

KERALA - HERITAGE TOUR - 11N / 12D

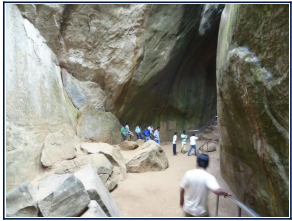


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Day01 Arrive Calicut

On arrival, transfer to Resort. Kappad beach has got its name engraved in Indian history as Vasco Da Gama, the Portuguese explorer, had put his first steps on Indian soil at this place. Have a Cruise on Houseboat (Optional). Spend overnight at Resort.



Day02 Kadavu

Beypore - home to Asia's biggest wood market and traditional wooden ship making industry. The craftsmen have been making these Marakalam's in Beypore since the 18th Century. Overnight stay at Resort.

Day03 Mahe

On arrival transfer to Ayisha Manzil, a heritage bungalow located on the Arabian Sea. Traditional Dance centre to witness 'Thayum' and 'Kalari Pati'. In the afternoon visit to the fort and mosque. Overnight stay at bungalow.

Day04 Wayanad

Wayanad has the highest concentration of tribals in Kerala. This eco- friendly resort provides the visitors with ample opportunities for bird watching, trekking and elephant ride. Overnight stay at Resort.

Day05Wayanad

After lunch take a 4-km trek to an awe-inspiring ancient cave, Edakkal Caves - caves contain several paintings and pictorial writings of the New Stone Age Civilization, Muthunga wildlife sanctuary - Herds of elephants, bear, deer, wild pig etc can be seen here, Glass temple - famous Jain family temple. Overnight stay in the Resort.

Day06Thrissur

Drive to Cheruthurthi the seat of Kerala Kalamandalam. It's main objective is to revive, preserve and develop the ancient and traditional art form of Kerala particularly Kathakali. Visit Guruvayoor temple - The deity of Sri Krishna is known for healing powers and devotees make several offerings and Art Museum.

Day07Kochi

Afternoon sightseeing at Fort Kochi - the area where you will get to see the mixture of Portuguese, Dutch, Chinese culture. A small population of Jews still resides there. Visit Mattancherry Palace, Chinese Fishing Nets, and Saint Francis Church. Get to see the oldest synagogue in the Commonwealth. Walk through the busy spice markets in the Jew town area. In the evening watch Kathakali dance performance. Overnight stay at Fort Heritage Hotel.

Day 08 Kumarakom

Relax at the waterfront, with the occasional native row boat gliding silently by, and the air so calm, you can reach out and touch the sky with your finger tips. The island is surrounded by Vembanad Lake. The breathtaking view of the lake during the dawn and dusk and the glimpse of the formation of birds flapping in and out of the bird sanctuary can be seen from any spot of the island.

Day 09 Thottapally

Breakfast at Hotel. Board the houseboat and cruise through backwaters. Enjoy a memorable trip on the fantastic houseboats. Travel through the coconut fringed canals. Relaxing your mind and body as nature envelops you. Here you are a welcome observer of traditional activities of the local people. Watch them sow seeds in the soil, give green grass to their animals alongside the backwaters. Your crew will show you various points of interest along the way and provide you delicious meals on board. Have an out of the world experience with the overnight stay on the houseboat. Village-Rice Barge and Cruise through Pallathuruthy Canal, Karimpavalavu village, Karumady canal - the long stretch of narrow canal - to reach Thottappally village for night stay.

Day10 Arrive in Thottapally

Early Morning wake up to the tunes of lovely birds and watch sun climbing over the palm trees. Disembark from houseboat after breakfast. (You won't feel like disembarking!). Drive to Kovalam. Visit enroute Haripad Subramanian Snake Temples which house 500 snake statues. Overnight stay at Kovalam Beach Resort.

Day11 Kovalam

Day free to Relax at the Kovalam Beach Resort having a body-soothing, relaxing Ayurvedic massage. Or Optional excursion to Trivandrum. Overnight stay at Kovalam Beach Resort.

Day12 Departure

Transfer to Trivandrum airport for your onward journey.