

KERALA TOUR PACKAGE

(8Nights/9Days)



Kerala, a state on India's tropical Malabar Coast, has nearly 600km of Arabian Sea shoreline. It's known for its palm-lined beaches and backwaters, a network of canals. Inland are the Western Ghats, mountains whose slopes support tea, coffee and spice plantations as well as wildlife. National parks like Eravikulam and Periyar, plus Wayanad and other sanctuaries, are home to elephants, langur monkeys and tigers.

TRIP AT A GLANCE

Day 1: Arrival Cochin

Day 2: Cochin

Day 3: Cochin-Munnar

Day 4: Munnar

Day 5: Munnar- Thekkady

Day 6: Thekkady

Day 7: Thekkady-Alleppey- Kovalam

Day 8: Kovalam

Day 9: Tvm Departure

Day 01: ARRIVAL AT COCHIN

On the day of arrival, meet our representative and proceed for Check in. Later, proceed for a day



long variety sessions of interactions with local community. First the group will visit a lower primary school, owned and aided by the State Govt. Of Kerala. The group will get an opportunity to interact with the small students and their teachers.

Later visit a local Women Empowerment Unit locally named as “Kudumbashree”. The time spend here will help you understand how the women in the local community have evolved themselves to be self-sufficient. Later return back to Hotel

❖ Overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 02: COCHIN



After breakfast, proceed for sightseeing in Fort Kochi. You will first proceed to Mattancherry, where you will visit the oldest Jewish Synagogue in India (Closed on Friday and Saturday) built by a thriving Jewish community in 1568 A.D. Now the community has dwindled in numbers, however the synagogue is beautifully preserved. The Dutch Palace (Closed on Friday) at Mattancherry was built in 1555 and its coronation hall and murals at Ramayana are noteworthy features. From Jewish Synagogue you will visit Chinese fishing nets. The cantilevered

fishing nets line the entrance to the harbour mouth. Continue your tour to the St. Francis Church (Closed on Sunday during Mass), originally named after Santo Antonio and dedicated to him as the Patron Saint of Portugal. Five Portuguese priests who arrived with Albuquerque built St. Francis church in 1510. This church, said to be the oldest European church built in India, was the original burial site of Vasco da Gama in 1524. Rest of the day at leisure.

❖ Overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 03: COCHIN- MUNNAR



After breakfast, drive to Munnar. Arrive Munnar and check in to the hotel. Munnar is the nature-lover's paradise. Snuggling in the green and serene Kannan Devan Hills lies the quiet and restful resort of Munnar. Panoramic views of low-flying clouds and mist filled valleys make it a pretty little heaven with a cool bracing climate. It was opened up out of virgin forests a century ago by pioneering planters.

Rest of the day will be at leisure.

- ❖ Overnight stay at Hotel

Day 04: MUNNAR

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Later proceed for a morning sightseeing trip of Munnar; visiting the Eravikulam National Park where you can see the very rare mountain goats locally called the Nilgiri Thar, visit Mattupetty Dam which offers many fascinating sights to relish. The Shola forests around Mattupetty are ideal for trekking and bird watching, with the variety of birds found there. Kundala is a picturesque town located at the confluence of three mountain streams namely Mudrapuzha, Nallathanni and Kundala. Enroute visit Echo Point, View Point & green carpet of Tea Gardens. Late afternoon, you will go for a stroll in Tea Estates. Meet the local people engaged in tea Industry. Evening will be at leisure.

- ❖ Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 05: MUNNAR-THEKKADY



After buffet breakfast at the hotel proceed to Thekkady, which is also known as Periyar. Upon arrival, proceed for check-in at your hotel. Later indulge in activities like Kalaripayattu or Kathakali, Spice Plantation visit, Ayurveda massage. Kalaripayattu is an Indian martial art and fighting system that originated in Kerala. It is considered to be the oldest martial art in existence, with its origin dating back to the 3rd century BCE. Kathakali is one of the major forms of classical Indian dance. It is a "story play" genre of art, but one distinguished by the elaborately colorful make-up, costumes and facemasks that the traditionally male actor-

dancers wear.

- ❖ Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 06: THEKKADY



After buffet breakfast at the hotel proceed to Thekkady, which is also known as Periyar. Upon arrival, proceed for check-in at the hotel. Afternoon, proceed to **Periyar National Park** to view the wildlife **by boats**. (Optional) Set in the heart of the Cardamom Hills of Kerala the Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve, offers a rare opportunity to enjoy South India's wild life and beauty. The park has a picturesque lake at the heart of the sanctuary. Herds of elephant and sambar, Gaur and wild pigs and wander down to the lakeside and can be observed from the

launches that cruise the lake. Periyar also harbours the leopard, wild dog, barking deer and mouse deer. On the rocky outcrops along the lake, monitor lizards can be seen basking in the sun.

❖ Overnight stay at Hotel

Day 07: THEKKADY-ALLEPPEY-KOVALAM



After early breakfast drive to Alleppey (138KM / 04 Hour), On Arrival check in to the House Boat. Alleppey (Alappuzha) district occupies a prominent place in the tourist map of Kerala interlocked with lakes and canals. The Vembanad Lake stretching up to Kochi, the rivers Achankovil, Manimala and Pamba and a network of canals in the district are used for inland navigation. On arrival, check into houseboat and spend the day at leisure. Houseboat cruise is the best way to explore the beauty of

backwaters. Later Check out of the Houseboat and proceed to Kovalam

❖ Overnight stay at Hotel

Day 08: KOVALAM



After Breakfast, rest of the day is at leisure for own beach activities. Kovalam is a small coastal town in the southern Indian state of Kerala, south of Thiruvananthapuram. At the southern end of Lighthouse Beach is a striped lighthouse with a viewing platform. Palm-backed beaches also include Hawa Beach and Samudra Beach.

❖ **Overnight stay at Hotel.**

Day 09: TRIVANDRUM SIGHTSEEING- DEPARTURE



After breakfast at hotel and drive to Trivandrum. Visit Napier Museum, Sri Chitra Art Gallery, Zoo, Padmanabhapuram Palace. Padmanabhapuram Palace is a Travancore era palace located in Padmanabhapuram, Padmanabhapuram is the former capital city of the erstwhile Hindu Kingdom of Travancore. Later proceed for your return journey