



Trip to God's Own Country – Kerala, INDIA

Kerala is also known as “God’s own Country” for tourism. It offers sites related to History, Culture, Tea Plantation, Spice Plantation, Hills & Mountains, Backwaters, Lakes, Forest, Beaches, Ayurveda (Indian way of wellness), Cuisine, Dances, Festivals and much more.

DAY 01: ARRIVAL COCHIN

On arrival at Cochin, you will be met by our representative at airport and transfer to hotel.

Kochi is the green commercial capital of Kerala with one of the finest natural harbours in the world. From here, ships set sail for foreign ports with pepper, seafood, rubber and coir. From times immemorial, Arabs, Chinese, Dutch, British and Portuguese seafarers followed the sea route to Cochin and left their impressions on the town. The harbour is the nucleus around which Cochin has grown to become the ‘Queen of the Arabian Sea’.

On arrival transfer to hotel.

In evening enjoy the classical dance-drama "Kathakali", based on the Hindu epics, highlighted by the amazing costumes and make-up.

Overnight at hotel.

Meal: None

DAY 02: COCHIN

Breakfast at hotel. Proceed for guided city tour visiting Mattancherry Palace (built in 1555 and renovated by the Dutch in 1663, it contains 17th century murals of the Ramayana), St. Francis Church, the oldest in India and the famous Chinese fishing nets (introduced by a trader from Kubla Khan's China). Stroll through the old Jewish Quarter and visit the old Synagogue (Jews have lived here since the time of King Solomon).

Overnight at hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

DAY 03: COCHIN - ALLEPPEY (DRIVING TIME: 1 HOURS)

Breakfast at hotel. Check-out and drive to Alleppey.

Alleppey is one of the most important tourist centers in the state, with a large network of inland canals earning it the sobriquet "Venice of the east". Alleppey is the ideal headquarters for backwater tourism as well as for visits to the lovely church filled town of Kottayam, and the town of Aranmula, famous for its historic Aranmula Snake Boat Race which is an annual event

On arrival, board private House Boat and enjoy Lunch.

Thereafter, leisurely cruise through the Backwaters, full of canals, rivers and lakes. Relax on deck or in private lounge, experiencing life on the water - sailing, fishing, swimming, washing, cooking and

more. Canoes with huge sails slowly make their way between villages, selling vegetables, fish and other household goods. Between the waterways are extensive rice patties and coconut palms.

Overnight at Alleppey Houseboat.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 04: ALLEPPEY - MARARI (DRIVING TIME: 30 MINUTES)

After breakfast disembark private House Boat and leave for Marari by road.

Marari originates from "Mararikulam ", one of the local fishing villages, where life still goes on much as it did a hundred years ago, with the men going out to sea each day to earn a living bringing in the daily catch. Marari offers endless miles of superb sand beaches backed by swaying palms, virgin territory where you can experience the local charm and traditional Kerala Hospitality at its best.

On arrival check in at hotel.

Rest of the day free to relax at Beach.

Overnight at hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 05: MARARI BEACH

Full day at leisure or relax at Beach side (with-out vehicle).

Overnight at hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 06: MARARI TO COCHIN (DRIVING TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES)

Breakfast and relax at hotels. Later drive to Cochin Airport in time to connect your onward flight.

Meals: Breakfast

END OF THE TOUR

HOTELS RECOMMENDED OR OF SIMILAR CATEGORY:

City	Nights	First Class Hotels	Deluxe Hotels
Cochin	2 Nights	Holiday Inn	Crown Plaza
Alleppey	1 Night	Deluxe Houseboat	Deluxe Houseboat
Marari Beach	2 Nights	Abad Turtle Beach Resort	XandariPerarl

TOUR PACKAGE COST

Per Person Rates	First Class Hotels	Deluxe Hotels
02 persons traveling together on twin occupancy	USD 490	USD 676
Supplement Cost of Single Room	USD 346	USD 528

Included in the costs:

- 05Nights' Accommodation on twin sharing and Bed/ Breakfast basis.
- Buffet Lunch and Dinner included at Alleppey Houseboat.
- All transfers & excursions by Chauffeur driven Air-Conditioned Vehicles.
- Classical dance-drama Kathakali show at Cochin.
- Services of English Speaking Local Guide during sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- Entrance Fees at sightseeing monuments as per itinerary.
- All presently applicable taxes.

Not included in the costs:

- Any Air Fare to/ from/ within India & airport tax.
- Any Gratuities to drivers/ helpers and local guides.
- Any expense of personal nature viz telephone calls, laundry, beverages etc.
- Any insurance charges.
- Camera fees at monuments.
- Any increase in taxes or fuel rates so as to cause increase in transport rates
- Any other services which has not been specified in "Cost includes"

NOTES:

- The official check-in time at all the hotels is 1400 hrs and check-out time is 12 Noon.
- Sometimes due to VIP/ Foreign Dignitaries visit, monuments remain closed for public/ tourist due to security reasons. In such cases we will try to re-schedule visit to particular monument if time permits.
- The above mentioned hotels will only be confirmed on availability at the time of booking. If otherwise suitable alternatives will be suggested prior to confirmation.
- All transfer times mentioned above are subject to variations depending on traffic flow and road conditions.

Cancellation Policy:

- All the bookings have to be guaranteed 30 days prior travel date.
- In the event of any cancellation or amendment after the guarantee has been sent to respective hotels, minimum one night retention will be charged at each hotel.
- After issuing air tickets, cancellation charges will be applicable if the tickets are cancelled or in the event of any name change or change in the sector/ date.

Other Conditions:

- If the clients avail any additional services apart from the inclusions as per the itinerary - payment must be settled with any of our offices in India before departure. No credit will be extended.
 - Our office in Delhi will process all refunds, through The Reserve Bank of India. The process is a lengthy and takes approximately ten to twelve weeks.
 - All arrangements made by TBi are in the capacity of an agent only. TBi will not be liable for claims or expenses arising from circumstances beyond our control such as accidents, injuries or cancelled flights/ trains and acts of force majeure, currency fluctuations and increase in fuel prices or taxes.
 - All passengers must be covered by suitable travel/ health insurance prior to departure from the country of origin.
 - Our quotations are not budgeted for any increase in taxes, introduction of new taxes, increase in entrance fees to any monuments mentioned in the itinerary and increase in domestic airfares. Hence our quotations are subject to change and cost will be borne by client / sub-agent. You will be informed as soon as any Indian Government Agency or Airlines introduces the above changes.
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