

01 Day – Arrive Cochin (Kochi)

Fly to Cochin and on arrival, assistance and transfer to your hotel.



In the evening, a visit to the performance of Kathakalli, a dance form unique to Kerala that retells the story of Mahabharata, Ramayana or Bhagwat Purana - the three epics of India. The dance form is unique in the sense that they always depict lessons of good prevailing over evil and is enacted by dancers in outrageous make-up and only through facial and body expressions accompanied by musical instruments. Never a word is uttered. One has to see it to believe the high-energy performance.

02 Day – Kochi

Popularly known as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea", Cochin is rich both in culture and tradition. Cochin casts a magical spell on you transporting you down the lanes of history to Dutch, Portuguese and British, Jew merchant houses; to a land of lagoons, swaying coconut palms and Chinese Fishing nets silhouetted against the sunset. Some of the places that are musts are a visit to see the **Chinese Fishing Nets** at the entrance to the harbor and a fascinating sight. These old contraptions were introduced by the ancient Chinese travelers and are still used by the fishermen.



The Jew Town - in the Mattancherry, is one street long. Jews used to occupy virtually all the houses on the Jew Road, where they sold fruits, vegetables and spices or worked as oil pressers or carpenters. The Spice market is still located on the narrow street, but most homes and business belong to non-Jews.

Out of seven Synagogues that graced this street only the Paradeshi is open. At one end of the Jew Town on the Jew Cemetery Road is the Jewish Burial place, with stone sepulchres above ground and inscriptions in Hebrew and Malayalam. From the burial ground, a walk through several blocks will bring you to the Magen David decorated, wrought iron gates of the Paradeshi

Synagogue. Along the way one can identify buildings that once housed synagogues and prayer halls, as well as Jewish homes. Rest of the day is free.

03 Day – Cochin/ Munnar

A four plus hour drive takes you to Munnar Rest of the day to relax and go for nature walks or take a bicycle and ride through the hills.

04 Day – Munnar



Munnar is a popular attraction for travellers who want to relax away from daily traffic, city life and turmoil, due to its picturesque mountain scenery and the surrounding environment. But above all, the sleepy little city is dominated by tea farming: it produces the famous black and green teas which are being consumed

around the entire world every day. Some of the tea fields are located at an altitude of 2200 meters above sea level. Hence Munnar belongs to the world's highest located tea cultivation regions. Due to the altitude and climatic conditions, the tea of Munnar is of highest quality. Munnar does not only offer excellent tea; it is surrounded by exciting tourist attractions, such as the Blossom International Park, the Chinnar game reserve, Anamudi, the highest peak in India south of the Himalaya mountains; and lots of other attractions. But above all, Munnar offers tranquility, relaxation and space. The tiny, picturesque town is surrounded by serpentine-like streets, tropical vegetation and most of all tea plantations as far as the eye can reach.

05 Day – Periyar (Thekkady) – 3+ hours drive

Periyar is located in the Thekkady district of Kerala. Here in the heights of Western Ghats Mountains is the vast lake formed by the dam across the Periyar River. On arrival, check in to your hotel.

Created during India's British period, the place originally was a lowland and today, you can see the tell-tale signs – rotten tree stumps sticking out of the water like knobbed fingers reaching out to the sky! Around this lake is one of the most fascinating wild life sanctuaries. Covering an area of 777 square kilometres of lush green tropical forests, it is the natural habitat of



the small Indian Elephant, bison, spotted deer, sambar, wild boar, bear etc. Colourful variety of birds like the Malabar Grey hornbill, Grey jungle fowl and the Jungle Myna can be seen here. A late afternoon boat ride is one of the best times for game viewing. Do remember that it is not so

much the animals that you see but the ride itself that can be very soothing. Return to Serenity for overnight.

06 Day – Periyar-Kollam – 5-6+ hours drive

Morning at leisure and later drive 4+ hours to Kollam and on arrival, check-in at your hotel.

07 Day – Kumarakom-Houseboat

Leave early for your backwater experience. Munroe Island is a hidden pearl in the backwaters which is composed of a cluster of 8 islands. Each of them is separated by small water channels and lakes. Munroe Island is located about 27 km from Kollam. The place is named in honour



of Resident Colonel John Munroe, of the former princely state of Travancore. He is said to have integrated several backwater regions by digging canals. Some of this island's main attractions are the narrow waterways, canal cruise and the famous Kallada Boat Race held here during the 10-day festival of Onam. It offers a unique and tranquil setting, far away from the constant chaos of modern life.

Return to hotel and after freshening up proceed for a cooking demo of Kerala Food by a typical Kerala Housewife.

08 Day – Kollam/Trivandrum

In time, transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

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