km from Coonoor is popular with locals and tourists alike. On a good day, you can gaze down the valley at the city. Lamb's Rock, further along the road, is an amazing spot for a family picnic with unparalleled views of tea and coffee plantations.

Coonoor: 15 minute drive

Kotagiri: 45 minute drive

Ooty: 1 hour drive



### SIM'S PARK

This is an unusual park-cum-botanical garden that was developed around the natural contours of the land more than a hundred years ago by Mr. J.D. Sims and Major Murray. Naturally occurring trees, shrubs and creepers are in the park, as are many unusual species of plants that have been brought in from a variety of places around the world. The highlight of this park is an annual fruit show and vegetable show, that are held in the month of May.

Coonoor: 2 minute drive

Kotagiri: 30 minute drive

Ooty: 45 minute drive







### DROOG FORT

Droog Fort once served as an outpost of the king of Mysore, and today is a popular picnic spot in the Nilgiris that is reached at the end of an exhilarating trek. However, what now remains of the fort is a watchtower, but the sweeping views and the possibility of glorious bird sightings make it a must-visit.

Coonoor: 30 minute drive  
 Kotagiri: 50 minute drive  
 Ooty: 1 hour drive

### CATHERINE FALLS

Catherine Falls is a picturesque, double cascaded waterfall situated in Kotagiri. This breathtaking location including the trekking trail leading to it, is a must visit



while you are in this part of the elegant Nilgiri Hills.

Coonoor: 30 minute drive  
 Kotagiri: 5 minute drive  
 Ooty: 1 hour drive

### KODANAD VIEW POINT

After a scenic drive to Kotagiri, you reach this quaint location that offers views of the entire Kodanad Estate, Toda Temples and the Rangaswamy Peak.

Isprava Tips: Do visit the small shops run by the local tribes. The traditional embroidery with vibrant colors on their shawls, stoles and other products is unbelievable.

Coonoor: 1 hour drive  
 Kotagiri: 20 minute drive  
 Ooty: 1 hour 15 minute drive

Nilgiris. Be it spending quality time with your family, boating in a crystal clear lake, pony riding or just sitting amidst pure serenity, this lake is a must visit when in Ooty.

Coonoor: 45 minute drive  
 Kotagiri: 50 minute drive  
 Ooty: 3 minute drive



### OOTY LAKE

Spread across 65 acres, Ooty Lake is one of the most visited spots in the







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*{events}*

**FRUIT & VEGETABLE SHOW**

Spanning over 2 days, this annual fruit and vegetable show is conducted at Sim's Park in Coonor, during the last week of May. The event is organized by the department of Horticulture and is being held every year since 1964. This landmark show attracts over 25,000 attendees. A special Vegetable Show is also conducted annually at the Nehru Park in Kotagiri.

Coonor: 2 minute drive  
 Kotagiri: 30 minute drive  
 Ooty: 45 minute drive

**FLOWER SHOW**

This show is held at the Botanical Garden in Ooty annually, during the third week of May. More than 250 exhibitors display over 150 different varieties of flowers. This vibrant show was first conducted in 1896 and today sees over 150,000 attendees every year.

Coonor: 45 minute drive  
 Kotagiri: 45 minute drive  
 Ooty: 10 minute drive



**DOG SHOW**

Organized by the South of India Kennel Club (SIKC), the Dog Show is held at the Government Arts College ground in Ooty. One of the most looked-forward to events of the season, this show hosts over 400 different breeds of dogs that come from all over the country.

Coonor: 40 minute drive  
 Kotagiri: 45 minute drive  
 Ooty: 10 minute drive

**BOAT RACE**

Organized at the Ooty Lake and conducted over 2 days, the Boat Race and Pageantry is one of the most popular events in May. Being a famous tradition in South India, it not only helps bring people together but also helps keep up an age old tradition in the most authentic way.

Coonor: 45 minute drive  
 Kotagiri: 50 minute drive  
 Ooty: 3 minute drive

**NILGIRIS' HORSE RACING SEASON**

Nilgiris' horse racing season has been a summer attraction for years. Hundreds of horses arrive for this two month long show. The racing season usually commences on the auspicious Tamil New Year's day, a tradition associated with the hills since the British regime.

Coonor: 45 minute drive  
 Kotagiri: 50 minute drive  
 Ooty: 5 minute drive





Here are a few restaurants, that are so unique to the Nilgiris and so varied in flavours, you'd be forgiven for thinking that you just went on a culinary trip around the world. From fancy to rustic, from gourmet to local, these restaurants are high on any tourist's list for their delicious food, cozy and quaint ambience along with some unique experiences.

*{restaurants}*

### THE CULINARIUM

Cuisine: European  
Address: Bicketty, Tamil Nadu 643202  
Contact Number: +91-423-251 7293  
Isprava Recommends: Quiches, Pot Pies & Chocolate Éclairs



### CAFÉ DIEM

Cuisine: French  
Address: 2A Kotagiri Road, Bandi Sholai, Coonoor, Tamil Nadu 643102  
Contact Number: 9845001111  
Isprava Recommends: Lemon Tart, Pasta & the thin crust Pizza



### TEA COUNTY RESTAURANT

Cuisine: Italian  
Address: Donnington Road, Kotagiri, Tamil Nadu 643217  
Contact Number: 7598070700  
Isprava Recommends: Burgers, Banana Walnut cake and their refreshing Milkshakes







### SHINKOWS

Cuisine: Chinese, Asian  
Address: 38/83, Commissioners Road, Opp. SBI, Upper Baazaar, Ooty 643001  
Contact Number: +91-423-2442811  
Isprava Recommends: Sweet corn soup, chilly pork and fried rice.



### THE TANDOOR HUT

Cuisine: Indian  
Address: Kotagiri, Tamil Nadu 643217  
Contact Number: 9488085059  
Isprava Recommends: Tandoori Chicken and Kathi Rolls

### TEA AND SPICES

Special Tea of the Nilgiris, Aromatic oils and Spices of South India are popular take aways from here and if you ask us, M/s. Vishal Marketing Co. in Coonoor, is the place to go.  
Contact Number: +91-423-2232500 / 9443524125

### LA MAISON

Cuisine: French  
Address: Kotagiri, Tamil Nadu 643214  
Contact Number: +91-4266-273347  
Isprava Recommends: Make sure you reach out a day in advance



### BEVINA

Cuisine: Multi-Cuisine  
Address: Ooty Mettupalayam Road, Coonoor 643102  
Contact Number: 9443998886  
Isprava Recommends: Buffet and Desserts

### OPEN KITCHEN

Cuisine: Italian  
Address: House no 27, Club Road, Gray's Hill, Coonoor, Tamil Nadu 643101  
Contact Number: 9823102971  
Isprava Recommends: They serve the best pizzas in town. Try the Breakfast Pizza







Facade, Villa Cecelia, Goa

*{the isprava difference}*

**I**sprava launched in 2013 with the singular aim of becoming a global leader in the luxury holiday home segment. Built on the pillars of exclusivity, comfort and integrity, we at Isprava believe we can accomplish this goal by staying true to these defining principles. But we also realise it takes more than pillars and principles to make an impactful difference. It takes great relationships. That is why when you become a part of

the Isprava story, you become a part of the family. At Isprava, we understand that buying a home involves many considerations. Whether it is a retirement retreat, a holiday escape or a home away from home, it needs to be an exclusive, unique and secure purchase. A valued investment that is equipped with the best-in-class facilities, amenities and services. A place you can call your own. At Isprava, we strive to embrace the highest benchmarks to deliver all this and more...



#### SIGNATURE AESTHETICS

We don't just build beautiful houses, we craft homes that redefine luxury. Ones that are comfortable yet elegant, ones that showcase traditional techniques with a contemporary outlook and those that exude global style sensitivities and yet feature the charm of the region. At Isprava, each home is different from the other. **Each home has it's own unique story to tell.**





Sit out, Villa Verde, Goa

## FURNISHING, FACILITIES & AMENITIES

At Isprava, we deliver a promise of exclusivity, comfort and integrity. Each Isprava home includes a unique blend of taste, scale, style and comfort. A layout offering abundant natural light, great views, high ceilings, maximum ventilation and liveable space. Plush, verdant, manicured lawns and a private pool. Complete furnishing, bespoke soft furnishings, custom designed artisanal tiles and all white goods. **At Isprava all you have to do, is arrive!**



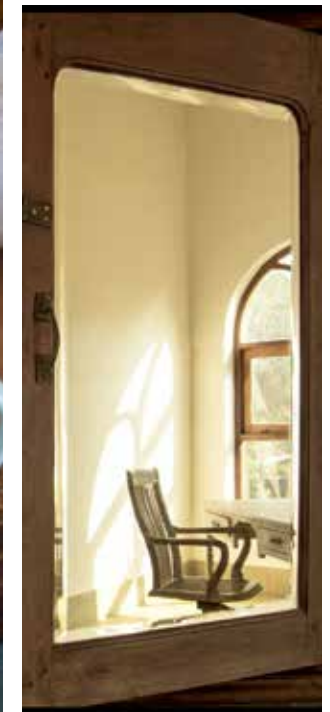
## THE ISPRAVA CONCIERGE

We don't just respond to requests, we anticipate them and surpass all expectations. Whether its arranging for a yacht, or indulgent massage, yoga services or even a personal chef, we will oblige. Isprava's dedicated guest relationship teams will ensure you're never left in need. They will give you unlimited access to exclusive privileges. **And make your holiday home experience one to remember.**



## SEAMLESS PURCHASE EXPERIENCE

We don't just sell you a home, we provide you with a seamless experience. We have designed a full proof and transparent purchasing process. One that entails up-to-date paperwork and documentation, on time completion of projects, fully approved land clearances and the most stringent adherence to all guidelines. **Isprava's commitment to their clients is inherent and purchase experience unlike any other.**







Bedroom, Villa Evora, Goa

### CONVENIENT RENTING OUT PROTOCOL

At Isprava, we create great investment opportunities for you. We appreciate the potential in renting out our properties and hence cater to make this possible in a convenient manner. We identify your needs and assist you with all relevant resources. **We always assure the finest assistance.**



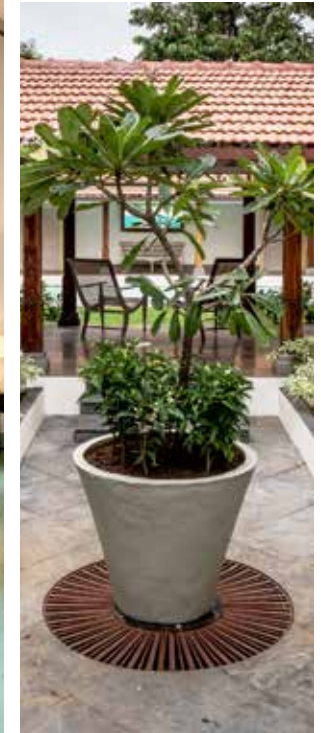
### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

We don't just give you a luxury property, we extend complimentary property management services. Our team including a property manager, guest relationship manager, electrician, plumber, gardener, pool maintenance staff, security guard, car and driver **is always at your service.**



### SOCIAL AWARENESS & ACTION

We don't just strive to make a difference in your life, we also want to make a difference in the world. By taking up socially responsible initiatives ourselves, we encourage all our home owners and renters to partake in these activities too. Be it waste and garbage management, animal welfare initiatives or conducting ethical labour practises, **Isprava believes in a sustainable way forward.**



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