



Classic Kerala-11Days



Itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrive Cochin

Upon arrival at Cochin airport, you will be met and assisted by our representative to the hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. In the evening visit the famous dance drama of Kerala, the Kathakali. This dance can be characterized by grotesque gesticulations, amazing costumes and very extensive make-up. The stories are mostly taken from the epics Mahabharatha and Ramayana.

Hotel Le Meridien or Similar

DAY 2 - Cochin

After breakfast, proceed for a sightseeing tour of Cochin visiting - ♦The Jewish Synagogue♦ at the heart of what is locally called the Jew Town, ♦The St. Francis Church♦, the oldest European Church in India, ♦The Santa Cruz Basilica♦ originally built in 1557 by the Portuguese, The Dutch Palace and Spice market at the narrow streets. Later return to the hotel. In the evening visit the ♦Chinese fishing nets♦ huge cantilevered fishing nets believed to have been brought to Kochi by Chinese traders.

Hotel Le Meridien or Similar

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DAY 3 - Cochin - Munnar

After breakfast, drive to Munnar. On arrival in Munnar, check-in at hotel and rest of the day at leisure. Munnar (1,524 M), is the highest town of Kerala with a cool, bracing climate exuding an oldworld 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.

Ambadi Estate or Similar

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DAY 4 - Munnar

After breakfast, visit Pothamedu located 6 Kms from Munnar and which offers an excellent view of tea, coffee and cardamom plantations of Munnar. Devikulam, located 7 Kms from Munnar, this idyllic hill station with its velvet lawns, exotic flora and fauna and the cool mountain air is a rare experience.

Ambadi Estate or Similar

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DAY 5 - Munnar - Periyar

After breakfast, drive on a scenic route dotted with plantations of rubber, cardamom, cocoa, green pepper and areca nut to the wildlife reserve at Periyar. Arrive Periyar and check-in at the hotel. In the evening enjoy the most popular boat trip at the National Park. There are many animals to see, including herds of elephants, bison's and packs of wild boars that roam through the woods and parade along the shores of the lake just before sunrise and sunset.

Spice Village Resort or Similar

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DAY 6 - Periyar

After breakfast, we would leave for guided plantation tour to the nearby garden where in various species of spices and other aromatic plants are cultivated. Afternoon free to visit the local market for spices.

Spice Village Resort or Similar

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DAY 7 - Periyar - Kumarakom

Morning after breakfast, drive to Kumarakom. Kumarakom backwater is called as the jewels of Kerala. In this small water world you will come across plenty of Traditional country crafts boats and canoes which will take you into the heart of the scenic lake. On arrival check-in at backwater resort. Visit of Kumarakom bird sanctuary.

Hotel Coconut Lagoon or Similar

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DAY 8 - KUMARAKOM - Houseboat

After leisurely breakfast in the hotel check out and board your houseboat from Kumarakom jetty at 12:30 Hrs. Staying in this moving palace is breathtaking experience. While sailing down amaze of canals one sees different scenes from the villages, paddy fields, coconut palms, fishermen and local life. Lunch and dinner would be onboard, and you would be spending you night in the mid of the lake.

Premium Houseboat

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DAY 9 - House boat - Alleppey - Kovalam

After leisurely breakfast on board disembark at Alleppey jetty, which is also known as Venice of the East because of the narrow canals and backwaters. Drive to Kovalam from Alleppey. On arrival in Kovalam, check-in to the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Hotel Travencore Heritage or Similar

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DAY 10 - Kovalam Beach

Full day on the beach.

Hotel Travencore Heritage or Similar

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DAY 11 - Kovalam - Trivandrum

Transfer to Trivandrum airport in time to board the flight for onward journey. B

Pricing

			Price Per Person	Price Per Person
01 Oct 2009	20 Dec 2009	First	\$ 1,653	\$ 904
01 Oct 2009	20 Dec 2009	Deluxe	\$ 2,066	\$ 1,269
01 Apr 2010	30 Sep 2010	First	\$ 1,440	\$ 788
01 Apr 2010	30 Sep 2010	Deluxe	\$ 1,812	\$ 1,123

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GRADING

FIRST

Stay at premium hotels, lodges, camps or Inns with a variety of amenities.

DELUXE

Stay at luxury hotels, lodges, camps or Inns with a host of amenities, entertainment and facilities.

LUXURY COLLECTION

Stay at some of the finest distinctive properties offering ultra-luxury facilities

Inclusions

INCLUSIONS:

- * A representative for assistance on arrival and departure transfers
- * 10 nights hotel accommodation on twin sharing basis in base category of rooms "or similar"
- * Meals as per itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner) Daily Buffet Breakfast, except at houseboat which is on Full Board
- * All transfers, excursions and sightseeing will be by air-conditioned Toyota Innova or Tempo Traveler based on the number of passengers
- * Entrance fees at all monuments / parks, road taxes, parking fees, fuel surcharge, interstate taxes
- * Kathakali Dance Show (01 time)
- * Boat ride on Periyar Lake to view animals (01 ride)
- * Local English-speaking guide for the sightseeing and excursion tours
- * Mineral water in the vehicle through-out the tour
- * Departure gift
- * Welcome kit with all relevant documents pertaining to the tour
- * All currently applicable taxes

EXCLUSIONS:

- * Any Insurance
- * Optional sightseeing you may choose while on any tour
- * Any other meals or beverages not included per itinerary
- * Tipping, laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport de
- * Airline excess baggage
- * International flight
- * All the other services which are not mentioned in the inclusions

HOTELS USED (or Similar):

- * *Cochin*: The Trident: First

Le Meridien: Deluxe
* *Munnar*: Ambadi Estate: First
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* *Thekkady*: Cardamom County: First
Spice Village: Deluxe
* *Kumarakom*: Golden Waters: First
Coconut Lagoon: Deluxe
* *Alleppy*: Houseboat: First
Houseboat: Deluxe
* *Kovalam*: Uday Samudra: First
Travancore Heritage: Deluxe

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- 23Dec - 05Jan 8% Extra supplement for X-mas/New Year Departure
- Any hike in taxes, entrance fees to monuments, fuel or guide charges levied by govt. of India, shall be charged extra.

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