

# God's Own Country

Valid Till 31 March 18

(Except from 20<sup>th</sup> December'17 – 10<sup>th</sup> January'18)

07 Nights / 08 Days

1N Cochin–2N Munnar–1N Thekkady–1N Alleppey HB  
– 2N Kovalam (Kanyakumari Excursion)

## PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- In Cochin, Kathakali Dance, Mattanchery palace & Jewish Synagogue
- Trip to Eravikulam National Park, Mattupetty Dam, 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
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Assistance at airport and sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Start in Cochin and End in Trivandrum



## ITINERARY:

### Day 01 Arrival in Cochin

Meet our representative upon arrival in Cochin and drive towards hotel to check-in. Enjoy city tour covering Mattanchery 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 for overnight stay.

### 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. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### 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 for dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

### Day 04 Munnar – Thekkady (127 kms / approx. 4 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, (At additional Cost) and in evening watch traditional Kalari show. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

#### **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 Kerela, while you stay in houseboat. Overnight stay on houseboat.

#### **Day 06 Drive from 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 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 Trivandrum airport for return flight back home.

End of Services.

#### **HOTELS OFFERED:**

City	Nights	Category A	Category B	Category C	Meal Plan
Cochin	1	Le Meridien	Radisson Blu	Cochin Palace	Breakfast
Munnar	2	Mountain Club	Tea County KTDC	Grand Plaza	Breakfast
Thekkady	1	The Mountain Courtyard Room type - Forest flame	The Mountain Courtyard Room type - Tamarind	Tree Top	Breakfast
Alleppey	1	Lakes & Lagoons Premium	Lakes & Lagoons Deluxe	Casablanca Houseboat	3 Major Meals
Kovalam	2	Turtle on the Beach	Travancore Heritage	Abad Harmonia Ayurveda Beach Garden	Breakfast

PACKAGE COST IN USD	Category A	Category B	Category C
Cost for Single Pax Travelling	1700	1455	1135
Cost Per Person when 2 Pax Travelling	875	730	570
Cost Per Person when 3 Pax Travelling	695	585	450
Cost Per Person when 4 Pax Travelling	745	599	440
Single Room Supplement	530	425	270

#### **PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:**

- 7 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above hotels or equivalent
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Assistance at the airport
- Sightseeing as per itinerary by private tourist vehicle
- Drivers allowances, toll taxes and Govt. Service Tax

## PACAKAGE EXCLUSIONS:

- Air tickets and airport taxes
- Kathakali Show in Cochin
- Kalari Show in Thekkady
- Boat-ride in Periyar Lake
- **Entry Fee at the Monuments – USD 38 Per Person**
- Items of personal nature like laundry, phone calls, tips to guides / drivers etc.
- Camera / Video camera fees applicable at monuments

## NOTES:

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

Hotel Check in 1400hrs and check out 1200hr

Houseboat Check in time will be 1200 hrs and Check out time will be 0900 hrs.

The houseboat would be anchored from 1700 hrs till the next morning.

Air conditioner on the houseboat will remain "ON" from 2100 hrs to 0700 hrs

Package cost will not be valid from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Also on public holidays, festivals, exhibitions and long-weekends. A surcharge will be levied and will be advised at the time of booking.



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