

Detailed Itinerary**Day 01: ARRIVE COCHIN (Normal check-in time at hotel is 1400 Hrs)**

Today arrival at Cochin airport, meet and greet by our representative. Later, assistance and transfer to hotel.

Kochi (Cochin) Being a major harbor from the times of the British and Portuguese, Cochin has a rich heritage of forts, churches and temples.

Kochi (colonial name Cochin) is a vibrant city situated on the south-west coast of the Indian peninsula in the breathtakingly scenic and prosperous state of Kerala, hailed as 'God's Own Country'. Its strategic importance over the centuries is underlined by the sobriquet Queen of the Arabian Sea. Informally, Cochin is also referred to as the Gateway to Kerala. From time immemorial, the Arabs, British, Chinese, Dutch, and Portuguese have left indelible marks on the history and development of Cochin. Over the years, Cochin has emerged as the commercial and industrial capital of Kerala and is perhaps the second most important city on the west coast of India (after Mumbai/Bombay). Cochin is proud of its world class port and international airport that link it to many major cities worldwide. Overnight in Cochin

Day 02: COCHIN

After breakfast visit the ancient marvel which gives you an overview of the political, religious and commercial developments of the city. Some of the major attractions of the city are the Dutch Palace, was built by the Portuguese and presented to the Cochin Raja in 1555 AD. 17th century murals depicting scenes from the Indian epic, the Ramayana, can be seen here

Jewish Synagogue, built in 1568 AD contains Grand Scrolls of the Old Testament and the copper plates containing the privileges granted to the Jews by the Cochin rulers. The floor of the synagogue is paved with exquisite Chinese hand painted tiles.

Fort Kochi, St. Francis Church, St Francis Church, built originally by the Portuguese in 1510 AD is believed to be the first church built by Europeans in India. Vasco da Gama was originally buried here.

Chinese fishing nets can be seen at the entrance of the harbour. This technique of catching fish was taught by the Chinese through trade contact. These nets along the back-waters are a fascinating sight. Also visit Santa Cruz Basilica, Dutch Cemetery & Wilingdon Island.

In the evening transfer to theater for Kathakali dance show, which is must to see in Cochin

Kathakali is a highly stylized classical Indian dance-drama noted for the attractive make-up of characters, elaborate costumes, detailed gestures and well-defined body movements presented in tune with the anchor playback music and complementary percussion. It originated in the country's present day state of Kerala during the 17th century and has developed over the years with improved looks, refined gestures and added themes besides more ornate singing and precise drumming. Overnight in Cochin

Day 03: COCHIN – MUNNAR (135 Kms / 04 ½ Hrs drive approx)

Morning: Drive to Munnar (135 kms/04½ hrs). On arrival in Munnar, check in at hotel.

Munnar (1,524 M) is the highest town of Kerala, with a cool, bracing climate exuding an old-world charm. The atmosphere is fragrant with extensive tea and cardamom plantations. There are enchanting high ranges, lakes and streams and beautiful view of low-lying clouds and the mist-filled valleys. Overnight in Munnar

Day 04: MUNNAR

After breakfast we will leave the plains and head for the hills. Munnar is Kerala's premier hill station, built around the tea industry. The tea estates here have meant that a 'tea culture' spawned by the British still is in place, with most of the land under the control of the tea companies. The Sholas or high altitude montane evergreen forests are typical to the Western Ghats and considered biologically extremely fragile. Our treks will pass through countless Sholas & rolling grasslands
Later we also visit tea plantation and factory. See how tea is grown, hand-picked and processed and taste some of the best tea.

Overnight in Munnar

Day 05: MUNNAR – PERIYAR (100 Kms / 03 Hrs drive approx)

Morning Drive to Periyar (100 kms/03 hrs) and on arrival, check in at hotel.

Periyar Tiger Reserve, 777 sq km in area is set in a rich, mixed deciduous forest, interspersed with open areas of tall grass. Periyar has a splendid artificial lake dotted with snags of dead wood, which provide a perch for water birds; darter, grey heron, egret and kingfisher. It is one of the finest habitats for the Asiatic elephant. These enormous mammals swim in the waters and streams and usually they can be observed during the boat ride. Periyar also holds, apart from Tiger leopard, sambar, wild dog, barking deer, the lion tailed macaque, the Nilgirilangur. The forest harbours a variety of woodland birds. Boat travel is the only means of transport in the Sanctuary.

Afternoon: Boat ride in Lake Periyar to watch wildlife. Overnight in Periyar

Day 06: PERIYAR

Morning depart for a spice plantation tour. Wear closed shoes - it feels like a jungle walk. Spices growing here include vanilla, black pepper, cloves, cardamom, nutmeg and mace, surrounded by coconut palms, bananas and jackfruit. Back to the resort for overnight stay. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Periyar

Day 07: PERIYAR – KUMARAKOM – HOUSEBOAT (130 Kms / 03 ½ Hrs drive approx)

Morning check-out and drive to Kumarakom and switch over to House Boat and cruise along the backwater towards Alleppey. The cruise would take you through villages, paddy fields, markets etc.

Kumarakom is popularly known as the rice bowl of Kerala. A huddle of tiny islets on the Vembanad Lake, Kumarakom is a pictorial, unsoiled village. An incredibly stunning ecstasy of mangrove forests, pea green paddy meadows and coconut coppices intermingled with enthralling waterways and canals. Kumarakom, located on the Southern coast of India enjoys a proportionate tropical weather. Overnight on House Boat

Day 08: ALLEPPEY – KOVALAM (160 Kms. / 05 Hrs drive approx)

After breakfast disembark from houseboat and drive to Kovalam.

Kovalam has three crescent shaped beaches separated by rocky outcroppings. Shallow waters stretching for hundreds of meters are ideal for swimming. The beaches have steep palm covered headlands and are lined with shops that offer all kinds of goods and services.

Arrive Kovalam check-in to your hotel. Rest of the day free for leisure or Indulge in Ayurveda. Overnight in Kovalam

Day 09: KOVALAM

After breakfast - rest of the day free for leisure or Indulge in Ayurveda. Overnight in Kovalam

Day 10: KOVALAM

After breakfast - rest of the day free for leisure or Indulge in Ayurveda. Overnight in Kovalam

Day 11: KOVALAM – TRIVANDRUM - DEPT

This day dept transfer to Trivandrum airport to board your flight for onward journey.....

Prices are per person in U.S. Dollars:

Day	Itinerary	Hotels mentioned below or Similar	
		04*Hotels	05*Hotels
Day 01	Arrive Cochin	Beaumonde Fem Hotel	Crowne Plaza
Day 02	Cochin	Beaumonde Fem Hotel	Crowne Plaza
Day 03	Cochin / Munnar	Windermere Estate	Windermere Estate
Day 04	Munnar	Windermere Estate	Windermere Estate
Day 05	Munnar / Periyar	Cardamom County	Greenwood
Day 06	Periyar	Cardamom County	Greenwood
Day 07	Periyar / Kumarakom / Houseboat	Houseboat	Houseboat
Day 08	Alleppey / Kovalam	Travancore Heritage	The Leela
Day 09	Kovalam	Travancore Heritage	The Leela
Day 10	Kovalam	Travancore Heritage	The Leela
Day 11	Kovalam / Trivandrum / Depart	Check Out	Check Out

Minimum Paying Pax	04* Hotels	05*Hotels
02 Pax	US \$ 919 Per Person	US \$ 1022 Per Person
03 - 04 Pax	US \$ 862 Per Person	US \$ 965 Per Person
05 - 06 Pax	US \$ 819 Per Person	US \$ 921 Per Person
Single Room Supplement	US \$ 531	US \$ 637

INCLUDED

- Accommodation for 10 nights at the above mentioned hotels or similar hotels on twin sharing basis.
- All Hotels are on Bed & Breakfast Basis except in House Boat where all meals are included
- Arrival / Departure assistance by NAMASTE Representative at all places.
- Arrival / Departure transfers, sightseeing tours, excursions, intercity transfers using one air-conditioned car, covering driver allowance, toll tax, permit, interstate taxes, parking.
- Services of Private English speaking local guide in Cochin Munnar&Periyar as per the program Monument entrances to places of visitsKathkali dance show in Cochin
- Boat ride in Periyar
- All prevailing taxes

EXCLUDED

- Round Trip Ticket BEIRUT/NEW DELHI/BEIRUT
- Airport Taxes
- Visa Fees
- Travel Insurance 20\$ (obligatory)
- International Air Fare
- Any expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, tips, use of payable items in room mini bar, any kind of alcoholic non-alcoholic beverages

Booking Terms & Conditions

Payment conditions:

- 50% down payment upon reservation. Balance upon delivery of the documents.
- 100% payment is required for all bookings done 15 days before departure

Cancellation Policy:

- US\$200 per person upon reservation and up to 30 days prior to departure
- 50% of the package price in the event of withdrawal 29 to 15 days prior to departure date
- 100% of the package price in the event of withdrawal 14 to 0 days prior to departure

Modification Policy:

- US\$ 50.00 for any modification done to the package

N.B:

- Prices are subject to change without prior notice .
- Rooms & Airline seats are subject to availability at time of booking .
- This is only a quotation, no booking has been made .
- Prices are not valid during high season periods: Christmas & New Year, Ramadan, Adha...

Note: Please note in case of any revision on tax structure, air/ train fare or fuel price between now and time of travel the difference would be debited/ credited to you.

Hotel indicated in the list above would be the most preferred hotels for the tour. In case of rooms not available in the hotels in the list, we will provide alternative hotels of similar category.

Even the hotels of similar category of similar category are not equally priced. Therefore while booking alternative hotels if there is a difference in price the same will be charged as supplement. However, we will absorb marginal difference.

We reserve the right to revise the tour price in case of any substantial revision in government tax structure, fuel price or air/ train fare. However, we will absorb marginal difference.