



BEST OF KERALA

DAY ONE: Arrive Cochin

On arrival at Cochin International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Kochi, or more familiarly Cochin, is a busy port city and commercial centre with a colourful history. Located between the blue waters of the Arabian Sea and Kerala's emerald backwaters, Cochin is a rich medley of Indian, Portuguese, Dutch and British influences and architecture.

DAY TWO: Cochin

After a leisurely breakfast, you will enjoy half-day sightseeing tour of Cochin, visiting the Dutch Palace, Jewish Synagogue, the Chinese Fishing Nets that line the seafront, as well as St Francis Church and Museum of Kerala History. In the evening you will be treated to a performance of the most elaborate of Southern India's dance forms, *Kathakali*.

DAY THREE: Cochin – Munnar

Following breakfast, you will be driven to Munnar, a nature-lover's paradise. With panoramic views of low-hanging clouds and misty valleys, Munnar is home to gracious stone churches and the Eravikulam National Park, where you can glimpse the endangered Nilgiri Thar and herds of elephant. Late in the afternoon, you will stroll in the Tea Estates and meet the local people. Your evening will be at leisure.

DAY FOUR: Munnar – Thekkady

This morning you will drive to Thekkady, also known as Periya. With a picturesque lake at its heart, Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve offers a unique game-viewing experience – and this afternoon you will discover the park by boat. Herds of elephant, sambar, gaur and wild pigs often wander down to the lakeside, and the park is also home to leopard, wild dog, barking deer and mouse deer.

DAY FIVE: Thekkady – Kumarakom

After breakfast, you will be driven to Kumarakom, located on the shores of the enchanting Vembanad Lake. In the late afternoon you will enjoy a sunset cruise on the lake, where you will come across many rare species of bird the call the Kumarakom bird sanctuary home.

DAY SIX: Kumarakom

Today is completely free for relaxation. Eat a leisurely breakfast, then spend your day in a hammock on the lakeshore.

DAY SEVEN: Kumarakom – Alleppey – Cochin / Depart Cochin

This morning is free for you to spend as you please. In the afternoon you will board a boat for an unforgettable journey to Alleppey, passing through coconut palm-fringed canals. At Alleppey Jetty, your chauffeur will meet you and drive you to Cochin, where you will be met and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

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INCLUSIONS

- All accommodation on twin share basis
- Daily buffet breakfast, except at Cardamom County in Periyar, which is on half-board basis (i.e. breakfast & dinner)
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours, by air-conditioned vehicle
- Entrance fees at all monuments, and local taxes
- Services of local English speaking guide during sightseeing tour at Cochin.

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