



Classic Kerala

6 Night / 7 Days

Kochi, Munnar, Thekkady, Alleppey & Kumarakom

Departure City : Arrival At Cochin from Anywhere



BOOKING : Air Tickets of Domestic & International Airlines • Authorised Railway Ticket Agent (IRCTC)
Hotel Booking Agent • Trade Fair Tours • Int. Package Tours • Advisor for Passport & Visa • Luxury Cars on Rent



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Tour Highlights

No of days: 6 Nights/ 7 Days

Overview of the trip:

- Day 1: Cochin
- Day 2 to 3: Munnar
- Day 4: Thekkady
- Day 5: Alleppey
- Day 6 :Kumarakom
- Day 7: Cochin

Glimpses of the tour:

- Eravikulam National Park
- Periyar lake
- Legendary backwaters of Kerala
- Mattencherry Palace
- Tata Tea Museum
- Tea Gardens - Munnar
- Old spice market
- Santa Cruz Basilica
- Jewish Synagogue
- Sri Padmanabha Swamy Temple
- Kuthira Malika
- Vivekananda Rock Memorial

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Travel to picturesque Munnar.

- Walk through the bustling Spice markets.

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- Cruise on backwaters.
- Walk around the tea gardens in Munnar.

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Tour Description



Kerala, with a long shoreline, serene beaches, tranquil stretches of emerald backwaters, lush hill stations, exotic wildlife, waterfalls, sprawling plantations, paddy fields, ayurvedic holidays, magical festivals, historic monuments, exotic cuisine.... all combined offer a traveller a unique experience. Kerala is also popular as Gods Own Country and is considered as Indias most beautiful state. The lush greenery is an amazing sight and is a treat for the eyes.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Arrive Kochi

Welcome to Kochi, the most charming city of Kerala. On arrival at airport in Kochi / railway station in Ernakulam, begin your 'Glorious Kerala with Houseboat' tour. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Later, visit the St. Francis Church, the Mattencherry Palace, the Jewish Synagogue and view the Chinese fishing nets in Fort Kochi area.

St.Francis Church is said to be India's oldest European built church, built by Portuguese Franciscan friars. The original wooden structure was rebuilt in stone around the mid-16th century. After the occupation of Kochi by the British in 1795,it became an Anglican church and is presently being used by the Church of South India. Having passed away in Kochi in 1524, Vasco da Gama was buried here for 14 years before his remains were taken to Lisbon. His tombstone can be seen in the church.

Mattenchery Palace was built by the Portuguese in 1555 and was presented to the raja of Kochi as a goodwill gesture. The side galleries have amazing murals depicting scenes from the Ramayana, Mahabharata and Puranic legends.

The synagogue was built in 1568 and destroyed by the Portuguese in 1662 and rebuilt two years later when the Dutch took Kochi. It features hand painted willow patterned floor tiles brought from China. Inside the sanctuary is an ornate gold pulpit and an upstairs balcony for women who worship separately according to the community's orthodox rites. Overnight in Kochi - None (Meals on your own)

Day 2 : On to Munnar (130 kms / approx. 4 hour drive)

This morning, drive through the picturesque countryside to Munnar. On arrival, check-in to your hotel. Set in the mountain scenery, once known as the High Range of Travancore, the hill station of Munnar is the commercial Centre of some of the world's highest tea - growing estates. With its craggy peaks, manicured tea estates and crisp mountain air, Munnar is an ideal retreat.

The rest of the day is at leisure to explore this quaint hill station.

Overnight in Munnar (B)

Day 3 : Munnar

Today, proceed for full day sightseeing of Munnar where you will enjoy visiting sections of old Munnar, which includes

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the charming old Christ Church with its original fourteen rows of wooden pews and the Tata Tea Museum. Later, you will also visit Mattupetty Lake which is flanked by steep hills and woods and has been created by the small hydro-electricity dam there. Enjoy a panoramic view of the dam surrounded by wooden hills and tea plantations.

The evening is at leisure for independent activities.

Overnight in Munnar (B)

Day 4 : On to Thekkady (105 kms / approx. 3 and half hour drive)

Today, drive to Thekkady (Periyar) the land of spice plantations. On arrival, check-in to your hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure. You can walk through the spice market in the Kumily Village.

Overnight in Thekkady (B)

Day 5 : On to Alleppey (110 kms / approx. 4 hour drive)

The morning is at leisure. You can enjoy a boat cruise on Lake Periyar (boats can be hired directly), to observe wildlife in the Periyar Sanctuary.

Later, drive to the idyllic backwaters of Alleppey and check-in to your houseboat.

Overnight in Alleppey (B, L, D)

Day 6 : On to Kumarakom (51 kms / approx. 1 and half hour drive)

Today, after breakfast, drive to the idyllic backwaters of Kumarakom, popularly known as the rice bowl of Kerala. A huddle of tiny islets on the Vembanad Lake, Kumarakom is a pictorial, unsoiled village. Kumarakom is a popular tourism destination located near the city of Kottayam, famous for its backwater tourism. It is set in the backdrop of the Vembanad Lake which is the largest freshwater lake in Kerala. On arrival, check-in to your hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure. You can explore local markets for various spices such as cardamom, pepper, kokam, nutmeg, clove, cinnamon, coffee, cassia, tamarind and so on. Shop for handicrafts made of natural fibre, metal and woodcraft products such as wall mirrors with antique finish, multi-colored screw pine boxes, baskets, bags in various sizes, whitewood icons and artifacts are other favourite items found in Kerala.

Overnight in Kumarakom (B)

Day 7 : Depart to Kochi (60 kms / approx. 2 hour drive)

Today, bid farewell to your 'Glorious Kerala with Houseboat' tour as you get transferred to airport in Kochi / railway station in Ernakulam for your onward journey.

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Hotels Details

Economy

City	Hotel	No. of Nights
Kochi	Millennium Continental/ Cochin Seaport Hotels Or Similar	01
Munnar	Green Ridge Holiday Home /Misty Mountain Resort Or Similar	02
Thekkady	Peppervine Hotel/ Silver Crest Or Similar	01
Alleppey	ATDC House Boat/Aquaserene Houseboats Alleppey Or Similar	01
Kumarakom	Manor Backwater Resort / Royal Riviera Kumarakom Or Similar	01

Standard

City	Hotel	No. of Nights
Kochi	The Dunes / Hotel Abad Plaza Or Similar	01
Munnar	Deshadan Mountain Resort / Abad Copper Castle /Grand Plaza Or Similar	02
Thekkady	Spice Grove Hotels And Resorts /Holiday Vista Hotel /Abad Green Forest Or Similar	01
Alleppey	Variant Houseboat /Soma Houseboats Or Similar	01
Kumarakom	Abad Whispering Palms / Lake Song Resort Or Similar	01

Deluxe

City	Hotel	No. of Nights
Kochi	Casino Hotel /Dream Cochin Or Similar	01
Munnar	Eastend Munnar /Devonshire Greens Or Similar	02
Thekkady	Poetree Sarovar Portico / Thekkady Wild Corridor Or Similar	01
Alleppey	Lakes And Lagoons Houseboat Or Similar	01
Kumarakom	Backwater Ripples / Royal Grove Or Similar	01

Premium

City	Hotel	No. of Nights
Kochi	Crowne Plaza Kochi / Le Meridien Or Similar	01
Munnar	Chandys Windy Woods Or Similar	02
Thekkady	Greenwoods Or Similar	01
Alleppey	Punnamada Houseboat Or Similar	01
Kumarakom	Coconut Lagoon / The Zuri Kumarakom Kerala Resort And Spa Or Similar	01

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Tour Price

Economy

Per Person on Twin Sharing Basis	20149.00
Cost per person on twin sharing basis (04 Pax)	16249.00
On Triple Sharing	15949.00
Child Between (5 - 12 Yrs) with extra bed (or mattress)	7549.00
Child Between (5 - 12 Yrs) with no bed (or mattress)	4049.00
Per Person on Single Occupancy with family	22299.00
On Single Occupancy	39349.00

Standard

Per Person on Twin Sharing Basis	22199.00
Cost per person on twin sharing basis (04 Pax)	18249.00
On Triple Sharing	17649.00
Child Between (5 - 12 Yrs) with extra bed (or mattress)	8599.00
Child Between (5 - 12 Yrs) with no bed (or mattress)	5399.00
Per Person on Single Occupancy with family	26399.00
On Single Occupancy	43399.00

Deluxe

Per Person on Twin Sharing Basis	28099.00
Cost per person on twin sharing basis (04 Pax)	24199.00
On Triple Sharing	23049.00
Child Between (5 - 12 Yrs) with extra bed (or mattress)	12949.00
Child Between (5 - 12 Yrs) with no bed (or mattress)	7849.00
Per Person on Single Occupancy with family	38249.00
On Single Occupancy	55249.00

Premium

Per Person on Twin Sharing Basis	37049.00
Cost per person on twin sharing basis (04 Pax)	32449.00
On Triple Sharing	30599.00
Child Between (5 - 12 Yrs) with extra bed (or mattress)	17599.00
Child Between (5 - 12 Yrs) with no bed (or mattress)	10849.00
Per Person on Single Occupancy with family	54799.00
On Single Occupancy	73149.00

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Inclusions

1. Accommodation in the hotels listed or similar hotels.
2. Transportation - Entire round trip Ex- Kochi by an air-conditioned Indigo (02 - 03 adults) or air-conditioned Innova (04 - 06 adults) or similar for all categories. as per the itinerary. Vehicle is as per the itinerary and not on disposal basis.
3. Meals - Daily buffet breakfast as per the itinerary. Stay in Houseboat includes all meals.
4. Travel Insurance.
5. All currently applicable taxes i.e. Hotel tax and Transportation tax.

Note

- Riviera Tours and TRavel Domestic terms and conditions apply.
- Shopping would be on your own arrangements.
- Please contact our sales staff to give you best flight deals.
- Do carry comfortable walking shoes.
- All sightseeing is subject to weather conditions, political conditions in the destination.
- Stay in houseboat includes all meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner).
- Houseboat air-conditioner will work only from 09pm to 6am for Economy and Standard category and 24 hours for Deluxe and Premium category.
- Pick-up for houseboat will be from respective houseboat jetty point.
- All the prices are for Indian nationals only, unless specified.
- The hotel confirmed will be as per the brochure or an alternate hotel of similar category.
- Tata Tea Museum is closed on Mondays and the Synagogue in Kochi is closed on Saturdays and Jewish Holidays.
- Travel Insurance, included in our package cost is valid for age group up to 70 years only. For age group beyond 70 years, rules, terms and conditions of the insurance company will apply. The same needs to be checked on case to case basis with the insurance company.
- It is mandatory to carry a valid photo identity card (Passport / Driving License / Voter ID card).

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