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Kerala Tour

Tour Duration: 9 Days / 8 Nights

Destinations covered: Kochi - Munnar – Thekkady – Madurai – Rameshwaram – Kanyakumari - Kovalam – Trivandrum

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 takes you to some another world, right in the lap of nature. The magic of Athirampally & the nature cannot be described by words as it starts calmly from the high ranges, and further crashes through the rocks overhung with trees, these 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.

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.”

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.

Day 02: Munnar - After breakfast you will be taken for a sightseeing of Munnar, which Includes Rajamalai, Matupetty, Kundala Dam for boating, Eco point & Pothanmendu 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, Dhole 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

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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 Madurai: Madurai is famous as one of the South India's great temple town. Very famous for its Meenakshi Temple, Situated on the banks of river Vaigai, Madurai has a rich cultural heritage passed on from the great Tamil era more than 2500 years old. Madurai is a lotus shaped city built around the Meenakshi Amman Temple, which acted as the geographic and ritual center of the ancient city of Madurai. It is believed that the Hindu religion Lord Shiva blessed the land and its people with the divine nectar – Madhu, hence this is from where the name is derived- Madurai. This city is famous for its Jasmine flowers.

Day 04: Thekkady – Madurai- After Breakfast, checkout from the Hotel & drive to Madurai. Later proceed for local sightseeing tour visiting Meenakshi Temple. Overnight stay at Hotel.

About Rameshwaram : Rameshwaram is a religious island situated in the gulf of manner at the very tip of the Indian peninsula at a distance of 24 kilometers from the country of Sri Lanka. The history of Rameshwaram dates back a long time and is believed to be the place from where the Hindu Lord Rama built a bridge across the sea to rescue his wife Sita, from her abductor - Ravana. Also believed is that Lord Rama performed the rituals to purify his soul of the sins of killing Ravana in the region of Rameshwaram.

Day 05: Madurai – Rameshwaram - After Breakfast, check out from the Hotel & drive to Rameshwaram. Arrive & Check in at Hotel. Later visit Ramnath Swamy Temple & Kothandara Swamy Temple. Overnight stay at Hotel.

About Kanyakumari: Situated in the farthest south of the country, it adjoins the points of the three oceans - The Arabian Sea, The Bay of Bengal and The Indian Ocean. Kanyakumari is surrounded by Majestic Hills and the plains, bordered by colorful sea-shores, fringed with coconut trees and paddy fields, here and there are few elevated patches of red cliffs with undulating valleys and plains between the mountainous terrain and the sea – coast. This land is so closely interwoven with Temples and Churches that it can be seen as a mixture of all the cultures right in the lap of mother nature. The British gave it a name Cape Comorin as the English men's lack of ability to pronounce the local name. Apart from the never ending and a breath taking sea shores and clean beaches the famous attractions are - Kanyakumari Temple, Nagaraja Temple, Tiruchendur, Thanumalayan temple, Padmanabhapuram Palace, Vattakottai

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Day 06: Rameshwaram – Kanyakumari- After Breakfast, check out from the Hotel & drive to Kanyakumari. Later proceed for local sightseeing tour visiting Vivekananda Rock Memorial, Kummari Ammal Temple, Gandhi Mandapam etc. Overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 07: Kanyakumari – Kovalam- After Breakfast, check out from the hotel & drive to Kovalam. Evening enjoy the magnificent sunset at Kovalam beach. Overnight stay at Kovalam.

Day 08: Kovalam - After Breakfast, full day free for leisure & own activities. You are also free to visit Trivandrum visiting Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Nepier Museum, Science & Technology Museum etc. Overnight stay at Kovalam.

Day 09: Kovalam - Trivandrum Airport - After Breakfast, check out from the Hotel & transfer to Trivandrum Airport.(Tour Ends)

Included-

- 08 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, Portorage 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.