

07 Nights / 08 Days

1N Cochin - 2N Thekkady - 2N Kumarakom - 2N Marari

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- In Cochin, Kathakali Dance, Mattancherry palace & Jewish Synagogue
- Visit to Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, Boat Ride at Lake Periyar, Spice plantation tour & Kalari show
- Visit - Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary
- In Marari, relax on the white sand beaches of Mararikulam
- Sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Start and End in Cochin

ITINERARY:

Day 01 Arrival in Cochin

Meet our representative upon arrival in Cochin and drive towards hotel to check-in. Cochin is amalgam of medieval Portugal, Holland and an English village grafted onto the tropical Malabar Coast. Enjoy city tour covering Mattancherry Palace - gifted to the king of Cochin, by Portuguese in 1555, about 500 year old Jewish Synagogue, Chinese fishing nets, local spices market followed by colorful performing art - Kathakali Dance. Later in the evening, return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 02 Cochin - Thekkady (175 kms / approx. 3.5 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Thekkady (Periyar) and on arrival check-in at the hotel. Enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Periyar. Set high in the ranges of the Western Ghats in Kerala, is the Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve. Periyar wildlife sanctuary has a picturesque lake at the heart of the sanctuary. Herds of playful wild elephants have made Periyar Lake their favorite haunt for frolicking in the water. They can be witnessed bathing and swimming here. Enjoy a boat ride on the lake to view the wildlife at close quarters. Other inhabitants of Periyar include the leopard, wild dog, barking deer, mouse deer, Nilgiri langur, bonnet macaque, sambhar, porcupines, squirrels, gaur (Indian bison), wild boar and sloth bear. Later, take a spice plantation tour. The aroma and pleasant ambiance of the spice and tea plantations of Periyar are fascinating. Spices found in Thekkady include pepper, clove, cardamom, nutmeg, ginger, turmeric, vanilla and curry leaves. In evening, watch traditional Kalari show. **(Optional) - You can also enjoy an elephant ride in Periyar.** Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 03 Full day leisure at Thekkady

After breakfast, enjoy full day leisure at Thekkady. Overnight in Thekkady.

Day 04 Thekkady - Kumarakom (130kms / approx. 4 hour)

After breakfast, check-out from the houseboat and proceed to Kumarakom - a charming emerald peninsula jutting into the picturesque Vembanad Lake dotted with innumerable traditional country rafts, boats and canoes. The fresh water of the lake flows into the mainland, making a labyrinth of lagoons, canals and waterways. Spend the rest of the day at beautiful resort of Kumarakom. Overnight at the backwater resort.

Day 05 Kumarakom

Today, enjoy your visit to Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary- An ornithologist's paradise, the sanctuary is spread across 14 acres. Also, you may want to indulge yourself with some Ayurveda treatments in your hotel (On direct-payment basis). Ayurveda is the ancient healing system of India and has been practiced continuously for over 5,000 years. The various treatments are individually prescribed and involve the use of medicated herbal oils, herbs, powders and poultices & natural ingredients. Overnight stay in Kumarakom.

Day 06 Kumarakom - Mararikulam (30 kms / approx. 1 hour)

After breakfast, drive to Mararikulam. Mararikulam is one of the best beaches in Kerala offering idyllic beach stay experience. Marari is a very relaxing beach retreat stays. Beaches are good for swimming and very private. Arrive and check-in to your hotel. Rest of the day leisure at the hotel. Overnight in Mararikulam.

Day 07 Day at leisure in Mararikulam.

After breakfast, enjoy full day at leisure - relax on white sand beaches of Mararikulam.

Day 08 Departure from Cochin (30 kms / approx. 1 hour)

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Cochin airport for return flight back home.

