

# *Kerala - God's own Country!*

**National Geographic Traveler has chosen "Kerala-India" as one of the "50 Greatest destinations of the World" !**

07 Night/ 08 Days Package **KERALA - INDIA**  
( Cochin - Munnar - Kumarakom - Alleppey (Houseboat) - Kovalam )

**DAY 01: COCHIN (ARRIVAL)** On arrival at Cochin our representative will be waiting at the airport to welcome you and take you to your Hotel.

Cochin is one of the most interesting towns in South India. A trading port since Roman times, it was on the main trade route between Europe and China. Fort Cochin occupies the South promontory on the seaward side of the Bay. Cochin is also known as the commercial capital of Kerala.

**DAY 02: COCHIN - MUNNAR (B)** After breakfast, we proceed for a half-day city tour of Cochin sightseeing. After which we will proceed to Munnar. Sightseeing of Munnar before checking into hotel.

## **SIGHTSEEING IN COCHIN**



**Fort Kochi:** A European township in India, Kochi has an eventful and colorful history. The town was shaped by the cultural influences of the Dutch and later the British. The results of these cultural influences are seen in the many examples of Indo-European architecture that still exist here.

**Chinese fishing nets:** These huge cantilevered fishing nets are the legacy of one of the first visitors to the Malabar Coast. Erected here between 1350 and 1450 AD by Traders from the court of Kublai Khan, these nets are set up on teak wood and bamboo poles. The best place to watch the nets being lowered into the sea and the catch being brought in is the Vasco da Gama square, a narrow promenade that runs along the beach.

**St. Francis Church:** Built in 1503 by Portuguese Franciscan Friars, this is India's oldest European Church. Vasco da Gama was buried here in 1524 before his remains were moved to Lisbon, Portugal.

**Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Palace):** Built by the Portuguese in 1557 and presented to Raja Veera Kerala Varma of Kochi, the palace was renovated in 1663 by the Dutch. On display here are beautiful murals depicting scenes from the epics, Ramayana and Mahabharata, and some of the Puranic Hindu legends. The palace also displays Dutch maps of old Kochi, royal palanquins and the coronation robes of former maharajas of Kochi.

**Synagogue:** Constructed in 1568, this is the oldest synagogue in the commonwealth. Destroyed in a shelling during the Portuguese raid in 1662, it was rebuilt two years later by the Dutch.

Tiger, sambhar, bison, spotted deer, leopard, and Malabar flying squirrel, stripe-necked Mongoose etc. can also be spotted in the forest. After sight seeing drive to Munnar. Overnight at Munnar.

**DAY 03: MUNNAR - KUMARAKOM (B)**

After Breakfast, Sight seeing for Munnar. Rajamala, the natural habitat of Nilgiri Tahr, a rare mountain goat and the Eravikulam National Park. After sight seeing drive to Kumarakom. Overnight at Kumarakom Hotel.

**Munnar,** Paradise of nature lovers, Munnar was the summer resort of the British government in South India. Surrounded by the Anamalai Hills, this hill station offers spectacular views of the craggy peaks, manicured tea estates, picturesque towns and winding lanes. Munnar in the view hours of the morning is a dream, covered in mist. Among the exotic flora found in the forests and grasslands is the flower Neelakurinji, which bathes the hills in blue once every twelve years. It will bloom next in 2018 AD.

**DAY 04: KUMARAKOM (B)**

After Breakfast, leave for sight seeing of Kumarakom

**Kumarakom** A nice Backwater Village hidden among the palm trees on the eastern shore of Lake Vembanad, at the mouth of the Kavanar River, Nature itself has set on an abandoned coconut plantation in the very heart of these fascinating backwaters and gives visitors an authentic insight into Kuttanad life. Most of the

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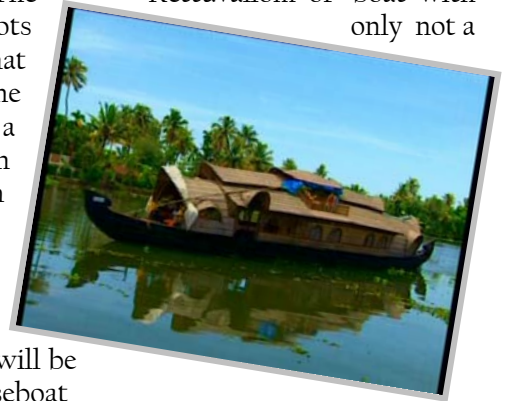
places can only be reached by boat. a ferry leaves from one of several mainland embarkation points at scheduled times throughout the day. Overnight at hotel

Day 5 : Kumarakom – Alleppey [Houseboat] (B/D)

After Breakfast, drive to Alleppey board Houseboat at Noon

“Kerala - Continued” Kettuvallom or Houseboats (Rice boats) The knots' is so called because the entire boat is held together with coir knots single nail is used during the construction. They are country boats that were used in the early days for the transportation of goods from the isolated interior villages to the towns. A ride on a Kettuvallom is a fabulous way to explore the fascinating beauty of the backwaters which gives a glimpse of paddy fields, toddy tapping. Also you can indulge in fishing. The materials that go into the making are all local and Eco friendly bamboo poles, coconut fiber ropes, bamboo mats, coir carpets etc. The house boats have fully furnished single and double rooms with sundeck, comfortable chairs, kitchen and toilet with AC. Traditional lanterns are used as lights. The Traditional Kerala cuisine will be served on the board. Overnight on houseboat . Overnight on board houseboat

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DAY 06 : ALLEPPEY [HOUSEBOAT] – KOVALAM (B/L) Breakfast, then drive to Kovalam

Kovalam This is an internationally renowned beach has been a much loved haunt of tourists. Kovalam consists of three adjacent crescent beaches. The southernmost, known as the Lighthouse Beach, is the most popular. Enjoy the beach and view the sunset. Evening Kathakali show. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 07; KOVALAM VIA TRIVENDRAM TO - SINGAPORE (B) The day is free till you leave to airport.

FARE: in Singapore Dollars *Minimum 2 to go*

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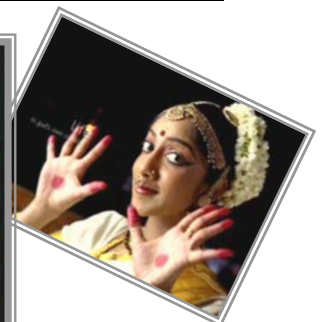
**Cost Includes :**

1. International Airfare Silk Air – economy class)
2. Hotels Accommodation
3. Monument entrance charges as mentioned above.
4. English Speaking Tour guides
5. Meals as advised



**Cost Excludes :**

1. All expenses of personal nature like drinks, tips, laundry etc.
2. Any other expenses paid due to any change in itinerary
3. Visa Charges ( \$ 70 ) Airport Tax ( Approx \$350 )
4. Meals not specified



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