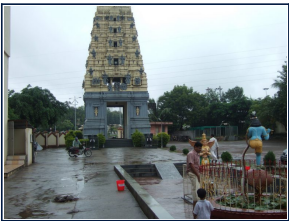




## **KERALA - NORTH MALABAR & WESTERN GHATS - 12N / 13D**



### **ITINERARY**

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Day 01 Arrive Kochi

Arrive Kochi, the commercial capital of Kerala. Visit the Dutch Palace, Jewish synagogue, St. Francis Church and Chinese Fishing Nets. Witness the traditional Kathakali Dance show.

Day 02 Kozhikode

Drive to Thrissur. Visit Guruvayoor Temple and Cheruthuruthi Training Centre for traditional dance and performing arts. Afternoon sightseeing of Beypore - a place where construction of country boats are made of wood and Pazhassiraja Museum.



Day 03 Kozhikode

Afternoon drive to Kappad Beach. At this point Vasco de Gama first landed in 1498, the first European to arrive in India. Visit to Kalaripayattu Martial Arts demonstration.

Day 04 Wayanad

Morning drive to Vythiri Resort in the rainforest area of Wayanad Sanctuary. One of the most beautiful hilly regions of Kerala and is the home of several sects of tribes, who have built some shrines for the village deities. Visit 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 park.

Day 05 Kannur

Drive to Kannur en route visiting Mahe and Thalasseri. Visit MUZHAPPILANGAD BEACH - There is an unpaved road winding through coconut groves, leading to the beach. The beach is about 5 k.m. long and curves in a wide area providing a good view of Kannur beach on the north. To the South and about 200 metres away from the beach there is a beautiful island called the "Green Island" which adds to the allure of the beach. Such a conjunction of beach and island is rare. Overnight at Kannur Beach.

Day 06 Kasargod

Drive to Kasargod, the enduring charm of its beach, the architectural marvel of the temples , mosques and churches and the unique and tell tale folk art forms are genuine areas of attractions for the tourist. Visit Bekal Fort, one of the largest and best preserved in Kerala, Madhur Sidhi Vinayak Temple, Ananthapura - the only lake temple in India and Kapil beach.

Day 07 Mangalore drop or proceed to Goa

Drive to Mangalore enroute visiting Bekal Fort, one of the largest and best preserved Forts of Kerala. Visit Manjunatha temple, Gokarnanath temple. Overnight at Mangalore.

Day 08 Coondapoor

Drive to Coondapoor en route visiting Moodbidri - the 1000 Pillar Jain Temple which has exquisite works of art, Karkal Gomateswara's Twin Statue - 14 metres high and has finely cut steps to climb and Udipi Krishna Temple - the seat of eight mutts which share the right of worshipping Sri Krishna once in two years. Overnight at Coondapoor.

Day 09 Karwar

Drive to Karwar en route visiting Bhatkal Fort. The Khatappaya Narayana temple with finely sculpture Ramayana panels and a Jain centre are worth visiting. It is one of the finest beaches of Karnataka. It has a chain of five islands protecting it from storms. Overnight at Karwar.

Day 10 Goa

Drive to Goa, one of the finest beach in India and has more fun & frolic than just sand and sea. On arrival check-in to the resort and relax.

#### Day 11 Goa

The tour starts with a drive to Dona Paula an idyllic spot, which overlooks Goa's magnificent harbour of Marmagao. Then we proceed to Panjim via Miramar Beach. In the year 1843, the Portuguese court in Lisbon by a Royal Decree made Panjim the new capital of Goa, which was a fishing village till then, Panjim today still captures the charm with typical Portuguese type of houses and villas spread along the River Mandovi. Notable among the classic structures in Panjim are Panjim Church, Palacio Patriarchal (Bishop's Palace) and Palacio Idalcao (the present secretariat) built by Adil shah in 1492. Our tour then proceeds to Old Goa, which was once the old capital of Goa. Visit the Basilica of Bom Jesus where the incorruptible remains of St. Francis Xavier kept in a silver casket entombed in a marble mausoleum in the Florentine style.

#### Day 12 Goa

Day free for water sport activities or Explore the remaining travel attractions of Goa.

#### Day 13 Departure transfer

Transfer to the Airport to connect flight to onward destination.