

## Glorious Kerala 07 Days / 06 Nights



\* Ex - Kochi

Kochi, Munnar, Thekkady, Alleppey & Kumarakom

### Tour Itinerary

#### Day 1: **ARRIVE KOCHI**

Welcome to your '**Glorious Kerala**' tour. On arrival at the airport in Kochi or Ernakulum Railway station you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Later, proceed on a city tour of Kochi visiting places like St. Francis Church, Mattancherry Palace, The Jewish Synagogue and view the Chinese fishing nets in Fort Kochi area. St Francis Church is one of the oldest churches in India, built by Europeans. Originally built in 1503, the church has witnessed many skirmishes between Indians and the Britishers. St Francis Church was declared a protected monument in 1923. This church is built in the Indo gothic style of architecture.

The Mattancherry palace is a Dutch Palace in the state of Kerala and was built in 1555. It served as a gift to the local Raja of Kochi. The palace stands as a testament of the Dutch rule over Cochin and neighboring areas. The palace now exhibits Temple art, portraits and exhibits of the Rajas of Kochi.

The Jewish synagogue is also called the Pardesi Synagogue. It is located in the corner of the Jew town in the city of Kochi. The Jewish synagogue is a prayer house or shrine for people from the Jewish faith. Built in 1568, the synagogue has a 500 year old history attached to it. Chinese fishing nets also called Cheena vala are the fishing installations made in Kochi. Each net has a limited area and depth of operation. The fishing nets make for a beautiful backdrop for photography. Overnight in Kochi None (Meals on your own).

#### [Day 2: ON TO MUNNAR \(130 KMS / APPROX. 4 HOUR DRIVE\)](#)

This morning drive through the picturesque countryside of Munnar which is surrounded by lush green tea estates. On arrival, check in to your hotel in Munnar. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore this quaint hill station. Overnight in Munnar (B).

#### [Day 3: MUNNAR](#)

Today, proceed on Full day sightseeing tour of Munnar including visit to places like Rose Garden and the Tata Tea Museum (Closed on Mondays. Timing 1000hrs to 1700hrs). Later, visit Eco Point and Mattupetty Lake. Near Top station is the echo point. On this point, the valley is acoustically inclined to reverberate the sounds that enters it. The legend goes that if your voice echoes thrice, you will get what you wish for.

Mattupetty Lake is flanked by steep hills and woods and has been created by the small hydro-electricity dam. The entire area around it is covered with forests and sightings of wild animals are common. This territory is famous for its elephant sightings. The rest of the evening is at leisure for independent activities. Overnight in Munnar (B).

#### [Day 4 : ON TO THEKKADY \(95 KMS / APPROX. 3 HOURS DRIVE\)](#)

Today, proceed to Thekkady, en-route enjoy Spice Plantation tour, embark on a journey to a spice plantation in where you will be acquainted with numerous spices and plants of various types. On arrival, check into your hotel. Proceed to Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary for a boat ride.

**Note:** Entry and Boat ride on direct payment basis. Please carry a photo-id proof for Periyar boat ride. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the spice market in the Kumily Village on your own. Overnight in Thekkady (B).

#### [Day 5 : ON TO ALLEPPEY \(129 KMS / APPROX. 3 1/2 HOURS DRIVE\)](#)

Today, in the morning, drive to the idyllic backwaters of Alleppey. Alleppey is Kerala's Venice of the East, a heartland of lagoons and mangrove fields, inter-linked with hundreds of narrow winding canals. Arrive Alleppey and check in to your hotel. The rest of the evening is at leisure for independent activities. Overnight in Alleppey (B).

#### [Day 6 : ON TO KUMARAKOM \(57 KMS / APPROX. 1 AND HALF HOUR DRIVE\)](#)

Today, after breakfast, take a picturesque drive to Kumarakom located on the idyllic backwaters and check into your hotel on arrival. The rest of the day is at leisure. You can enjoy a backwater cruise, (boats can be hired on direct payment basis) lazing in a small country boat as it meanders through the tranquil network of water canals, dotted with busy hamlets, lush green paddy fields on your own. Overnight in Kumarakom (B).

Day 7 : DEPART KUMARAKOM \* ONTO KOCHI (55 KMS / APPROX. 2 HOUR DRIVE)

Today, bid farewell to your '**Glorious Kerala**' tour as you get transferred to airport in Kochi / railway station in Ernakulam for your onward journey.