



# KERALA - BEACH & BACKWATERS - 6N / 7D



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Day01ArriveTrivandrum

Arrive Trivandrum, the Capital city of Kerala and drive to Kovalam beach, one of the finest beaches of the world. Half day sightseeing of Trivandrum covering Padmanabha Palace, Museum Complex, Sri Chitra Art Gallery and the temple.

Overnight at Resort.



Day 02 Kovalam

Located 16 km south of Thiruvananthapuram (Trivandrum) city, Kovalam is a world-famous beach resort, which has been a favourite spot for tourists since 1930s. This beach has lovely coconut palms fringe the golden sands. Foreigners throng Ayurvedic parlours, yoga and meditation centres, that have sprung up all over the place. Spend the whole day on the sandy beaches of Kovalam. This day is to relax sipping coconut water at the breathtaking beaches OR proceed for Catamaran ride. Overnight at Resort.



#### Day03Varkala

Drive to the pristine Varkala beach famous for Hindu Pilgrim centre. According to ancient Hindu beliefs bathing in the sea off the coast of Varkala cleanses you of your sins and hence it is often referred to as the "Papanasini", or sin-reliever in local parlance. The 2000 year old Janardana Swamy Temple and the Nature Centre are the two main attractions of Varkala. It has a breathtaking scenery of the High cliffs rising over the beach and spurting mineral springs water springs. Overnight at Resort.

### Day04Kollam

Today you will head to Kollam known for seductive backwaters. The eight branches of Ashtamudi Lake meet at Neendakara and along this lake are some of the most beautiful sceneries which can be best explored by a boat ride. Here you will stay in a backwater resort on the bank of Ashtamudi Lake. Visit one of the oldest ports of the Malabar Coast that were once the centre of international spice trade. Quilon is famous for its delicious Cashew and Seafood. After checking in hotel proceed to see some historic remains and the temples built in ornate style. One can also visit the village to know the life style and culture of locals. Overnight at Quilon.

## Day05Allepey

Breakfast at Hotel. Drive to Boat Jetty point to take a backwater cruise to Allepey. the eight hour boat trip between Kollam and Alappuzha is the longest and most enchanting experience on the backwaters of Kerala. Arrive Allepey - the Venice of the East and explore the enchanting destinations of this beautiful coastal city. It is also a major centre for backwaters boat trips.

#### Day06Kumarakom

Early morning drive to Kumarakom and upon arrival experience the fascinating natural beauty of this destination. Take a cruise on the backwaters in traditional country canoes called "vanjis" to see the agricultural activities of the local people living on the back waters.

# Day07Kochi

Transfer to the airport to connect the flight for onward journey.