

# God's Own Country

07 Nights / 08 Days

1 N Cochin–2 N Munnar – 1 N Thekkady –1 N Alleppey – 2N Kovalam

## PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

In Cochin, Kathakali Dance, Mattancherry palace & Jewish Synagogue  
Trip to Eravikulam National Park, Tea Plantation & Museum, Munnar  
In Thekkady, boating on Periyar Lake and Kalari Show  
Cruise through beautiful Kerala backwaters and stay on Houseboat, Alleppey  
Kovalam beaches, Napier Museum, Art Gallery & Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Trivandrum  
Excursion to Kanyakumari – Visit Vivekananda Memorial, Gandhi Museum and southernmost point  
Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours  
Assistance at airport and sightseeing tours by private conditioned vehicle  
Start in Cochin and End in Trivandrum



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## ITINERARY:

Day 01 Arrival in Cochin

Meet our representative upon arrival in Cochin and drive towards hotel to check-in. Enjoy city tour covering Mattancherry Palace- gifted to the king of Cochin, by Portuguese in 1555, about 500 year old Jewish Synagogue, Chinese fishing nets, local spices market followed by colorful performing art – Kathakali Dance. Later in the evening, return to the hotel. Overnight stay in Cochin.

Day 02 Drive from Cochin to Munnar (120 km/approx. 4.5 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Munnar - derived its name from the confluence of the three rivers around which the town grew. Today, it offers beautiful vistas, cardamom and spice plantations, aromatic oil factories, sights of several endangered species and the purple-blue of the Neelakurinji flowers that bloom every 12 years. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel and spend evening at leisure. Dinner & Overnight stay in Munnar.

Day 03 Sightseeing in Munnar

Explore Eravikulam National Park, home to various elusive and endangered species. It is a great place to enjoy trekking and offers mind-blowing views of the tea plantations. Later, proceed towards Tea Museum (closed on Monday), which gives an insight to the history of tea plantations of this region. Later visit Mattupetty Dam, Eco Point and Flower Garden. Return to the hotel. Dinner & Overnight stay in Munnar.

Day 04 Munnar – Thekkady (90 kms / approx. 2.5 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Thekkady (Periyar) and on arrival check-in at the hotel. Thekkady is synonymous to uninterrupted hills, rich biodiversity and spice plantations. The place is best known for the Periyar National Park. In the afternoon, proceed for boat-ride at Periyar Lake, and in evening watch traditional Kalari show. Return to the hotel. Dinner & Overnight stay in Thekkady.

Day 05 Thekkady – Alleppey (130 kms / approx. 4 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Alleppey and board your houseboat on arrival. Alleppey, "Venice of the East" has a large network of backwater canals that meander through the town, surrounding villages and Vembanad Lake. Cruise through the beautiful and scenic backwaters of Kerala, while you stay in houseboat. Overnight stay in Alleppey.

Day 06 Alleppey – Kovalam (170 kms / approx. 4 hours)

After breakfast, drive towards south of Kerala, Kovalam- located close to the state capital Trivandrum, it is internationally famed for its palm-fringed beaches and rejuvenating centers. This coastal town initially came to notice with the construction of Halcyon Castle by the last Maharani of Travancore - Sethu Lakshmi Bayi. With the arrival of hippies in 1970s, the place gained recognition as a tourist destination and is today renowned for its 17 km-long coastline, which is formed by three beautiful beaches - Lighthouse, Hawah and Samudra. Upon arrival, check-in at hotel and spend rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay in Kovalam.

Day 07 Excursion to Kanyakumari, with Trivandrum sightseeing

After breakfast, take excursion trip to Kanyakumari – visit the Vivekananda Memorial, Gandhi Museum and southernmost point. While returning, also cover Napier Museum, Art Gallery and Padmanabhaswamy Temple. Return to Kovalam. Overnight stay in Kovalam.

Day 08 Departure from Trivandrum.

After breakfast, you will be transferred to airport to connect onward flight.

End of Services.

**HOTELS OFFERED:**

City	Nights	Category A	Category B	Category C
Cochin	1	Radisson Blu	Olive Downtown	Millennium Continental
Munnar	2	Tea County KTDC	Grand Plaza	Spice Country Resort
Thekkady	1	The Elephant Court	Citrus Wild Corridor	Peppervine
Alleppey	1	Deluxe Houseboat	Standard House Boat	Standard Houseboat
Kovalam	2	Turtle On The Beach.	Travancore Heritage	Abad Harmonia Resort

PACKAGE COST IN US\$	Category A	Category B	Category C
Cost Per Person when 2 Pax Travelling	950	835	720
Cost Per Person when 3 Pax Travelling	765	650	585
Cost Per Person when 4 Pax Travelling	789	675	565

**PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:**

- 07 night's accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above hotels or equivalent.
- Buffet breakfast at hotel restaurant.

- Dinner in Munnar & Thekkady.
- All Meals during stay in Houseboat.
- Kathakali Show in Cochin
- Kalari Show in Thekkady
- Boat-ride in Periyar Lake
- Entry Fee at the Monuments
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Assistance at the airport
- Sightseeing as per itinerary by private tourist vehicle – Toyota Innova
- Drivers allowances, toll taxes and Govt. Service Tax

**PACAKAGE EXCLUSIONS:**

- Air tickets and airport taxes
- Items of personal nature like laundry, phone calls, tips to guides / drivers etc.
- Camera / Video camera fees applicable at monuments

**NOTE:**

Monument Closed on

Cochin - Jewish Synagogue will be closed on Friday/Saturday/Jewish Holidays

Cochin - Mattanchery Palace will be closed on Friday

Munnar - Eravikulam National Park will be closed in the month of February & March

Munnar - Tata Tea Museum will be closed on Monday

Trivandrum - Padmanabhaswamy Temple – Non-Indians are not allowed. Dress code to enter at the temple is Dhoti for Men & Saree for Women

Hotel Check in 1400hrs and check out 1200hrs

Package is valid from October'16 till March'17

Not Valid from 15 Dec'16 to 15 Jan'17

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