

KERALA

“Gods own country” is famous for its own peculiar kind of culture, tradition and localities. Kerala is the one of the place in India with full greenery. There are many beautiful places in kerala. The main places are Kumarakam, Athirappally Vazhachal, Guruvayoor temple, Munnar, Thekkady, Thripunuthara palace, Patmanabaswami temple and so on. We can see many elephants there especially at the time of Thrissur pooram. Even the food style is also different from other people which is so delicious with coconut ingredients.

It is a safest place and can see variety of martial arts. Kathakali, theyyam, kalaripayat, ottamthullal etc are the main traditional performances in kerala. The beauty of the kerala is speechless.



DAY 1: ARRIVE IN KOCHI

Kochi is a city in southwest India's coastal Kerala state located at bank of the Arabian Sea. It has been a port since 1341, when a flood carved out its harbor and opened it to Arab, Chinese and European merchants. Kochi is also Known as Queen Of Arabian Sea. In kochi there are various places to visit. Southern Naval Command is based at kochi kerala, which is the training command of the Indian Navy. A lot of hotels and Restaurants are available here for both food and accommodation so we can choose based on our budget. This place is lovely and one beautiful holiday destinations.

Arrive Kochin airport and meet our representative who will meet and assist you for your transfer to your hotel to make your trip the most memorable one. Check in at your hotel for refreshment. The whole day is free for you to relax city on your own.

Evening we are visit **Marine Drive**. Marine drive is also known a Queen necklace because of its curve shape. It is a popular hangout for the local populace. Also an economically thriving part of the city of Kochi. With several shopping malls it is as an important centre of shopping activity in Kochi. You can enjoy boating and the scenic beauty of backwater it is Calm atmosphere with a cool breeze. We can take a house boat ride from marine drive to Mattanchery.



DAY 2: KOCHI TO MUNNAR

After breakfast we are proceeding to Munnar. Enroute to munnar you can visit Thattekad which is a bird Sanctuary. On the way we can enjoy **vallara & cheeyappara falls**. The Cheeyappara and Valara Waterfalls are among the best trekking locations in Idukki district. There is a dense growth of trees all around and several rare species of plants and animals can be seen in the vicinity. The Cheeyappara Waterfalls gush down in seven tiers and are a truly spectacular sight to behold. Valara Waterfalls are known for the lush greenery surrounding it and is a lovely picnic location. After enjoying the scenery, you will be reaching Munnar by evening only.



Munnar the idyllic tourist destination in God's own country, which cannot be portrayed in a single canvas. Everything and anything here will make us excited. It serves as the commercial centre for some of the world's largest tea estates. In addition, Munnar has many protected areas which are home to endemic and highly endangered species like the Nilgiri Thar and the Neelakurinji.

Check in to munnar resort. You can take a evening walk at Hydel park. Overnight stay up there.

DAY 3: TEA ESTATE

After breakfast go for sightseeing at Munnar.

Munnar is an attractive destination with the world's best and renowned **tea estates**. There are more than 50 tea estates in and around Munnar. It is one of the biggest centers of tea trade in India. A must visit place if you have a spare day to spend in Munnar also good for the photographers.



ERAVIKULAM NATIONAL PARK OR MATTUPETTY

The most sought after destination in Munnar is the **Eravikulam National Park**, where the endangered Nilgiri Thar is protected. Spread over 97 sq. km, this park holds several species of rare animals, birds and butterflies. You can see a magnificent view of the tea plantations and also of the rolling hills caressed by blankets of mist. The park becomes a hot destination when the hill slopes get covered in a carpet of blue, resulting from the flowering of Neelakurinji. It is a plant endemic to this part of the Western Ghats which blooms once in twelve years.

Mattupetty is famous for its highly specialised dairy farm, situated at a height of 1700 Mts , the Indo-swiss live stock project. Over 100 varieties of high yielding cattle are reared here. Visitors are allowed into three of the eleven cattle sheds at the farm. The Mattupetty lake and dam , just a short distance from the farm, is a very beautiful picnic spot. The sprawling Kundala tea plantations and the Kundala lake are other attractions in the vicinity. DTPC Idukki provides boating facilities on the Mattupetty Dam. Speed Launch and slow speed motor boats are available on hire. Adventure lovers also have options here like trekking in the Shola forest. Dam is located in the valley and have a nice panoramic view and very peaceful place.

NYAYAMAKAD WATERFALLS OR ROSE GARDEN & CARMELAGIRI ELEPHANT PARK

At a distance of 10 Kms from Munnar, **Nyayamakad Waterfalls** is one of the highest cascading falls in Kerala. It is located close to the entrance of Eravikulam National Park. It is one of the best waterfalls around Kerala. It is a scenic location with beautiful waterfalls surrounded by verdant vegetation and nice place for nature lovers.

Carmelagiri Elephant Park offers one of the best elephant ride experiences in Kerala. Getting to see the elephants bathe and getting a chance to feed them makes the activity really fun. You will definitely form a bond with the elephants at the park. You can also pick photographers to take good pictures of your ride.

Rose garden is nice place to visit and see lot of flowers. Will recommend this place if you are crazy about flowers. There is a name plate on each plant (shrubs and herbs) for people like me who don't know much about botany. Overall a nice place to take your family.



DAY 4: MUNNAR TO THEKKADY

After breakfast, at 8.30 am we are moving to Thekkady. The scenery was amazing with full of tea valley and small waterfalls. Also you can enjoy different type of spice plantations like cardmom, vanilla, pepper etc.

Thekkady the wildlife destination of kerala and also known as **spice bag of the state**. Thekkady is famous for the boating at Periyar lake and during this trip we can enjoy wild animals, periyar wild life sanctuary and Mullaperiyar dam from long view and note that these can be seen only during this boating and cannot reach by vehicle. Thekkady also has lot of eco tourism activities as well adventurous activities. At thekkady one can go to watch Kathakali shows, Martial arts, Magic, Musical fountain, tribal dance, elephant safari, elephant bath, elephant shower and can do Ayurveda massage as well can go for spice tour.

On arrival at Thekkady check in to the Hotel. After that we can visit spice garden. Kerala spices are famous for their distinct taste and flavor.

DAY 5: PERIYAR NATIONAL PARK

Early morning 6 am proceed to Periyar National Park, being a major attraction and great way to enjoy a jungle vacation. The early morning ride in the boat within the sanctuary is an extremely awesome experience and you might be able to spot wild elephants, bisons, wild boars, various kinds of birds, etc.

After that we can had breakfast. Then you can pick any from a jeep safari or an elephant safari as per your liking. Anakarra is also located nearby which is a great place to enjoy nature. Chellar Kovil is another area located nearby with a lot of picturesque waterfalls and cascades. Mangala Devi Temple, located at an altitude of 1337 m and at a distance of around 15km from Thekkady opens only on the Chitra Pournami Festival. Two main river, Pamba and Periyar runs through the park which helps the flora and fauna to thrive in this region. Overnight stay up there.



DAY 6: THEKKADY TO KUMARAKOM

Early morning 7.30 am check out and proceed to Kumarakom. **Kumarakom** is a popular tourism destination located near the city of Kottayam, famous for its backwater tourism. The village of Kumarakom is a cluster of little islands on the Vembanad Lake, and is part of the Kuttanad region.

Check in to the resort and evening we can visit Bird Sanctuary. Located on the banks of the **Vembanad Lake**. The main attractions are local birds like the waterfowl, cuckoo, owl, egret, heron and the water duck, as well as the migratory Siberian cranes. Parrots, teal, larks, flycatchers, wood beetle, and other birds are seen here during their respective migratory seasons. It is an ideal location for the bird enthusiasts. Overnight stay at resort.



DAY 7: KUMARAKOM TO ALEPPY

Early morning 7 am we can go out for a walk at village. It will be something different during this trip. Spread on the cold water of Vembanad Lake Kumarakom is well known for its fresh water fish species like the Karimeen (pearl spot), Chemmeen (shrimp) and prawns. Kumarakom village activities begins with Coconut plucking. Locals have traditional as well as modern ways of coconut plucking followed by tasting of coconut. Another activities to experience are net fishing, Bow and Arrow fishing, world of screw pines, visit to dairy farm.

After that check out the resort and proceed to aleppy. Alappuzha is a city on the Laccadive Sea in the southern Indian state of Kerala. Aleppy known as **Venice of the east** by its special geographical features as the place is famous for its vast back water stretches and paddy fields. The city's Mullakkal Temple features a traditional design. Punnamada Lake's snake boat races are a well-known annual event. This popular tourist destination also has some very well reputed Ayurvedic spas and wellness centres.

We will reach Aleppy at approximate 1.00 pm and we can board your traditional Kerala houseboat to the back water and its serene beauty with delicious cuisines. After 6 pm house boat will be anchored to one side of the water channel. At this leisure time you can go out and walk along the riverside or villages. Overnight stay onboard.



DAY 8: ALEPPY TO ATHIRAPPILLY

At the morning we can had breakfast thoroughly enjoying the scenic beauty of aleppy and fresh atmosphere. By 10.00 am we will check out the houseboat and drive towards Athirappilly.

Thrissur is a city in the south Indian state of Kerala. It's known for sacred sites and colorful festivals. The enchanting waterfalls of Vazhachal and Athirapilly are located in this district. The soothing sounds take you to the nature's most relaxing, rejuvenating place, East of Chalakudy, The Athirapilly Waterfalls in Trichur. The unique thing about this waterfall is that you can view it from many different angles. The magical sound of waterfalls is just the tonic for refreshing the mind.

Evening we are moving to kochi and stay there.



DAY 9: DEPARTURE TO MALAYSIA

After breakfast check out from hotel & proceed towards airport. You can take a shopping enroute at airport. Though the concept of shopping malls is relatively new in Kochi, yet there are a number of places here where you can enjoy shopping. Within Cochin, MG Road is probably the best and the most fun place to shop to your heart's content. And arrive back to Home country with the wonderful memories from Kerala.



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