

BEST OF KERALA

8 Days / 7 Nights

Kerala is one of the most idyllic states of India. Flanked by the Arabian sea in the west and mountain ranges in the east, Kerala is rich in cultural heritage and is famous for its beautiful beaches, majestic backwaters, its wildlife sanctuaries, its proudly distinctive cuisine, authentic ayurveda, and its famous Kathakali dance forms. Kerala is a delightful and truly distinctive Indian holiday experience.

Day 1: Kochi

On arrival at Kochi Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day will be at leisure. Kochi is a seaport city that is a blend of cultures that has evolved over time with the influence of explorers and traders. Overnight at your HOTEL.

Day 2: Kochi

After breakfast, you will be taken on a sightseeing tour of Kochi, visiting the Dutch Palace, Jewish Synagogue and St. Francis Church. In the evening be entertained by a local dance school featuring the elaborate Kathakali dance forms. Afterwards there will be a cooking demonstration followed by a home cooked dinner. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B, D)

Day 3: Kochi – Munnar

Following breakfast, you will be driven to Munnar. You will spend the evening at the Tea Estates and meet the local people. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 4: Munnar – Thekkady

This morning you will be driven to your hotel in Thekkady. In the afternoon, you will visit Periyar National Park and view wildlife by boat. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 5: Thekkady – Kumarakom

After breakfast you will be driven to Kumarakom. In the evening you will enjoy a sunset cruise on Vembanad Lake. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 6: Kumarakom

Today you will be free to enjoy Kumarakom - relaxing in a hammock or taking a stroll through Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 7: Kumarakom – Alleppey

After a relaxed breakfast, you will embark on a houseboat cruise that will take you along the coconut-palmed canals from Kumarakom to Alleppey. The houseboats of Kerala offer panoramic views of one of the most picturesque areas in India, truly defining why Kerala is known as "God's Own Country". An on board chef will prepare local meals for you. You will spend the night on board your HOUSEBOAT. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Alleppey – Kochi

After breakfast, your houseboat cruise will conclude. You will be transferred to Kochi airport for your onward flight.

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

(1 Oct 10 - 15 Apr 11*)

Superior \$1,410pp

Luxury \$1,5820pp

(16 Apr 11 - 30 Sep11)

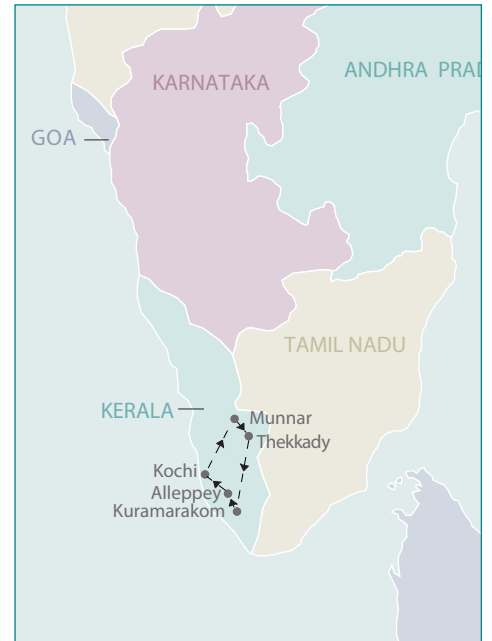
Superior \$1,145pp

Luxury \$1,220pp

**Prices not valid 20 Dec 10 - 05 Jan 11 (peak period).*

PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 nights accommodation on twin share basis
- All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Daily buffet breakfast
- All meals on the Houseboat
- Sightseeing tours as per the itinerary with services of English speaking local guides
- Entrance fees at all monuments
- Other inclusions as per the itinerary



HOTELS

City	Superior	Luxury
Kochi	Trident Kochi	Malabar House
Munnar	Blackberry Hills	Club Mahindra - Lake View Munnar
Thekkady	Spice Village	Club Mahindra - Tusker Trails
Kumarakom	Coconut Lagoon	Kumarakom Lake Resort
Alleppey	A/C Houseboat	A/C Houseboat



Cruising the backwaters of Kerala