

# Kerala Escape

7 Nights

April – September 2018



#### **Summary**

Undoubtedly one of the most beautiful states in India, Kerala offers a treasure-trove of natural beautiful to travelers. Visit the tea estates and hills of Munnar and watch some of the most spectacular sights, such as the lakes, widlife sanctuaries and a walk through the various tea estates. Kumarakom offers a rather charming set up as you board a houseboat and float down the backwaters. Visit the famous Bird Sanctuary and catch glimpses of some of the most exotic birds as they fly past.

#### **Wild Discovery Advantages**

- A proven expertise in organizing successful
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

#### Overview

Dates: April – September 2018
Interest: Group – family - couple
Level of Comfort: 3/5
Minimum # of passengers: 2
Maximum # of passengers: 20

#### Information about the destination

• Currency: Rupee

• Language: Tamil or Sinhala

• Dialing Code: 94

• Recommended vaccines: none

 Banks & currency exchange: Currency can be exchanged at major banks, exchange offices or authorized hotels





#### Day 01: Cochin

Upon arrival at Cochin International airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel Rest of the day is at leisure for own activities.

#### Day 02: Cochin

After breakfast; proceeds for the guided city tour and you will be walking through the old sections. Our walking tour will take us to; Jew Town, including the Pardesi Synagogue (closed on Fridays & Saturdays); The Mattancherry Palace, known locally as the Dutch Palace; Fort Cochin, reminiscent of European streets and houses; the Chinese Fishing Nets on the northern shore of Fort Cochin; and St Francis Church, near to a typical English village green. A highlight is watching the fishermen working the nets (which operate on a weight system) as the sun is setting.

In the evening, you will be taken for one-hour show of Kathakali Dance show- the ancient dance form of Kerala. Enjoy dinner at local restaurant.

## Day 03: Cochin - Periyar

Today morning drive to Periyar –This is one of the best elephant sanctuaries in India. It also has monkeys, wild boar and sambals. This beautiful hill station in the Western Ghats is 1,000 meters above sea level and is famed throughout India for the quality of its spices.

Check-in on arrival & rest.

Afternoon explore Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary by boat, cruising the waters of the lake. The park is home to many mammals that come to the shore to drink. These include elephant, bison Gaur, Sambar, Cheetal, Sloth Bear and Wild Dog, plus many species of birds. During the dry season when water holes within the forest are dry, leopards and tigers also come to the lake for water. The reserve's range of flora and fauna is breath-taking, and includes more than 100 orchid species and trees such as mangoes and banyans as well as wildlife like elephants and Bengal tigers. The River Periyar, which is known as 'Lifeline of Kerala', originates in the park's dense forests. The lake also attracts many species of local and migratory birds.

#### Day 04: Periyar - Kumarakom

In the morning, take the road for Kumarakom. En route we will take you on a fascinating and informative visit to several neighboring spice and tea plantation as well as smaller-scale spice gardens whose owners pride themselves on their adaptation of organic farming methods to provide energy for their household needs. A must for anyone who cares of taste and flavors, the spice plantation visit enables you to get a deeper understanding of how the spice used in everyday cooking throughout the world are grown, harvested and processed before they find their way to your local supermarket.

On arrival check in at the hotel & enjoy lunch.

Rest of the day is at leisure for own activities.

#### Day 05: In Kumarakom

Morning is at leisure to enjoy various facilities available at the hotel.

Afternoon head to the shore to board houseboat for a scenic and leisurely backwaters cruise.

The houseboats are adaptations of kettuvallam boats, which were used for generations to transport rice and spices. Allow yourself to drift away as the beautifully decorated houseboat glides through mangroves and under coconut groves while you feast on traditional Keralan dishes.

# Day 06: Kumarakom - Kovalam

After breakfast, drive to Kovalam. Kovalam offers one of the finest beaches of South India and is famous for its authentic Ayurvedic Massages. On the Malabar Coast along the Kerala shoreline is a small village; called Kovalam a sheltered bay endowed with unusual beauty. This natural bay is a safe sea-pool free from high waves and surge. Today Kovalam has become one of the most popular beach hangouts in India. Upon arrival, check-in at hotel.

Rest of the day is at leisure for own activities.





Day 07: Kovalam

Day is at leisure to enjoy various facilities available at the hotel

Day 08: Trivandrum

Transfer to Trivandrum airport to board flight for onward destination

#### Selected hotels

Nights 02	<b>Regions</b> Cochin	4* Deluxe Hotels Travancore Court	<b>5* Standard Hotels</b> Holiday Inn	<b>5* Deluxe Hotels</b> Crowne Plaza Hotel / Le Meridien
01	Periyar	Cardamom County	The Elephant Court / Poitree Sarovar Portico	Spice Village / Shalimar Spice Garden
02	Kumarakom	Backwaters Ripples	Lakesong Resort / Sarovar Portico	The Zuri Kumarakom / Coconut Lagoon
02	Kovalam	Uday Samudra Beach Resort	Turtle On The Beach	The Leela Kovalam / Vivanta by Taj - Green Cove

#### **Prices Include**

Round trip ticket to Cochin, return from Trivandrum (economy class)
Round trip transfer: airport — hotel — airport
7-night accommodation at hotels
Meals: daily breakfast, 1 lunch & 1 dinner
English speaking local guides
All transfers in air conditioned motor coach
Sightseeing, excursion and surface travel as per program
Boat ride in Lake Periyar
Spice Plantation Tour
Backwaters cruise in houseboat.
Entrance Fee to the monuments as per the itinerary
Assistance of our representative in India

## **Prices Exclude**

Airport taxes
Fuel surcharge
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket
Visa fees
Travel insurance
All other expenses

## Starting price per person in US\$

Hotel	Triple	Double	Single	Child
4* Deluxe	1330	1355	1820	1020
5* Standard	1410	1455	1985	1065
5* Deluxe	1565	1625	2275	1155

• Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking



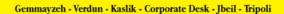
# Flight Schedule

From	То	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Doha	QR4905	22:35	01:20
Doha	Cochin	QR 514	02:25	09:40
Trivandrum	Doha	QR 507	03:45	06:05
Doha	Beirut	QR 416	07:50	12:10

## Payment facilities available with CFC

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