

KERALA

3 nights / 4 days

If there is one place in the riveting diversity of India where there is tangible beauty and a phenomenal thing like total literacy, it is in Kerala. This small State in the southern tip of the Indian peninsula is an easy winner owing to its great mind-blowing landscape and infinity of intriguing customs, high-intensity cultural life and educated public so often dressed in white.

Day 01 MUMBAI-KOCHI

- **Half day City tour of Cochin**
- **Overnight at hotel**

0730 hrs: Morning transfer to Mumbai domestic airport to connect flight for Kochi.

0850 hrs: Leave for Kochi

1040 hrs: Arrive Kochi & transfer to hotel

1400 hrs: Afternoon Kochi City Tour

Visit Jewish Synagogue; the Mattancherry Palace, known locally as the Dutch Palace; Fort Cochin, reminiscent of European streets and houses; the Chinese Fishing Nets on the northern shore of Fort Cochin; and St Francis Church, near to a typical English village green.



Overnight at Hotel

Day 02 COCHIN-PERIYAR (186 kms/approx 4 hrs drive)

0800 hrs: Breakfast at hotel

0845 hrs: Drive to Periyar

1200 hrs: Arrive and check in at the Hotel.

1600 hrs: Visit to Spice Plantation to watch different varieties of spices such as cardamom, cinnamon, pepper, clove, vanilla, ginger, tea and coffee growing in their natural environment. Periyar is on 1000 meters above the sea level and is rich in spice growing. 95% pepper in India is produced from here.



Nutmeg at Spice Plantation

Overnight at Hotel

Day 03 PERIYAR- KUMARAKOM (125 kms/ approx 3 hrs drive)

- **Boat ride on Lake Periyar**
- **Relax at Kumarakum**

0700 hrs Boat ride on Lake Periyar
 The Periyar Lake is a paradise for the nature lovers. It gives you an opportunity to observe the wild animals roaming in the jungle. The lake is also a birdwatcher's delight. The greatest attraction of Periyar Lake, however, is the herds of wild elephants that come down to play in the lake.



0830 hrs : Return to Hotel for breakfast
1000 hrs : Check-out & Drive to Kumarakum.
1300 hrs : Arrive Kumarakum & check-in at hotel
 : Take a leisurely sunset cruise or enjoy the activities at resort

Overnight at Hotel

Day 04 KUMARAKOM-COCHIN (100 kms/approx 2& 1/2 hrs drive)

- **Half day backwater cruise**
- **Board your onward flight from Cochin**

0800 hrs: Breakfast at hotel

1200 hrs: Check-out & embark the Houseboat for half day backwater Cruise.
 These extraordinary boats have, for hundreds of years, plied the backwaters weighed down with their cargoes of rice, fruit, coir and other crops. They have been the main source of transport between the villages of this area that are not accessed by road. From your vantage point on board, you will see loin-clothed fishermen delicately balancing on their narrow canoes, women weaving or gossiping on the shore and you will be constantly accompanied by the happy sounds of children either playing in the canals or at the water's edge.



1600 hrs: Disembark the Houseboat & transfer directly to Cochin airport to board onward international flight or flight for Mumbai

:Leave for Mumbai

Tour Ends