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Kerala Tour

Tour Duration: 6 Days / 5 Nights

Destinations covered: Munnar – Thekkady – Alleppy – Cochin

About Kochi: Kochi (Cochin) is palm-green commercial town of Kerala and the city consists of the mainland Ernakulam, Willingdon Island, Mattancherry, Fort Cochin, Vypeen Island and Bolghatty Island. Ernakulam is the modern city where shopping market etc. are located. From older times, Arab, Chinese, Dutch and British and Portuguese seafarers followed the sea route to Kochi and left their impression on the town. The Chinese fishing nets swaying in the breeze over backwaters, the Jewish Synagogue, Dutch Palace, Portuguese architecture, Bolghatty Palace in Kochi enrich the heritage of Kerala.

About Athirappally Waterfall: Athirappally Waterfall is located 78 kms from Kochi (Cochin), located at the entrance to Sholayar ranges and originates in the upper reaches of the Western Ghats. Many endangered and endemic species of flora and fauna are found in the forests of the Athirapilly-Vazhachal area. . It is one of the most spectacular sights and is locally also known as – The Niagra Falls of India. It is about 80 feet high and located in the forest area. Combined with the greenery, it induces the freshness into any tired soul - A tranquil and much needed escape from the stressful life we generally live. The soothing and calming water flow sounds take you to some other world, right in the lap of nature. The magic of Athirappally & the nature cannot be described by words as it starts calmly from the high ranges, and further crashes through the rocks overhung with trees, this waterfall is one of the best places in India to re-capture a real sense of the classical idea of the 'Picturesque' - Not only calm and sweet, but something wild and natural too.

Day 01: Arrival Cochin – Munnar- Arrive Kochi & from the airport drive to Munnar. En route visit Athirappally Waterfalls which is located 78 kms from Kochi (Cochin). Munnar is known as "Nature Lover's Paradise" and is at 1800mts above the sea level. Afternoon arrival at Munnar. On arrival check in to the reserved hotel. After arrival visit to Rajamalai Sanctuary and the evening is free at leisure. Overnight at Hotel.

About Munnar: Munnar with its impeccable beauty is the most famous holiday destination in South India. In the green and serene Kamman Devan Hills lies the quiet and restful resort of Munnar. Munnar is located about 6,500 feet above the sea level along the western coasts on the eastern border of Kerala. Sprawling tea plantations, picture-book towns, winding lanes and holiday facilities make this a popular resort town.”

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Day 02: Munnar - Morning after breakfast you will be taken for a sightseeing of Munnar, which includes Rajamalai, Matupetty, Kundala Dam for boating, Eco point & Pothenmendu View Point. Evening at leisure. Overnight at Hotel.

About Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary / Thekkady: Set high in the ranges of the Western Ghats, in God's Own Country, Kerala, is the Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve. Periyar wildlife sanctuary has a picturesque lake at the heart of the sanctuary. Formed with the building of a dam in 1895, this reservoir meanders around the contours of the wooded hills, providing a permanent source of water for the local wildlife. Though it's a Tiger Reserve, tourists come here to see the Indian elephants in the act of ablution and playfulness by the Periyar lake. Apart from Elephants, the other animals to be seen in the Periyar sanctuary are Gaur, Wild Pigs, Sambar, Barking Deer, Mouse Deer, Dole or Indian Wild Dog and very rarely, a Tiger. There are, now, an estimated 40 tigers here. Four species of primates are found at Periyar - the rare lion-tailed macaque, the Nilgiri Langur, Common Langur And Bonnet Macaque. Periyar also happens to be the habitat of the elusive Nilgiri Tahr, which is rarely to be seen.

Day 03: Munnar – Thekkady - This morning after breakfast you will be driven 3 to 4 hours through the most picturesque route covered with flora and fauna typical to Kerala to reach Thekkady, a quaint hamlet next to the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. On arrival you will check-in to the reserved hotel. Afternoon game viewing boat ride in Lake Periyar (Periyar Wild Life Sanctuary Tour is through this boat ride). Evening free at Spice Markets or Spice plantation visit (optional). Overnight at hotel.

About Kumarakom: In 1878, the marshy mangrove on the bank of the Vembanad Lake was cleared and replaced by coconut plantations. The person in the wake of this maneuver was one George Alfred Baker of Essex who had arrived in India sixty years earlier to take up missionary work in Kottayam. The Englishman was so awestruck by the splendor of Kumarakom that he settled here and made Kumarakom his abode. Just 12 km from Kottayam, this exclusive backwater destination sited on the banks of the Vembanad lake is considered the gateway to the backwaters of Kuttanad. The flourishing pastures and the countryside life are interspersed with the beautiful Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary. Stretched across 14 acres, the bird sanctuary is a desired haven of migratory birds and a bird lover's paradise. Teals, egrets, darters, herons, waterfowl, cuckoo, wild duck and migratory birds like the Siberian stork that live there in teams and are an enthrallment for guests.

Day 04: Thekkady – Alleppy - After Breakfast, checkout from the Hotel & drive to Alleppy. After breakfast transfer to the reserved house boat. (On all Meal Basis). The house boat is fully furnished with bedrooms and a kitchen and will take you on a tour through the backwaters, a splendid area full of

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canals, lakes and coves. You can sunbathe on the deck or observe the landscape from the, protection of the cabin. The population's whole life takes place here on the water. The people, sail, fish, swim and bath here. They are so adapted to the water that you can see people talking for an hour, while they are up to their necks in water. Peddlers take care of the supplies and the public transport goes on the water. Countless water birds wait for their chance to catch a fish. The trip goes through a wonderful area full of palm trees, rice fields and floating water plants that surround the boat like Emerald Green Island. Overnight onboard the Houseboat .

Day 05: Alleppy – Cochin- After Breakfast, check out from the Houseboat & drive to Cochin. Afternoon sightseeing of Cochin, Includes Jew Synagogue, Dutch Palace, St. Francis Church, Chinese fishing net etc. Overnight at Kochi Hotel.

Day 06: Kochi (Cochin) Departure - After breakfast, you are free till transferred to the Kochi Airport for your onward Journey.

Included-

- 05 Nights accommodation on twin share basis
- Daily breakfast at hotels
- All Meals at Houseboat
- All Transfers by A/c Car
- All toll taxes, parking fee, driver's allowances & Fuel costs
- All taxes of hotels

Not Included-

- Anything not mentioned in the "Includes" column.
- Any personal nature expenses like tips, food (lunch & dinners etc), shopping, laundry, camera charges, Payments for personal charges like liquors, wine, mineral water, telephone charges, Porterage at hotels and airports, insurance etc.
- Entrance fee in monuments/ places of visit.
- Cost arising due to natural calamities like road blocks, landslides etc., mishaps, strikes, political unrest etc.