

KERALA TOUR PACKAGE

Cochin * Munnar * Periyar * Kumarakom * Allepey * Cochin

Duration: 07 Nights / 08 Days



DAY 01

ARRIVE COCHIN BY INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

Today you will arrive at New Delhi's International Airport. Following customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, a **Distinct Destination** representative will receive you as you EXIT the arrival terminal building after which you will be transferred to your hotel.

India's capital and a major gateway to the country, contemporary Delhi is a bustling metropolis, which successfully combines in its folds - the ancient with the modern. Amidst the fast-spiraling skyscrapers, the remnants of a bygone time in the form of its many monuments stand as silent reminders of the region's ancient legacy. The first impressions for any visitor travelling in from the airport are of a spacious, garden city, tree-lined with several beautiful parks.

Upon arrival at the hotel, proceed to check in at your room (Room will be available from 14h00).

Overnight at the hotel.

Meal: No meal

DAY 02

COCHIN – MUNNAR BY DRIVE (APPROX 125 KMS /4 HRS)

After breakfast Guided city tour of Cochin is a cluster of islands on the vast expanse of the Lake Vembanad. Some of these picturesque islands are Bolgatty, Vypeen, Gunduand

Vallarpadam. The lake opens out into the Arabian Sea hereto form one of the finest natural harbours in the world. It is this natural advantage that has made Cochin a fascinating blend of the cultures and influences of explorers and traders who visited this wealthy land. Visit **The Dutch Palace** (Closed on Fridays) at Mattancherry is renowned for its wall murals depicting scenes from the Ramayana. **The Jewish Synagogue** (Closed on Fridays & Saturdays) at the heart of what is locally called the Jew Town. The **St. Francis Church** the oldest European church in India. The Chinese fishing nets- are huge, cantilevered fishing nets believed to have brought to Kochi by Chinese trade.

Later drive to Munnar, enroute visiting **Athirapally waterfalls**. **Athirapally Falls** is a marvellous cascade of frothy waters that makes its way from the Anamudi mountains of the Western Ghats. This 80 ft high and 330 ft wide marvel is situated at the entrance of the Sholayar ranges and is often referred to as the "Niagara Falls of India". From here, the Athirapally falls flows through the verdant greenery of Vazhachal Forest toward the Arabian Sea, creating a spectacular vista of scintillating water, emerald jungles and azure sky.

Continue your drive to one of the Most popular hill stations in India, Munnar is situated at the confluence of three Mountain streams-Mudrapuzha, Nallathanni and Kundala.

Overnight at hotel

DAY 03	IN MUNNAR
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Today sightseeing of Munnar.

Visit **Tea Museum** (Monday closed) - This Tea Museum houses curios, photographs and machineries; all of which have a story to tell on the origins and growth of tea plantations, **Top Station**-It is the highest point on the Munnar-Kodaikanal Road. Travelers to Munnar make it a point to visit Top Station to enjoy the panoramic view it offers of the neighboring state of Tamil Nadu. It is one of the spots in Munnar to enjoy the Neelakurinji flowers blooming over a vast area, **Mattupetty Dam**- beautiful picnic spot. The sprawling Kundala tea plantations and the Kundala lake are other attractions in the vicinity, **Kundala Lake**- a picturesque town on the way to Top Stations. The Kundala artificial dam is another attraction. Aruvikkad waterfalls is also near Kundala, **Echo Point** - This scenic place gets its name from the natural echo phenomenon here. Echo Point is on the way to Top Stations from Munnar

Overnight at a hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

DAY 04	MUNNAR – THEKKADY BY DRIVE (APPROX 90 KM / 03 HRS)
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After breakfast drive to Thekkady. Arrive and check in to hotel. Later visit to Periyar National Park. Periyar has one of the world's most fascinating Natural wildlife Sanctuary noted for its Tiger Reserve, geography, diverse wildlife and scenic beauty.

Evening Boat ride on the Lake Periyar where one can have a unique experience of viewing wildlife at close quarters from the safety of a boat on the lake. The greatest attraction of Periyar, however, are the herds of wild elephants that come down to play in the lake.

Overnight at Hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

DAY 05	THEKKADY – KUMARAKOM BY DRIVE (APPROX 130 KM / 04 HRS)
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After breakfast drive to Kumarakom and check in at hotel. Day at leisure for spa & Ayurvedic treatment on direct payment basis.

The village of **Kumarakam** is a cluster of little islands on the Vembanad Lake, and this small water world is part of the Kuttanad region. The enchanting backwater destination of Kumarakom is a small village that is a cluster of little islands on the Vembanad Lake in Kerala. Kumarakom strengthens Kerala's reputation for being God's own country with its unbelievably beautiful mangrove forests, coconut groves and emerald green paddy fields interspersed with enchanting waterways and canals adorned with white lilies

Overnight at Hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

DAY 06	IN KUMARAKOM
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Day free to relax or enjoy ayurvedic massage at hotel (Direct payment basis)

Overnight at Hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

DAY 07	KUMARAKOM – ALLEPPEY BY DRIVE (APPROX 35 KMS/1 HR)
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After breakfast, drive to Alleppey. Check in the houseboat around 12 noon. Now its the time for relaxation and enjoyment. Delicious lunch will be served in the Alleppey houseboat.

Enjoy the backwaters cruise which takes off through a network of canals with a backdrop of villages and coconut trees on the shores.

Dinner & overnight at houseboat

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 08	ALLEPPEY – COCHIN (APPROX 55 KMS/ 2 HRS + DEPARTURE
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After breakfast check out from houseboat and drive to Cochin and in time you will board your flight to your onward destination.

Meal: Breakfast

HOTEL STANDARD CHECK-IN TIME 1500HRS /CHECK-OUT 1100HRS

*** End of the tour ***

HOTELS ENVISAGED OR SIMILAR:

CITY	HOTEL(5* or Similar Standard)	ROOM CATEGORY	NO OF NIGHTS
Cochin	Holiday Inn	Superior	01
Munnar	The Valle	Valle Lux (Valley View Room)	02
Thekkady	Greenwoods Resort	Kanana (Deluxe)	01
Kumarakom	The Zuri Kumarakom, Kerala Resort & Spa	Zuri Lagoon View Room	02
Alleppey	Premium AC Houseboat	Standard	01
TOTAL			07

Note – Rooms are subject to availability.

Inclusions:

- ❖ Accommodation for minimum 07 Nights at specified hotels as mentioned above.
- ❖ Daily Breakfast at hotel of Stay. During stay in Houseboat all meals will be included.
- ❖ Transport Services as per number of pax.
- ❖ Local English-speaking guide during sightseeing and excursions as per the itinerary.
- ❖ Common Boat Ride at Periyar.
- ❖ Tea Museum visit in Munnar.
- ❖ Flower Garland upon arrival at Cochin Airport.
- ❖ Unlimited Mineral water
- ❖ All taxes.

Exclusions:

- ❖ Expenses of personal nature such as tips, laundry, phone calls & table Drinks etc.
- ❖ Any Lunch and Dinner
- ❖ Any other SS tours not mentioned in the program/ inclusions.
- ❖ Any kind of insurance/ Internal Airfare.