



TBA
LEISURE

INDIA – BACKWATER OF KERALA

From R21 090 per person sharing
7 Nights Cochin-Periyar-Kumarakom-Alleppey-Kovalam

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Return flights from Johannesburg
- All airport taxes
- Transfers throughout
- 2 nights Cochin at the 4* Holiday Inn
- 1 night Periyar at the 4* Greenwood Resort
- 2 nights Kumarakom at the 4* Lakesong Resort
- 1 night Alleppey on a lake House boat including Full Board
- 2 nights Kovalam at the 4* Udaya Sumudra
- Breakfast daily
- Meeting and assistance on arrival and departure
- Air conditioned transportation with English speaking guides
- Porters at airport/hotels
- Entrances at monuments

TOUR EXCLUDES:

- Gratuities for guides
- All other services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional tours
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not specified
- Items of a personal nature
- Beverages

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Day 01 : Arrive Cochin

Meet and assist upon arrival and transfer to hotel.

Day 02 : Cochin

Morning sightseeing of Cochin, a city till today influenced by medieval Portugal, Holland and England. You visit St. Francis Church, built in 1503 by Portuguese Franciscan friars where Vasco da Gama was buried for 14 years before his remains were transferred to Lisbon. His tombstone still stands. Nearby is the Mattancherry Palace or “Dutch Palace”. The central hall on the 1st floor was the coronation hall of the rajas of Cochin. Other rooms depict scenes from the Ramayana and Puranic legends connected with Hindu gods. Amazing are the Chinese fishing nets. These cantilevered fishing nets line the entrance to the harbour mouth. They were introduced by traders from the courts of Kublai Khan. You can also see the Jew City with the Jewish Synagogue, constructed in 1568, with hand-painted, willow-pattern floor tiles brought from Canton in the mid-18th century by a Rabbi, who had trading interest in that city. Overnight in Cochin.

Day 03 : Cochin-Periyar

After breakfast drive to Periyar National Park. This unique wildlife sanctuary is about 780 sq. km, centered around an artificial lake fed by the Periyar River. In the morning enjoy a short Trek in the forest with a naturalist. Different nature trails traversing diverse habitats form the trekking routes, generally 4 to 5 km. in length. This is an interpretive programme offering excellent opportunity to watch birds, butterflies and other wildlife. The trails often pass through evergreen and moist deciduous forests interspersed with marshy grasslands. Each trek lasts for about 3 hours. Overnight in hotel.

Day 04 : Periyar-Kumarakom

After the breakfast leave for Kumarakom by surface. On arrival check-in at hotel.

The village of Kumarakom is a cluster of little islands on the Vembanad Lake, and this small water world is part of the Kuttanad region. The bird sanctuary here, which is spread across 14 acres is a favorite haunt of migratory birds and an ornithologist's paradise. Egrets, darters, herons, teal, waterfowl, cuckoo, wild duck and migratory birds like the Siberian stork that live there in flocks are a fascination for visitors. The best way to watch the birds of the Kumarakom sanctuary is a boat trip round the islands. In the evening enjoy the sunset boat cruise on the Vembanad lake provided by the hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 05 : Kumarakom

In the morning, check out of your hotel and drive to Munnar (5 hrs). One of the Most popular hill stations in India, Munnar is situated at the confluence of three Mountain streams. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Munnar.

Day 06 : Kumarakom – Alleppey

Morning check-out from the hotel and board a houseboat. Cruise towards Alleppey, the backwaters cruise takes off through a network of canals with a back drop of villages and coconut trees on the shores. Overnight on board the houseboat.

Day 07 : Alleppey – Kovalam

Morning depart for Kovalam by surface and on arrival check-in at the Hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08 : Kovalam

Day at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 09 : Kovalam – Trivandrum

Leave Trivandrum in time to transfer to airport to board flight for onward destination.

Taxes are estimated and based on the current exchange rate and are subject to change. Advance purchase, peak season surcharges, block out periods and minimum stay conditions may apply. Please note that airport taxes, fuel levies & surcharges are approximate and subject to change, the exact amount will be confirmed at time of booking. Valid for dates as specified. Terms and conditions apply, subject to changes due to currency fluctuation, flight price increases and / or availability



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