



## 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, wildlife 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.

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- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
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### 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

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**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 Kerala 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.

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

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#### Flight Schedule

| From       | To     | 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   |

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