



Kolorful Kerala

7 Nights 8 Days



Package Highlights

- ◆ Trip to Eravikulam National Park, Tea Plantation & Museum, Munnar
- ◆ Stay in Alleppey Backwaters and cruise in Kerala Backwaters
- ◆ Sunset cruise in Vembanad Lake, Kumarakom
- ◆ Kovalam Beaches, Napier Museum, Art Gallery & Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Trivandrum
- ◆ Excursion to Kanyakumari
- ◆ Sightseeing tours by Private Air-conditioned vehicles
- ◆ Start in Cochin and End in Trivandrum

Itinerary

Day 01 Arrival in Cochin.

Meet our representative upon arrival in Cochin and drive towards hotel to check-in. Cochin is amalgam of medieval Portugal, Holland and an English village grafted onto the tropical Malabar Coast. Enjoy city tour covering Mattanchery Palace- gifted to the king of Cochin, by Portuguese in 1555, about 500 year old Jewish Synagogue, Chinese fishing nets, local spices market followed by colorful performing art - Kathakali Dance. Later in the evening, return to the hotel for overnight stay.



Day 02 Drive from Cochin to Munnar (120 km/approx.).

After breakfast, check-out from hotel and drive to Munnar - derived its name from the confluence of the three rivers around which the town grew. Today, it offers beautiful vistas, cardamom and spice plantations, aromatic oil factories, sights of several endangered species and the purple-blue of the Neelakurinji flowers that bloom every 12 years. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel and spend evening at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 03 Sightseeing in Munnar.

Explore Eravikulam National Park, home to various elusive and endangered species. It is a great place to enjoy trekking and offers mind-blowing views of

the tea plantations. Later, proceed towards Tea Museum (closed on Monday), which gives an insight to the history of tea plantations of this region. Later visit Mattupetty Dam, Eco Point and Flower Garden. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 04 Munnar - Thekkady (90 kms / approx. 2.5 hours).

After breakfast, drive to Thekkady (Periyar) and on arrival check-in at the hotel. Enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Periyar. Set high in the ranges of the Western Ghats in Kerala, is the Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve. Periyar wildlife sanctuary has a picturesque lake at the heart of the sanctuary. Herds of playful wild elephants have made Periyar Lake their favorite haunt for frolicking in the water. They can be witnessed bathing and swimming here. Enjoy a boat ride on the lake to view the wildlife at close quarters. Other inhabitants of Periyar include the leopard, wild dog, barking deer, mouse deer, Nilgiri langur, bonnet macaque, sambhar, porcupines, squirrels, gaur (Indian bison), wild boar and sloth bear. Later, take a spice plantation tour. The aroma and pleasant ambiance of the spice and tea plantations of Periyar are fascinating. Spices found in Thekkady include pepper, clove, cardamom, nutmeg, ginger, turmeric, vanilla and curry leaves. In evening, watch traditional Kalaripayattu show. **(Optional) - You can also enjoy an elephant ride in Periyar.** Return to the hotel for overnight stay.



Day 05 Drive from Thekkady - Kumarakom (130 kms / approx. 3.5 hour)

After breakfast, check-out and proceed to Kumarakom - a charming emerald peninsula jutting into the picturesque Vembanad Lake dotted with innumerable traditional country rafts, boats and canoes. The fresh water of the lake flows into the mainland, making a labyrinth of lagoons, canals and waterways. Enjoy a sunset cruise in Vembanad Lake. Overnight at the backwater resort.



Day 06 Drive from Kumarakom - Kovalam (180 kms / approx. 4.5 hours)

After breakfast, drive towards south of Kerala, Kovalam-located close to the state capital Trivandrum, it is internationally famed for its palm-fringed beaches and rejuvenating centers. This coastal town initially came to notice with the construction of Halcyon Castle by the last Maharani of Travancore - Sethu Lakshmi Bayi. With the arrival of hippies in 1970s, the place gained recognition as a tourist destination and is today renowned for its 17 km-long coastline, which is formed by three beautiful beaches - Lighthouse, Hawah and Samudra. Upon arrival, check-in at hotel and spend rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Kovalam.



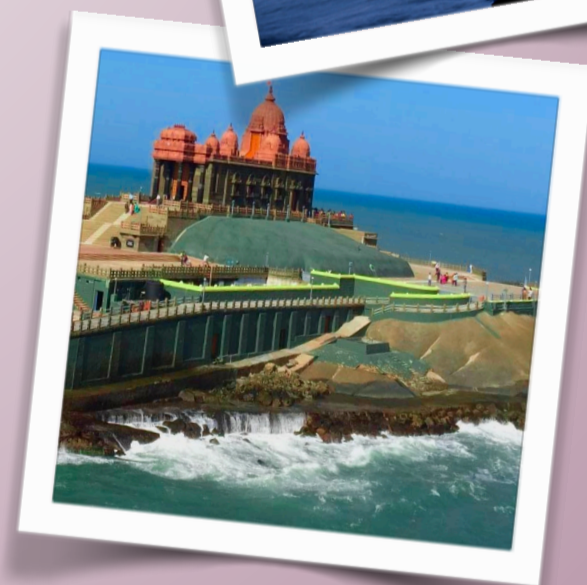
Day 07 Excursion to Kanyakumari, with Trivandrum sightseeing.

After breakfast, take excursion trip to Kanyakumari (One way - 85 kms / approx. 2.5 hours) - visit the Vivekananda Memorial, Gandhi Museum and southernmost point. While returning, also cover Napier Museum, Art Gallery and Padmanabhaswamy Temple. Return to Kovalam for overnight stay.



Day 08 Departure from Trivandrum.

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Trivandrum airport for return flight back home.



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