



Marvelous Kerala

8 Night / 9 Days
Munnar-Thekkady-Kumarakom-Kovalam

Departure City : AHMEDABAD



Tour Highlights

- Daily Breakfast & Dinner
- All Transfers & Sightseeings by Private AC Vehicle as per the tour itinerary. (Car at disposal) Total 1150 Km covered
- Hotel Luxury Taxes.

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Tour Discription



Kerala is timeless natural beauty that combines breathtaking panoramas of forests, lakes & valleys with rich, diverse wildlife and lush green tea estates. Explore Munnar, Thekkady, Kumarakom and Kovalam revel in the picture perfect landscapes & backwaters of 'God's Own Country' with this tour.

Tour Itinerary

DAY 1: Cochin - Munnar - (130 Kms, 5hrs)

Arrive Kochi (colonial name Cochin) meet the assistance and transfer to Munnar.

Munnar was the summer resort of the British and now is one of the most popular hill stations in Kerala. Enjoy the stunning the Cardamom hills & greenery of the Tea plantations.

Near Munnar town photostop at Attukad waterfalls & Pothamedu view point. On reaching Munnar visit Tata Tea Museum. Tea Museum is one of the significant sightseeing spots in Munnar. It is home to exclusive exhibits like traditional tea roller as 'Rotorvane' used for processing of CTC tea; the biggest delight for tea lovers is the fascinating experience of plucking tea leaves and tasting different types of tea.

Timings : 9:00 am – 4:00 pm All days (Closed on Monday)

Entry fee : INR 75 per adult, INR 35 per child

Later check into the hotel. Relax and enjoy the resort. Dinner & Overnight stay at Munnar.

Dinner

DAY 2: Munnar

Today morning After Breakfast, take a full day sightseeing tour of Munnar, Covering

Eravikulam National Park : is located in the Kannan Devan hills of Munnar. The national park is famous for endangered

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Tahr. The Rajamalai region of the park is open to the public and from here; the exotic **Nilgiri Tahr** can be viewed. The F region falls under the tourism zone of the area. The forest spread over an area of 97 sq km is divided into; core area, bu and tourism area. Core area and buffer area is not open to the public.

Timings : 7:00 am – 6:00 pm All days

Entry fee : INR 125 per adult, INR 95 per child, INR 420 for foreign nationals

Its advisable to book in advance online - <https://eravikulamnnationalpark.in/landing>

(Note : Eravikulam National Park will be closed from February to March every year for the two months due to the season of Nilgiri Tahr.)

Kundala Lake : Kundala dam is an artificial dam, Asia's first arch dam. Though it pulls with its serenity and beauty, you lucky to spot the rare Neelakurinji flowers, which blossom once in 12 years in the adjacent hills and valleys of Kund. Boating in Kundala offers options of **pedal boating, row boating and shikara rides. Shikara boat ride is famous here.**

Timings : 9:00 am – 5:00 pm All days

Entry fee : INR 10 per

(Boating charges : INR 350 for 15 minutes

Mattupetty dam : Mattupetty Dam and the lake are beautiful scenic spots of Munnar, located near Anamudi peak and su by tea plantations, spice gardens and rolling hills. The dam area is also an ideal picnic spot and a lovely trekking path. Th Tourism Promotion Council runs boating facilities in Mattupetty Lake, you can choose from speedboats and motorboats.

Timings : 9:00 am – 5:00 pm All days

Entry fee : INR 10 per

(Boating charges : INR 500 for 15 minutes in a speedboat shared by 1 to 5 people)

Carmelagiri Elephant Park : How about an elephant safari, that too in the rocky topography of Munnar? It's fun for kids a alike to have a 'haathi mere saathi' moment at Carmelagiri Elephant Park. Located on Mattupetty Road, the park is o popular **Munnar tourist attractions** and offers short elephant rides of 10-15 minutes.

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Entry fee : INR 1150 per adult for the elephant ride

Blossom Park : This exotic piece of land has fresh flowers, Muthirappuzha river, lush green landscape, embracing waterbirds, and mountain butterflies, It has a vast stretch of landscaped mounts, gardens, artificial waterfalls & lawns, the wide range of facilities to make visitors feel relaxed and rejuvenated all at a same time. The facilities offered here are a trails, boating, nature walks, bird watching, roller skating, badminton, etc. The best time to visit this beautiful place is between the months of December and February, when the surroundings become more beautiful with a blanket of greenery layering the top of the hill station.

Timings : 9:00 am – 7:00 pm All days

Entry fee : INR 10 per adult, INR 2 per child (activity cost extra)

Evening return to the hotel. Dinner & Overnight stay at the Munnar.

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Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 3: Munnar - Thekkady - (110 Kms, 4 Hrs)

Today Morning after Breakfast, check out and drive to Thekkady. As you wind your way up the road, the wooded terrain reveal a breathtaking plantations, Fill your lungs with fresh mountain air; savour the rich fragrance of cinnamon and cardamom. Thekkady is situated 2800 ft above sea level;

Enroute visit Spice Plantation : The geographical and climatic peculiarities of Kumily such as the cool climate and its distance from the sea level make it ideal for spice cultivation. One of the major spices produced in the area is cardamom. The Cardamom Small, botanically known as Elettaria Cardamom, is the one that is mostly grown here. The thick shrub-like cardamom plant usually grows at an altitude of 600 to 1200 metres from mean sea level (msl). Kerala contributes about 70 per cent of the national production of cardamom with the major chunk coming from the plantations of Kumily. The pepper plantations are something else that are worth seeing. The sunlight seeping through the shapely leaves of the pepper plants is an alluring sight.

Entry fees : INR 200 to 300 per person

On arrival check into hotel. Evening you can enjoy Martial art /Kathakali dance at Mudra Center at additional cost.

The Mudra Cultural centre is popular for Kalaripayattu martial arts and Kathakali performances. Kathakali shows at this centre are highly entertaining. Make-up and costume starts 30 minutes before each show. Use of still cameras is not allowed.

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welcome. Arrive early for a good seat. There also two Kalarippayattu performances every night

Timings : 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, 6:00 pm - 7 :00 pm & 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Entry fee : INR 300 per person onwards

Return to the hotel, Dinner & Overnight stay at Thekkady.

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Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 4: Thekkady

Today Morning after Breakfast visit Periyar Lake.

Periyar Lake : Lake Periyar South India's most popular wildlife sanctuary. This is the only wildlife sanctuary in India that offers a unique opportunity of viewing wild life in their natural habitat at close quarters from the safety of a boat on the lake.

Timings : 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Entry fee :INR 40 per person

Boating Timings: 7:30 am - 9:00 am; 9:30 am - 11:00 am; 11:15 am -12:45 pm; 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm; 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Boat charges : INR 250 onwards per person

Or

Bamboo Rafting for adventurers :

A dawn to afternoon range hiking and rafting programme through some of the richest forest tracts of Periyar Tiger Reserve. A mosaic of habitats will be traversed before the party gets into rafts made of bamboos. By rafting you will get a panoramic view of forest-clad hills. Animals like elephant, gaur and sambar are sighted keeping close to the edges of the lake.

Timings : 7.30am - 12.30pm & 9.30am - 2.30pm.

Price : INR 2000 onwards per person (min. two person required)

Periyar boat ride to be booked in advance online : <http://www.ktdc-boating.com/#booking>

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Rest of the day free for other activities like

Visiting Elephant junction, jeep ride for 3 hours.

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Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 5: Thekkady - Kumarakom / Alleppey - (140 Kms, 4hrs)

Today morning after breakfast check out and drive to Kumarakom - It is popularly known as the '**Venice of East**', the backwater village consists of a cluster of island villages in and around the Vembanad Lake. Kerala offers some w Ayurvedic treatments, giving you a complete relaxation of mind, body & soul. You can try the same at the resort at a cost. On arrival at Kumarkom/Alleppey check into the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure or enjoy resorts facilities. Evening enjoy sunset cruise on Vembanad Lake. **Dinner and** Overnight stay at the hotel in **Kumarakom**.

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Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 6: Kumarakom /Alleppey

Today Morning after Breakfast go for a village walk. Later visit **Kottayam city** for some shopping of famous silk sarees india. Afternoon return to the hotel. The peaceful glory of Kumarakom is enjoyed best by soothing of senses and rela mind, body, and soul. Indulge in some good ayurvedic spa treatments in the hotel(at additional cost). In the evening beautiful, charming and alluring sun setting on the horizon. Do not miss to see it in the evening time, the perfect suns there for just five minutes, you got to see this on perfect timing. One can also enjoy the Kathakali Show and Kalaripa traditional martial art form of Kerala, performed by local artists. **Dinner and** Overnight stay at the hotel in **Kumarakom**

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Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 7: Kumarakom - Kovalam/ Poovar - (175 Kms, 5 Hrs)

Today morning after Breakfast check out early and drive to Kovalam/Poovar.

Kovalam : breathtakingly beautiful – a heaven of peace and tranquility an idyllic tourist destination in God's own country. It is a beautiful beach by precipitously mounting headlands and covered by fertile coconut palms, the beaches, especially the southernmost beach, is a magnificent beach destination located only 19 kms, from the Trivendrum city.

Poovar : The origin of the name "Poovar" has a story related to Marthanda Varma (king of Travancore). Before that it was known as Pokkummoosapuram. During internal riots in Travancore and while escaping from the Ettuveetil Pillamar (Lords of the Houses), the king reached Poovar. It was a spring season and the trees on either sides of the Neyyar River were full of flowers. These flowers fell into the river making it more attractive. On seeing this pleasant scenery, Marthanda Varma commented that it was poo-var, a conjunction of the Malayalam words for "flower" and "river". Poovar forms an estuary - the wide part of a river where it joins the sea.

On arrival in Kovalam visit Light house beach to enjoy some water sports activities. The water activities which are offered at the sports clubs include parasailing, snorkelling, windsurfing and backwater cruise.

Activities offered : Snorkelling, Parasailing, Wind Surfing, Back Water Cruise

Cost of Activity : Jet Skiing- Rs 450 onwards, Parasailing- Rs 1000 , Snorkelling- Approx Rs 2500 per dive

Time required : Jet Skiing- 10 to 15 mins, Parasailing- 5 to 10 mins Snorkelling- Approx 30 mins

On arrival check into hotel. Dinner & Overnight stay at Kovalam / Poovar.

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Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 8: Kovalam/Poovar - (Optional Cost)

Today morning after Breakfast visit the places in Trivendrum

Shri Padmanabhaswamy Temple : Shri Padmanabhaswamy temple exhibits exceptionally beautiful architecture which is

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of Tamil and authentic Kerala style. Featuring elegantly carved walls and mesmerizing aura of serenity, this place is indeed an abode.

Women has to wear either saree or salwar-kameez inside the temple while men should be dressed in a Dhoti.

Timings: Morning hours: 3:30 AM – 4:45 AM (Nirmalya Darshanam), 6:30 AM – 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM – 12 PM. Evening hours: 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM, 6:45 PM – 7:20 PM.

Napier Museum : Halcyon Castle, also known as Napier Museum, was built in 1932 by Sri Rama Varma Valiya Koil Thiruvananthapuram as a summer retreat. Sri Rama Varma sold this palace to Kerala Government in 1964. One can visit the palace to see the architecture.

Later visit Kanyakumari (Optional cost) : Kanyakumari is the southernmost point of peninsular India and the meeting point of three oceans-the Bay of Bengal, the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean. Besides its importance as a Hindu pilgrim centre, it is famous for its beautiful views of sunrise and sunset over the waters.

Places to see in Kanyakumari.

- **Vivekananda Rock Memorial** –An iconic monument, the Vivekananda Rock Memorial consists of two main structures. An exciting ferry ride takes the visitors to the small rock island.
- **Thiruvalluvar Statue** – The beautiful statue is dedicated to the successful poet and philosopher Thiruvalluvar. Perched on a 38-foot pedestal, the statue is an important landmark in the coastal town.
- **Gandhi Mandapam** – Built to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, Gandhi Mandapam is the place where his ashes were kept before immersing them in the water. It is interesting to note that the monument is meticulously designed so that the sun rays on every 2nd October falls exactly on the same place where the ashes were kept.
- **Kanyakumari Temple** –Fondly known as the Bhagvati Amman Temple, the shrine is one of the 108 Shakti Peeths of the Hindu Goddess.
- **Kanyakumari Beach** –An ideal place to spend quality time with family and friends, the Kanyakumari Beach offers a panoramic views of the sunrise, sunset, Vivekananda Memorial, the lighthouse and confluence of the Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea.

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DAY 9: Kovalam/ Poovar - Trivandrum - (25 Kms, 1 Hr)

Today morning after Breakfast check out from and drive to Trivandrum Airport for your flight to your home town. You return back with wonderful memories of God's Own Country.

Breakfast

Hotels Details

- 2 Night(s) in Munnar at Elysium Garden Hill Resorts or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Thekkady at Pepper Vine Hotel or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Kumarakom at The World Backwaters/ Warmth Lake Haven (Alleppey) or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Kovalam at Abad Harmonia Ayurveda Beach Resort or similar

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Inclusions

- All Transfers & Sightseeing by Private Vehicle

Exclusions

- GST 5%
- Air / Train Fare.
- Meals other than mentioned above.
- Usage of mini bar.
- The Peak Season Supplement and Gala Dinner Charges on Christmas and New Year applicable as per Hotel Policy
- Cost for Optional Tours, up gradation Charges, Sightseeing Entry Fee & Guide Charges and special permits.
- Personal expenses such as Laundry, soft drinks, bottles of water, incidental, porter charges, tips, etc.
- Expenses incurred due to change in oil price, mishaps, landslides, strikes, political unrest, etc. high season surcharge any

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