



## ENCHANTING KERALA

(8 Nights/ 9 Days)

### DAY 01: ARRIVE COCHIN



Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel.

Later proceed for a sightseeing tour of the city visiting **St. Francis Church, Jewish Synagogue**( Closed on Fridays), **Dutch Palace and the Chinese Fishing Nets.**

Evening experience **Kathakali dance** show.

Overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 02: COCHIN – MUNNAR

After breakfast drive to Munnar-The so called "tea garden hill station of Kerala". Enroute visit Vallara and Cheeyappara waterfalls and Blossom Garden. Check in at the hotel; Later relax for the day.

Overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 03: MUNNAR

Today after breakfast proceed for a full day sightseeing tour of Munnar; Visit **Eravikulam National Park** to view endangered wild goat ' Nilgiri Tahr'.(National Park is Closed during breeding season. Please check with us regarding the visit prior to your arrival). Visit Tea Museum and the Tea factory (Closed on Mondays and Good Friday) , **Mattupetty Dam and Kundala Lake.**

Overnight at the hotel.



## DAY 04: MUNNAR- THEKADY



After breakfast check out from the hotel and proceed to Peiryar. Enroute visit the aromatic spice gardens where the air is laden with the fragrance of different spices from mace to Vanilla. Enjoy an **elephant ride**. Later check into the hotel and relax for the day.

Overnight at the hotel.

## DAY 05: THEKKADY - ALLEPPY

**Early morning game viewing at Periyar**, is the best-known wildlife sanctuary in south India. Though billed as a tiger reserve, Periyar is really famous for its wild elephants, 100-year-old artificial lake and its setting in the beautiful thickly forested Western ghats.

Later drive to the jetty to board House-boat (Kettuvallom) on the World famous Backwaters of Kerala. Kettu" literally means to tie up and "Vallom" means "boats".

Alappuzha is a district of immense natural beauty. Referred to as the Venice of the East by travelers from across the world, this backwater country is also home to diverse animals and bird life. A singularity of this land is the region called Kuttanad- a land of lush paddy fields referred to as the Rice Bowl of Kerala and one of the few places in the world where farming is done below sea level. A luxuries cruise along the palm fringed water ways of Kereala in a house boat is the most enchanting holiday one can dream of in the land, described as God's own Country. You will cruise past the ancient Chinese fishing nets, lilies and lush paddy fields, coir villages and rustic homes, temples, amongst coconut groves.



Meals are cooked and served on board the boat. Overnight on board.

## DAY 06: ALLEPPY – KOVALAM



After breakfast proceed to Kovalam - an internationally renowned beach with three adjacent crescent beaches.

Check in at the hotel and relax for the day. Evening relax at the beach or enjoy Ayurveda message at additional cost.

Overnight at the hotel.

## DAY 07: KOVALAM

Today after breakfast proceed to visit Trivandrum covering the Padmanabhaswamy Temple , Napier Museum, Kowdiar Palace, the Sri Chitra Art Gallery, Zoo etc

**Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple**- The history of this temple dates back to 8th century. It is one of the 108 sacred Vishnu temples or Divya Desams in India. Divya Desams are the holiest abodes of the Lord Vishnu that are mentioned in the works of the Tamil Azhvars (saints). The presiding deity of this temple is Lord Vishnu, reclining on Anantha, the hooded Serpent.

**Kowdiar Palace**- It was built in 1915 by Sree Moolam Thirunal and was



gifted to Sethu Parvati Bayi. It is the official residence of the Travancore Royal Family. Kowdiar Palace's architectural work is famous and has over 150 rooms.

Return back to hotel; Evening relax at the beach or enjoy Ayurveda message at additional cost.

Overnight at the hotel

#### DAY 8: KOVALAM – KANYAKUMARI – KOVALAM



After an early breakfast proceed for a day excursion to Kanyakumari - the southernmost point of the Indian.

Visit Vivekananda Rock, Thiruvalluvar Statue, Gandhi Memorial.

**Vivekananda Rock** - a sacred monument dedicated to one of the most revered spiritual leaders - Swami Vivekananda.

**Thiruvalluvar Statue** - A statue of Thiruvalluvar is erected near the Vivekananda rocks as a memorial to the man who gave Tamil literature

the 'Word that never fails'

**Gandhi Memorial** – a memorial to the father of the nation was built in Kanyakumari in the year 1956. The memorial was built in the place where the ashes of Mahatha Gandhi was kept for people to pay homage before being immersed in the seas. The mandapam of the memorial is built in oriya style of architecture and designed in such a way that on his birthday, 2 October, the rays of the sun, through a hole on the roof, falls exactly on the place where the ashes was kept in 1948.

Return back to the hotel; Evening relax at the beach.

Overnight at the hotel

#### DAY 09: DEPT TRIVANDRUM

After breakfast, Check out from the hotel and then you will be transferred to the airport to connect your flight.

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