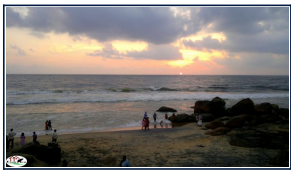




## **KERALA - ROMANTIC KERALA - 8N / 9D**



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#### **Day01ArriveKochi**

On arrival at Kochi, the commercial capital of Kerala, you will be met by our representative and assisted to the Hotel. In the evening witness Kathakali Dance Performance.

Overnight at Kochi.



#### **Day02Kochi**

Breakfast at Hotel. Proceed for a Half-day sightseeing tour of the City. Visit St. Mary's Cathedral, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church Dutch Palace, Chinese fishing nets.

Overnight at Kochi.

#### **Day03Munnar**

After breakfast proceed to Munnar (130 Kms), lover's paradise. At altitude ranging from 1600 to 1800 metres, Munnar ranks among the most beautiful hill stations in South Asia. The town of munnar stands at the confluence of three mountain streams. The journey to Munnar takes you through quaint little hill-towns and softly contoured hill slopes surrounded by plantations of tea, coffee and spices like cardamom and pepper. The air, fresh and rejuvenating, is fragrant with the delicate aromas of this spice district. Afternoon visit tea estate and market. Overnight at Munnar.

#### Day04Munnar

After breakfast visit Majestic mountain peaks, lush green forests, wildlife sanctuaries and sparkling waterfalls merge to create the unique magic of Munnar. Among the exotic flora found here, is the Neelakurinji (*Strobilanthus*), which blossoms only once every twelve years. The Nilgiri Tahr, a rare mountain goat, can be spotted on the hillsides of Rajamala, a few kms from Munnar. Overnight at Munnar.

#### Day05Thekkady

Drive to Thekkady also known as Periyar (110 kms). Drive through the dense rubber. Check in to your resort by Noon. Evening game viewing by the boat in the sanctuary, surrounded by the hills. Wildlife includes elephants, gaur, wild dogs, otters, freshwater Tortoise and bird species like heron, kingfisher, hornbill and fishbowls can be seen here in their natural habitat. Later visit spice plantations (Coffee & Cardamom) etc. Overnight at Resort.

#### Day06Allepey

Morning after breakfast proceed to Allepey (160 kms). Drive to boat jetty point to Board your House Boat. Today you will cruise through punnamada lake - the venue of the famous Nehru Trophy Snake Boat Race. Enter the enchanting waters of the Vembanad Lake and cruise through Narrow Canal, Paddy Fields, Coconut Lagoons and Coir Villages in Allepey. Enjoy the panoramic views and glimpses of life along the banks and watch the men at work. Visit Kuttanad a region where cultivation is done below the sea level. All meals served on board the houseboat. Over night at House Boat.

#### Day07Kovalam

Morning after breakfast proceeds to Kovalam, on the way sight seeing in Trivandrum visiting zoo, Sree Chitra Art Gallery, Museum etc, Check in to your resort by After noon. Evening spending time at Kovalam Beaches. Overnight at Resort.

#### Day08Kovalam

Day free for Leisure activities - sunbathing or Ayurvedic massages, etc. The surf here is ideal for surf riding and the water invites the visitor to ride the "Catamaran" or log with the fisherman, or to take a cool swim. Nearby is the Beach centre of aquatic sports. Rest of the day free to relax & exploring the beach.

Optional Excursion to Kanyakumari, India's southern lands tip. Sightseeing includes Vivekananda rock memorial, Kumariamman temple, "Thriveni sangamam" and sunset etc.

Overnight at Kovalam Resort.

Day09TrivandrumDeparture

Transfer to the Airport to connect to onward destination.