



Incredible India

The Spice Route of Kerala

Day 01. – ARRIVE COCHIN

Arrive Cochin by International flight
Meeting on arrival and transfer to hotel
Evening : Sunset cruise on Harbour area
Overnight in Cochin

Day 02. – COCHIN/MARARIKULAM

AM : City tour of Cochin – an important port city with a famous Jewish settlement and Synagogue, the Dutch Palace, the Chinese Nets, the Church of St Francis and the Tomb of Vasco da Gama.

Later leave Cochin for Mararikulam
(70 kms/1 _ hrs approx)

On arrival check-in at the resort
Marari is set in a superb location of 25 acres of coconut palm grooves leading down to the vast expanse of beach. The Marari beach is a brand new hotel built in the style of traditional fishing village with thatched villas that have been designed to be keeping with local village style.

Overnight in Mararikulam

Day 03. – MARARIKULAM/ALLEPPEY

After breakfast, drive to Alleppey (18 kms/ _ hr). On arrival board the House Boat. Cruise through the narrow canals of this area
Overnight on board the HOUSE BOAT

Day 04. – DRIVE TO PERIYAR

Disembark at Krishnapuram and drive to Periyar (145 kms/4 hrs approx).

On arrival check-in at the resort
– Rest of the day free

Overnight in Periyar

Day 05. – IN PERIYAR

Periyar, where rolling hills, tea & Cardamom plantations welcome you. It is one of the largest wildlife reserves in India; it is more popular as a tiger reserve.

PM : Take a boat ride on the splendid Periyar lake which is the best way to experience the sanctuary. The greatest attraction here is the herds of wild elephants that come down to the lake to frolic in the water. Tiger, Sambhar, Bison, Spotted Deer, Leopard, Malabar flying Squirrel, stripe necked Mongoose & so on can be spotted in the forest. Kumily, an important spice trade centre lies in the periphery of the sanctuary.

Overnight in Periyar

Day 06. – PERIYAR/MUNNAR

After breakfast drive to Munnar (140 kms/5 _ hrs approx).

On arrival check-in at the hotel
Munnar – 1600m above sea level, Munnar is a nature lover's paradise and was the summer resort of the British government in South India. Sprawling tea plantations, picture-book towns, winding lanes and holiday facilities make this a popular hill station.

Among the exotic flora found in the forests and grasslands is the 'Neelakurinji'. This flower, which bathes the hills in blue once every twelve years, will bloom next in 2006 AD. Munnar also has the highest peak in South India, Anamudi, which towers over 2695 m.

Anamudi is an ideal spot for trekking.

Overnight in Munnar

Day 07. – MUNNAR/KUMARAKOM

AM : City tour of Munnar
After the visit drive to Kumarakom (160 kms/4 _ hrs approx).

On arrival check-in at the hotel
Kumarakom, a unique backwater destination situated on the banks of the Vemband Lake which is considered the gateway to the backwaters of Kuttanad. The Kumakom Bird Sanctuary is a favourite haunt of migratory birds from across the world, which makes it a renowned bird watching centre.

Overnight in Kumarakom

Day 08. – KUMARAKOM/KOVALAM

Leave Kumarakom for Kovalam enroute visiting Trivandrum city (195 kms/6 _ hrs approx including the visits).

Visit the famous Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple from outside (Non hindus are not allowed) dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Rebuilt in 1733, it is an excellent example of South Indian architecture. Visit the Zoological Park, Napier Museum with its bronze collection, Sri Chitra Art Gallery with paintings from various schools; from countries like China, Japan, Java and Bali.

On arrival check-in at the hotel

Rest of the day free

Overnight in Kovalam

Day 09. – DEPART KOVALAM

Transfer to Trivandrum airport to board International flight