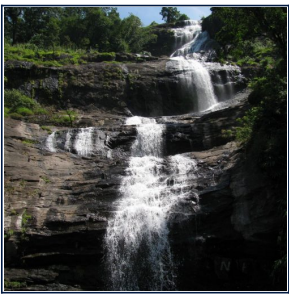




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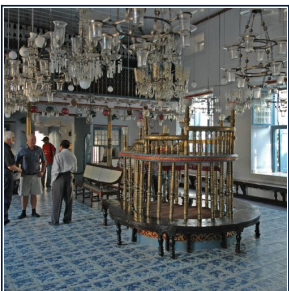


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Day01 Arrive Kochi

On arrival at Kochi, the commercial capital of Kerala, you will be met by our representative and assisted to the Hotel. In the noon proceed for sight seeing of Kochi visiting St. Mary's Cathedral, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church Dutch Palace, Chinese fishing nets. Evening witness Kathakal Dance Performance. Overnight at Kochi.



Day02 Munnar

After breakfast proceed to Munnar (130 Kms), lover's paradise. Check in to your resort by noon.

Munnar is one of the most naturally beautiful hill-stations in South India. The word "Munnar" means three rivers. 3 mountain streams Madurapuzha, Nallathanni and Kundala are joining together here. The former, mainly in Devikulam Taluk of Idukki district, Munnar is usually known as the Kanan Devan hills or the High Ranges. The natural beauty, calmness and mild cold climate throughout the year makes it the favorite tourist place of both Indians and foreigners.

Traditions of a quaint British tea plantation town are still preserved in this heavenly and unspoiled hill station. Munnar abounds in animals like elephants and Nilgiri Tahrs and rich biodiversity teeming with flora and fauna. Among the exotic flora found in the forests here is the "Neela Kurinji". This flower which bathes the hills in blue every 12 years, will bloom next in 2006 A.D.

Day03Munnar

After breakfast proceed for Half day sight seeing of Munnar visiting Tea plantation, Cheeyappara water falls, view point, Devikulam etc. Overnight at Munnar.

Day04Thekkady

Drive to Thekkady also known as Periyar (110 kms). Drive thru' the dense rubber. The very sound of the name conjures up images of elephants, unending chains of hill and spice scented plantations. Here, in the crisp, cool air of the Western Ghats you will experience the most enchanting holiday. Periyar forest of Thekkady is one of the finest wildlife reserves in India, and spread across the entire district are picturesque plantations and hill towns that hold great opportunities for treks and mountain walks. A cruise through the waters of Periyar lake around which the wild -life sanctuary is situated, offers a soul - stirring pleasant experience. The Thekkady sanctuary is one of the best in the country for watching and photographing wild life.

Day05Periyar

Early Morning boat ride in Lake Periyar is the best way to view wild life sanctuary. This is a place for anyone who Loves nature to fill your lungs with fresh air, to savour the rich fragrance of cinnamon and cloves or to watch young elephants at the water's edge. Day at leisure to visit nearby coffee plantations, spice gardens with pepper vines or a trek deep into the tropical forest. Later visit spice plantations (Coffee & Cardamom) etc. Evening if time permits proceed for an Elephant ride. Overnight at Resort.

Optional * full day trekking is also possible in the sanctuary. * Guided forest tours * Wildlife safaris *Elephant rides * Bird watching * Trips to tea plantations & factories * Spice plantation tours * Angling * Trips to tea plantations & factories Spice plantation tours

Day06 Allepey

Morning after breakfast proceed to Allepey (160 kms). Allepey is also known as Venice of the East, because of the narrow canals and backwaters. Board the houseboat from Allepey finishing point jetty. Staying in this moving palace is breathtakingly stimulating experience. While sailing down a maze of canals one sees different scenes from the villages, paddy fields, coconut palms, fisherman and local life. You will visit Kuttanad a region where cultivation is done below the sea level. All meals and tea snacks will be served in the boat. The cool breeze from the Lake make you sleep early in the night after anchoring in a fancy place. Dinner and Overnight in the houseboat.

Day 07 Kochi Departure

After breakfast, check-out and drive to Kochi. Its time to Bid farewell. Transfer to the Airport to connect flight to onward destination.