

# PL WORLDWAYS LIMITED

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## DAY 1: ARR COCHIN

Arrive Cochin Airport by Sahara airlines flight S2 145 at 1445 hrs. Meet, assist and you will be transferred to the hotel in Cochin (around 1 hour drive). Check into hotel and relax.

Evening see “**KATHAKALI**” in a theatre. Kathakali is a wonderful ancient temple dance drama of Kerala with colourful make up and costumes. Overnight Cochin.

## DAY 2: COCHIN

Today after breakfast you will proceed for a sightseeing tour of Cochin. Our guide will meet you at the hotel and will guide you to the various sightseeing locations of Cochin.

Cochin is one of the largest ports of India. Visit the older parts are Fort Cochin and Mattancherry, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica and Chinese fishing nets are attractions in Fort area. The palace of the Raja and the Jewish Synagogue are situated In Mattancherry. The Fort Cochin area, where the Portuguese settled in the 16th century, has been declared as Heritage Zone.



## DAY 3 – COCHIN/MUNNAR

After breakfast check out and drive to Munnar, the misty hill station of tea gardens (around 4 hours drive). Afternoon at leisure. Overnight Munnar.

## DAY 4 – MUNNAR

After breakfast, proceed for sight seeing tea plantations, waterfalls, Eravikulam Wildlife Sanctuary etc.

Set at an altitude of 6000 ft in Idukki district, Munnar was the favoured summer resort of the erstwhile British rulers in the colonial days. Unending expanse of tea plantations - pristine valleys and mountains- exotic species of flora and fauna in its wild sanctuaries and forests - aroma of spice scented cool air “Munnar” means three mountain streams (Madurapuzha, Nallathanni and Kundala) are joining together here.



The tea estates, hills, lakes and forests inside Munnar range exposes its beauty. The Munnar hills are covered by tea plants, which makes the feeling of seeing a wide green carpet. There are about 30 tea plantations in and around Munnar. Among the exotic flora found in the forests and grasslands here is the Neelakurinji. This flower which bathes the hills in the blue 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.

The Eravikulam National Park is just 15kms away from Munnar which is breathtakingly beautiful and is easily comparable to the best mountain ranges found anywhere in the world. It covers an area of 97 sq kms of rolling grasslands and high level sholas (evergreen forests). The park is divided into 3 regions - the core area, the buffer area and the tourism area. The Nilgiri Tahr can

be observed at close quarters here. Trekking facilities are available here. This is also a place for adventure tourism.

Overnight Munnar.

#### **DAY 5: MUNNAR/ THEKKADY**

After breakfast drive to Thekkady (around 3 hours drive).

Afternoon proceed for a plantation visit and boat cruise in the evening in Periyar lake to see the wild life of Thekkady.

Thekkady, one of India's major wildlife sanctuaries, sprawled over an area of 777 sq.kms is rich in varied flora and fauna. Thekkady, the very sound of the name conjures up images of elephants, unending chains of hill and spice scented plantations. Here, in the crisp, cool air of the Western Ghats you will experience the most enchanting holiday with the animals of the wild and the simple mountain people. In 1978 it was declared Periyar Tiger Reserve, under the Project Tiger Scheme. Later it was also brought under the Project Elephant Scheme. The Mullaperiyar dam built across the Periyar River flooded the valley forming a large lake of 26 sq.kms.



Overnight Thekkady.

#### **DAY 6: THEKKADY**

Today you will proceed for a boat cruise in Periyar. Wild elephants, boar, bison are the main attraction here. It is one of the finest wildlife reserves in India and spread across the entire district are picturesque plantations of tea, cardamom, pepper, cloves and cinnamon in the High Ranges and hill towns that hold great opportunities for treks and mountain walks. The Sanctuary offers a lovely and comfortable way to see the wild animals during boat ride on the man made lake. It's the only Sanctuary of its kind in India, which provides an opportunity to photograph wild animals from the boats. The wavy hill terrain of the Reserve consists of the evergreen, semi evergreen and moist deciduous forests.

#### **DAY 7 : THEKKEDY/KUMARAKOM (HOUSEBOAT)**

After breakfast drive to Thekkedy. Around 1200 noon check into a traditional Kerala houseboat from Kumarakom and cruise along the backwaters to Alleppey.

During the cruise, the countryside offers a close look into an engaging rustic life. Skiff-fishermen launching their cockeshell boats. Large flotillas of ducks waddling down to the water from thatched houses on the banks. Women, neck-deep in water, with their waist-length hair heaped in a crown, searching for fish with their feet. And aimless cattle grazing in lush pastureland, where white lotuses lie here and there in small, low-lying pools. The personal chef in the houseboat will prepare delicious Kerala style cuisine for you on board. Overnight houseboat.



Overnight houseboat.

**DAY 8: ALLEPPEY/KOVALAM**

After breakfast disembark houseboat at Alleppey and drive to Kovalam (around 4 hour's drive). On arrival check into beach resort. Afternoon relax at the hotel, can avail various Ayurvedic Rejuvenation treatment and massage on consultation with the resident Ayurvedic Physician.

Overnight Kovalam

**DAY 9: KOVALAM / KANYAKUMARI / KOVALAM**

After breakfast drive to Kanyakumari (around 2 1/2 hours drive) for a full day sightseeing of Kanyakumari.

Kanyakumari district, once known as "the Granary of Travancore" lies at the south-western part of the Indian peninsula. Kanyakumari is a place at the confluence of the Indian Ocean, the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea. The multicoloured sand is a unique feature of the beach here. Kanyakumari is famous for its spectacular sunrise and sunset views.

The famous **Vivekananda Rock** memorial amidst the turbulent sea is major attraction. This grand memorial to the Great Indian Philosopher Swami Vivekananda is on one of the twin rocks jutting out from the sea about 200 meters offshore.



Kumari Amman Temple: Picturesquely situated overlooking the shore, this temple and the nearby Ghat attract tourists from all over the world.

Evening, watch the sunset and drive back to Kovalam. Overnight Kovalam

**DAY 10: KOVALAM/COCHIN/HYDERABAD**

Check out and drive to Cochin airport (around 5 1/2 hrs drive) to take Sahara flight to Hyderabad at 1515 hrs.

**End of the tour**

**PACKAGE COST PER PERSON**

5 star : USD 1880 per person  
4 star : USD 1440 per person

**Important Note: Dec 15 – Jan 15 is Peak tourist Season. There will be a 20% hike in the above price if you take the tour during this period.**

**AIRFARE SUPPLEMENT**

Hyderabad/Cochin/Hyderabad USD 325 per person  
(Airfare is subject to change)

Place	First Class	Deluxe	Meals
Cochin	Le Meridien	Trident	Breakfast only
Munnar	Windermere	Tall Trees	Breakfast only
Thekkady	Spice Village	Cardamom County	Breakfast only
Houseboat	Luxury	Deluxe	All 3 meals
Kovalam	Travancore Heritage	Isola di cocco	Breakfast only

### **Tour Cost Includes**

- Transportation by Air Conditioned Qualis car as per the itinerary
- Accommodation at hotels mentioned above or similar category sharing double room on room + breakfast basis at all places except on houseboat where all three meals are included.
- Guide service at sight seeing locations
- Kathakali theatre dance drama at Cochin
- Boating in Periyar lake at Thekkady
- Entrances, parking etc.
- All Govt. taxes & Handling Charges

### **Tour cost does not include**

- Hotel Extras, Tips, etc.
- All expenses of personal nature not specified above
- Airfare

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