

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 enjoy 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. After the dance show, enjoy 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, where you will check in at your hotel, nestled in the green and serene Kannan Devan Hills. 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 Thekkady, where you will check into your hotel. 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 visit a spice plantation in Thekkady, before being driven to Kumarakom. After check in at your hotel, you will enjoy a sunset cruise on Vembanad Lake, encountering many rare species of birds as they return to their nests at dusk. 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 an unforgettable 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 May 08 - 30 Sep 08)

Superior \$1,180

Luxury \$1,575

(1 Oct 08 - 30 Apr 09)

Superior \$1,695

Luxury \$2,075

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 and portorage at all hotels & airports
- Other inclusions as per the itinerary

Based on minimum of 2 passengers travelling together.

HOTELS

City	Superior	Luxury
Kochi	Trident Kochi	Malabar House
Munnar	Windermere Estate	Club Manindra
Thekkady	Spice Village	Taj Garden Retreat
Kumarakom	Coconut Lagoon	Kumarakom Lake Resort
Alleppey	AC Houseboat	AC Houseboat

