



## Best of Kerala - 11 Days (#17755)

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### Trip Highlights

Kochi-Munnar-Periyar-Alleppey-Kovalam-Trivandrum

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

#### Day 01: Arrive Cochin

On arrival in Kochi & transfer to Hotel.

Overnight at the hotel in Kochi.

#### Day 02

#### Day 02: In Cochin



After breakfast at hotel, proceed for sightseeing of Kochi visiting the Dutch Palace, the Jewish Synagogue - (which remains closed on Fridays) St. Francis Church and the Santa Cruz Basilica. While driving along the coastline, at the Harbour's mouth, one can also view the unique and still-in-use "Chinese Fishing Nets" which were introduced by the Chinese traders in the 14th Century. The tour ends in the Fort Kochi area where you can walk through the historical Dutch and Portuguese buildings. Some parts of this nearly 500-year-old Fort are still amazingly well preserved.

Evening: Witness India's most spectacular Kathakali Dance show drama based on stories from Ramayana and Mahabharata. The dancers are elaborately made up with paint and masks, accompanied with drummers and musicians.

Overnight at the hotel in Kochi.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 03

### Day 03: Kochi – Munnar (150 kms / 4 hrs drive approx)

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel & travel by road to the hill station of Munnar this afternoon, an idyllic haven of crisp mountain air, and tea. Upon arrival check-in at Hotel.

Overnight at the hotel in Munnar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 04

### Day 04: In Munnar

After breakfast excursion to Eravikulam National Park is 15 Kms from Munnar and has an area of 97 km<sup>2</sup>. The park is located along the Western Ghats and has the largest viable population of the Nilgiri Tahr. The park also has other animals such as Nilgiri marten, ruddy mongoose, small clawed otter, dusky striped squirrel, Sambar Deer, Golden Jackal, Wild Dog, Indian Porcupine, and Funambulus etc. There are many species of birds too such as Nilgiri Wood Pigeon, White Bellied Short-wing, and Black-and-orange Flycatcher etc.

Overnight at the hotel in Munnar.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 05**

**Day 05: Munnar – Periyar (130 kms / 3 hrs drive approx)**

After breakfast drive to Thekkady. The drive Munnar to Periyar will be an unforgettable experience through the cardamom hills and by the valleys and hills. This will be one of the best drive you have during this tour. The very sound of the word Thekkady conjures up images of elephants, unending chains of hills and spice scented plantations. In the Periyar forest of Thekkady is one of the finest wildlife reserves in India, and spread across the entire district are picturesque plantations and hill towns that hold great opportunities for treks and mountain walks. On arrival check in at Hotel.

Free to explore.

Overnight at the hotel in Periyar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 06**

**Day 06: In Periyar**

After breakfast proceed with boat ride at Periyar Wild Life Sanctuary. Periyar tiger Reserve, Thekkady, is an example of nature's bounty, with great scenic charm, rich bio diversity and providing veritable visitor satisfaction. Sprawled over an area of 777 Sq.km. Periyar is one of the 27 tiger reserves in India. Zealously guarded and efficiently managed reserve is a repository of rare, endemic and endangered flora and fauna and forms the major watershed of two important rivers of Kerala, the Periyar and Pamba. Proceed with boat ride at Periyar Wild Life Sanctuary.

In the evening, enjoy Kalaripayattu performance. It's a gift to the modern world and known as the mother of all martial arts. Kalaripayattu originated in ancient South India. Kalaripayattu is a Dravidian martial art from the Indian state of Kerala. One of the oldest fighting systems in existence, it is practiced in Kerala and by the Nadars, Ezhavas as well as Mappilas and Syrian Malabar Nasranis. Kalaripayattu includes strikes, kicks, grappling, preset forms, weaponry and healing methods.

Overnight at the hotel in Periyar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 07**

**Day 07: Periyar – Alleppey (140 kms / 4 hrs drive approx)**



Drive to Alleppey & check-in to Houseboat, Your house boat carries you slowly down palm-hung waterways, past backwater settlements of thatched and tiled cottages, bright with cartons and hibiscus. You set your own pace: stopping where you like, resting when you like, and indulging yourself with the freshest of foods bought from the farmers and fishermen on the banks of the backwaters. You are always within the reach of other people & yet no one can intrude into your lives if you don't want them to.

Overnight at the hotel in Alleppey Houseboat.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 08**

**Day 08: Alleppey – Kovalam (160 kms / 4 hrs drive approx)**

Early in the morning you can have the panoramic view of sunrise from your houseboat. After breakfast dis-embark your houseboat and drive to Kovalam.

Free at leisure to explore.

Overnight at the hotel in Kovalam.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 09**

**Day 09: Kovalam – Trivandrum – Kovalam (18 kms/50 min approx)**

After breakfast visit Kovalam city sightseeing as per below details.

- Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple: This 260-year old temple has a Gopuram that rises 30 meters in the sky and intricately carved pillars which are beautiful. (Non Hindus are not allowed inside of temple)
- Napier Museum: This is an art and natural history museum which houses a collection of archaeological and historic artefacts, bronze idols, ancient ornaments, a temple chariot and ivory carvings. (Closed on Mondays, Wednesdays & Govt. Holidays)
- Chitralayam Art Gallery: See works by renowned painters Raja Ravi Varma and Nicholas Roerich as well as examples of Mughal and Tanjore art.

If time permits then also see Zoological Gardens.

Overnight at the hotel in Kovalam.



**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 10**

**Day 10: In Kovalam**

Day at leisure.

Overnight at the hotel in Kovalam.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 11**

**Day 11: Kovalam – Trivandrum – Out**

After breakfast transfer to airport to connect flight for onward destination.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- **10 Night's** accommodation on Twin/Double occupancy on Bed & Breakfast Basis except Houseboat where plan will be on full board basis ( Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner ).
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours to be by air-conditioned Toyota Innova.
- Monument entrance fees as per itinerary (1 visit per monument).
- Service of Local English Speaking Guide as per program.
- Assistance at airports by our representatives.
- Kathakali Dance in Kochi.
- Spice Plantation Tour in Thekkady.
- Kalaripayattu show in Thekkady.
- Boat ride at Thekkady.
- All presently applicable Governments taxes.

### With Best compliments

- Two bottles of mineral water daily in the vehicle.
- Traditional Indian welcome by flower garlands on arrival.



## Exclusions

- Any item of personal nature such as table drinks, Laundry, Telephone calls.
- Camera fees (Still/video) at any monuments.
- Any tipping, gratuities or portorage anywhere.
- Lunches, Dinner unless specified.
- Any International airfare/Visa Fees.
- Any Domestic air fare.

## Note

**HOTELS ENVISAGED: (Failing shall provide similar alternative)**

Cochin

3 star - Abad Atrium

4 star - Radisson Blu Kochi

Munnar

3 star - Abad Copper Castle

4 star - Devonshire Greens Leisure

Periyar

3 star - Abad Green Forest Resort

4 star - The Elephant Court

Alleppey

3 star - AC Houseboat

4 star - AC Houseboat

Kovalam

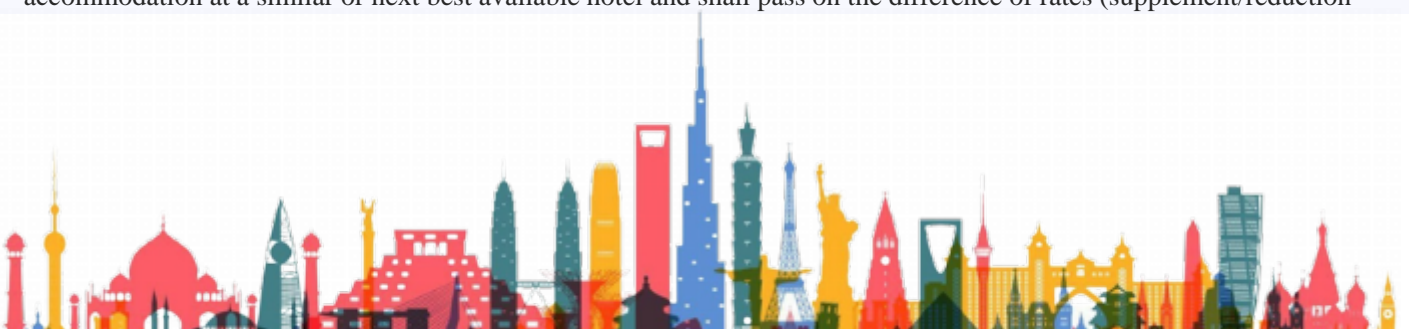
3 star - Abad Harmonia Beach Resort

4 star - Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel

**Rates not valid from 20th December' 2024 – 10th January' 2025 and 20 Dec – 10 Jan 2026.**

### IMPORTANT:

1. Standard check in and check out time at hotels is 1400 hrs.
2. Kindly note that names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels and it is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey such confirmation to you. In the event of accommodation not becoming available at any of the above mentioned hotels we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction



whatever applicable) to you.

3. Our offer is based on usage of base category rooms at the mentioned hotels (unless specified otherwise) and if this category of rooms is not available we shall try to confirm accommodation in next available higher category of rooms and shall advise supplementary cost involved while conveying the status.

4. GGTS total liability, at law in respect of any package or services towards its customers (including, but not limited to all cost expenses and fees), shall be limited to and shall not exceed the value of the total amount of the invoice paid to GGTS and the parties agree that this amount is a reasonable and genuine pre estimate of the liability of the GGTS.

5. GGTS shall not be held responsible for any act of omissions and commissions by third parties Service Providers for negligence, civil wrongs, criminal acts of third parties Service Provider, including Indian / overseas Governmental Agencies / Authorities, Airlines, Transporters, Hotels, Excursions/Activities Operators etc.

6. GGTS shall not be liable for any non-performance of any obligations hereunder arising from acts of God: acts of a public enemy, acts of any governmental authority or any political subdivision or any department or regulatory agency thereof or entity created thereby; acts of any person engaged in subversive activity or sabotage; fires, floods, explosions, or other catastrophes; strikes, embargoes or any other act or circumstance beyond the reasonable control of GGTS. The failure of either Party to act upon any right or remedy it has or upon any breach by the other Party shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other right, remedy, or breach. No waiver is effective unless made in writing and signed by the waiving Party.

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Periodic Departure

01 Oct, 2024 to 31 Mar, 2025	15 Apr, 2025 to 30 Sep, 2025	01 Oct, 2025 to 31 Mar, 2026
3 Star	3 Star	3 Star
AUD 2,367 P P twin share	AUD 2,033 P P twin share	AUD 2,522 P P twin share
AUD 3,544 P P single	AUD 3,140 P P single	AUD 3,800 P P single
AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
4 Star	4 Star	4 Star
AUD 2,800 P P twin share	AUD 2,622 P P twin share	AUD 2,989 P P twin share
AUD 4,467 P P single	AUD 4,111 P P single	AUD 4,822 P P single
AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE

