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Kerala Tour

Tour Duration: 11 Days / 10 Nights

Destinations covered: Madurai – Kodaikanal – Ooty – Munnar – Thekkady – Allepy – Kovalam – Trivandrum

About Kodaikanal: Kodaikanal is a mesmerizing hill station located at an altitude of 2100 meters above sea level, amidst the Palani Hills of South India. It soothes the visitor with the cool climes. And beside the waterfalls, cascades and green slopes there is a lot more about Kodaikanal that promises to make your holiday a memorable one in India. Like - The surrounding forests provide great trekking opportunities along with some awesome scenic views, then there is a beautiful Kodai Lake famous for its natural beauty, last but not the least a boat ride in this lake is an amazing idea.

Day 01: Arrival Madurai – Kodaikanal - Arrival at Madurai Airport. Meet and assist by our representative and then transfer to Kodaikanal. Check in the reserved hotel on arrival. Overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 02: Kodaikanal- After breakfast, proceed for local sightseeing tour visiting Berijam Lake, Bryant park, Rock Pillar etc. Overnight stay at Kodaikanal.

About Ooty: Ooty is the capital of the Nilgiri district and the climate of this place is generally pleasant and thus suitable for leisure tours. In south of India it is a very famous tourist attraction, especially for its natural beauty and has grown to be one of the most famous hill stations in India. Apart from the green valleys, beautiful mountains and the vast tea estates the major attractions are The Ooty Lake- An artificially constructed lake built for providing an irrigation tank to the people of this region, The Botanical Gardens, Kalhatty Falls & the Government Museum which preserves the arts and crafts of the Nilgiri district of Tamil Nadu.

Day 03: Kodaikanal – Ooty- After breakfast check out from the hotel and drive to Ooty. Arrive & Check in at Hotel. Evening free for leisure & own activities. Overnight stay at Ooty.

Day 04: Ooty- After breakfast, proceed for sightseeing tour visiting Botanical Gardens, Ooty Lake, Lamb's Rock etc. Overnight stay at Ooty.

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 05: Ooty – Munnar- After Breakfast, checkout from the Hotel & drive to Munnar. Evening free for leisure & own activities. Overnight stay at Munnar hotel.

Day 06: Munnar- After breakfast you will be taken for a sightseeing of Munnar, which Includes Rajamalai, Matupetty, Kundala Dam for boating, Eco point & Pothenmendu View Point. Eravikulam National Park, the

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best place to see Nilgiri Tahr (Hermitragus Hilarious) - the mountain goat of South India, Maduppatty dam and Indo Swiss cattle breed farm project are some of the highlights of the sightseeing. 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 07: 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 (Periar 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 08: Thekkady – Alleppy- After breakfast transfer to the reserved house boat. (On all Meal Basis) that is waiting to take you on a tour through the backwaters, a splendid area full of 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.

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Day 09: Alleppy – Kovalam- After Breakfast check out from House Boat and drive to Kovalam .Day Free at Liesure at Kovalam Beach. Overnight stay at the reserved hotel.

Day 10: Kovalam - After Breakfast, full day free for leisure & own activities. You are free to visit Trivandrum visiting Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Nepier Museum, Science & Technology Museum etc. Overnight stay at Kovalam.

Day 11: Kovalam - Trivandrum Airport - After Breakfast, you are free till transferred to the Trivandrum Airport.

Included-

- 10 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.