Vibrant India Tours



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Serene Kerala

9 Nights / 10 Days

Meals

9 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Fully Escorted

Private Air-Conditioned Vehicle with English Speaking Driver/Guide

Trip Route:

Kochi - Munnar - Thekkady/Periyar - Backwaters Resort - Backwaters Houseboat - Marari - Kochi Departure

Trip Summary

Day 1

Vibrant India Tours - A Colourful Journey Kochi (Cochin) Gokulam Park Hotel Kochi - Standard - Gokulam Park Hotel Kochi Casino Hotel - Deluxe - Casino Hotel Fragrant Nature, Kochi - Premium

Day 2

Discover Cochin (Kochi) Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 3

Kochi - Munnar (Approx. 4 hours drive) Meals - Breakfast Included. Check in at The Leaf Munnar Resort - Standard - The Leaf Munnar Resort Check in at Elephant Passage Resort - Deluxe - Elephant Passage Resort Fragrant Nature, Munnar - Premium - Fragrant Nature - Munnar

Day 4

Munnar Sightseeing Meals - Breakfast Included.

Day 5

Munnar - Periyar, Spicy & Wild (Approx. 3 hours drive) Evening Kalaripayattu Martial Arts Show Meals - Breakfast Included. Merryweather Resort Thekkady - Standard - Merryweather Resort Thekkady Elephant Court Hotel Thekkady- Deluxe - Elephant Court Hotel Thekkady Check in at Spice Village Resort Thekkady - Premium - Spice Village Resort Thekkady

Day 6

Periyar - Backwaters Resort (Approx. 4 Hours drive) Meals - Breakfast Included. Punnamada Lake Resorts - Standard - Punnamada Lake Resorts Plumeria Lake Resort & Spa - Deluxe - Plumeria Lake Resort & Spa by The Zaahrah Hotels & Resorts Gokulam Grand Resort & Spa - Premium - Gokulam Grand Resort & Spa

Day 7

Backwaters Resort Meals - Breakfast Included.

Backwaters Houseboat (Approx. 1 hours drive) Meals - Breakfast & Dinner Included. Standard A/C Exclusive Houseboat Deluxe A/C Exclusive Houseboat Premium A/C Exclusive Houseboat

Day 9

Marari, Fisherman Village Tour (Approx. 1 hour drive) Meals - Breakfast Included. Marari Green Villas - Standard - Marari Green Villas Abad Turtle Beach - Deluxe - Abad Turtle Beach - Resort In Mararikulam CGH Marari Beach Resort - Premium - Marari Beach Resort

Day 10

Kochi, Departure (Approx. 1 hour drive) Meals - Breakfast Included. Inclusions Exclusions



Vibrant India Tours - A Colourful Journey



Kochi (Cochin)

You will be greeted & assisted by our representative at Kochi international airport and later transferred to your hotel to check in.

Rest of the evening is at leisure.



Gokulam Park Hotel Kochi - Standard





Gokulam Park Hotel Kochi Banerji Road, Kochi, Kerala, IN, 682017

Casino Hotel - Deluxe





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Casino Hotel Willingdon Island, Kochi, Kerala, IN

Fragrant Nature, Kochi - Premium



Discover Cochin (Kochi)

After breakfast start your tour of Kochi.

Explore St. Francis Church- the oldest church in India, the imposing Santa Cruz basilica built by the Portuguese, the heritage sites of Fort Kochi and shop for antiques and spices.

Chinese fishing nets, the Dutch Palace and Jewish Synagogue are other highlights of the tour.

You will have several opportunities to find prized souvenirs such as spices and antiques while shopping at Jew Street.

KATHAKALI DANCE

Add a cultural tinge to the evening with a Kathakali dance performance at a popular cultural centre in Fort Kochi. The, colourful dance is not merely a dance. It is an art form that comprises powerful storytelling with ritual, drama, and music.

Return to your hotel and live a memorable night.





Meals - Breakfast Included.

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Kochi - Munnar (Approx. 4 hours drive)

Scenic drive from Kochi to Munnar is the highlight of the third day. Have breakfast and head to Munnar, probably one of the most enchanting hill stations in South India.

Drive through lofty mountains of Western Ghats and admire the natural beauty of rolling hills and green valleys.

Rest of the evening is at leisure till next morning. Stay overnight at Hotel in Munnar.





Check in at The Leaf Munnar Resort - Standard





The Leaf Munnar Resort Chithirapuram PO, Anachal - Amakandam

Check in at Elephant Passage Resort - Deluxe





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Elephant Passage Resort Anachal, Kerala, IN, 685565

Fragrant Nature, Munnar - Premium





Fragrant Nature - Munnar Munnar, Kerala, IN, 685612 04868 257 800

Munnar Sightseeing

After breakfast, leave for **Eravikulam National Park** in the morning to see **Nilgiri Tahr, a mountain goat** found only in the Nilgiri Hills and the Western Ghats.

Eravikulam National Park (Closed for the months of February and March)

A wildlife park in the Kannan Devan Hills built to protect endangered animals such as the **Nilgiri Tahr**, a wild mountain goat species.

Offering a magnificent view of the nearby hills used as tea plantations, it's one of the best places in Munnar for taking photos.

Afterwards, proceed to **Mattupetty Dam** and capture the captivating views. Activities like **horse riding and boating** add more fun to your visit to the **Mattupetty Lake**.

Later visit the **Tea Estate**. A beautiful high-altitude tea garden located outside of Munnar, the Tea Estate is a stunning part of nature that any traveler has to see at least once! There is even an old factory on the plantation where you can watch how tea is made and buy some souvenirs.





Meals - Breakfast Included.

Munnar - Periyar, Spicy & Wild (Approx. 3 hours drive)

After breakfast, the day starts with a scenic drive to Periyar National park, Thekkady.

Later be a part of wildlife boat ride over the beautiful Periyar Lake in Periyar National Park, one of the prominent elephants reserves in India and admire the gorgeous natural surroundings.

You can explore various species of animals and birds and might get a glimpse of wild elephants, boars and bison.



Evening Kalaripayattu Martial Arts Show

In the evening attend 1 hour Kalaripayattu Martial Arts Show.

Kalaripayattu is a type of **Traditional Martial Art of Kerala** meant for entertainment in Kerala. This again is one of the oldest forms existing in the world which has its origin in south India.

Kalaripayattu the mother of all martial arts requires the knack and skill which can be performed only by well trained masters. Crafted in ancient South India drawing inspiration from the raw power and sinuous strength of the majestic animal forms - Lion, Tiger, Elephant, Wild Boar, Snake, and Crocodile. Kalaripayattu laid down the combat code of the Cholas, the Cheras and the Pandyas. Shrouded in deep mystery and mists of secrecy Kalaripayattu was taught by the masters in total isolation, away from prying eye.





Meals - Breakfast Included.

Merryweather Resort Thekkady - Standard





Merryweather Resort Thekkady PO, Kumily, Kerala, IN, 685509

Elephant Court Hotel Thekkady- Deluxe





Elephant Court Hotel Thekkady Thekkady, P.O. Idukki District

Check in at Spice Village Resort Thekkady - Premium The Art of Nature

Spice village for us is a work of nature as much as it is a lofty expression of the imagination. We conceived the resort as a village and approached its building the way you would a village - with local materials, native artisans, mountain spirit and traditional wisdom in its creation. Though traditional in its conception, this is a 'village' that offers you all the comforts of a city minus the noise, pollution and other urban ills that you can do without. Our interaction with the ecology of these hills is symbiotic, influenced by the native people of these parts who have lived in harmony with their surroundings for generations. They taught us about self-sustaining systems and also steward our organic gardens that put fresh vegetables, fruits and spices on your tables every day.





Spice Village Resort Thekkady Kumily Road, Thekkady, Kerala, IN

Periyar - Backwaters Resort (Approx. 4 Hours drive)

Today, we will take you to Alleppey (Kumarakom), often referred to as the 'Venice of the East', with its meandering lagoons, coconut trees, endless rows of paddy fields.

Your stay will be in the Backwaters Resort.

Today is all about relaxing at your backwaters resort on the banks on the backwater lagoons.

You can take part in different activities (own expense) offered by the resort like Yoga, Ayurveda Massage, Canoe Ride, Fishing, Sunset Cruise, Kayaking and many more.

Spend your day at leisure.



Meals - Breakfast Included.

Punnamada Lake Resorts -Standard





Punnamada Lake Resorts Punnamada Lake Resort s, Alapuzha, Kerala, IN, 688006 +91 94471 33691

Plumeria Lake Resort & Spa - Deluxe





Plumeria Lake Resort & Spa by The Zaahrah Hotels & Resorts Cherthala, Kerala, IN, 688536

Gokulam Grand Resort & Spa - Premium





Gokulam Grand Resort & Spa Kumarakom Boat Jetty Road, Kumarakom, Kerala, IN, 686563

Backwaters Resort

Today is all about relaxing at your backwaters resort on the banks on the backwater lagoons.

You can take part in different activities (own expense) offered by the resort like Yoga, Ayurveda Massage, Canal Boating, Fishing, Cycling, Sunset Cruise, Kayaking and many more.

Spend your day at leisure.





Meals - Breakfast Included.

Backwaters Houseboat (Approx. 1 hours drive)

After breakfast, at appropriate time we will transfer you to the Backwaters Houseboat.

Undoubtedly, this houseboat cruise in the backwaters is the most outstanding highlight of a holiday in Kerala. It will be a unique and exclusive experience in your lifetime.

You will be cruising along the village sides and paddy fields witnessing the core life of the Kerala villages.

Spend your afternoon and evening while sailing through the gorgeous backwaters of Kumarakom.

Stay overnight in the Houseboat.

(Breakfast and Dinner provided on the houseboat).



Meals - Breakfast & Dinner Included.



Deluxe A/C Exclusive Houseboat





Premium A/C Exclusive Houseboat



Marari, Fisherman Village Tour (Approx. 1 hour drive)

Post breakfast in houseboat, we will drive you to the stunning beach town of Marari.

Marari Beach is a perfect location for holidaying with family or friends. The serenity and tranquility of this beach take beach lovers backwards in time.

After brief refresh, leave for the fisherman village tour.

A small fishing village in Kerala located just back from the long stretch of beach, Mararikulam is a destination where the way of life here has hardly changed in hundreds of years as the fishermen go out daily find their catch while the women look after the domestic chores.

Soak up and enjoy the serenity on the deserted sandy beaches. This beach in Kerala is eternal with coconut palm trees and golden sands. The indolent pace of local life makes vacationing near the Marari beach a reviving experience.

Your day is free for leisure activities. You may choose to participate in an Ayurveda Massage (Own Expense).

Overnight stay at resort.



Meals - Breakfast Included.

Marari Green Villas - Standard





Marari Green Villas Aanamukku Road, Mararikulam, Kerala, IN, 688523







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Abad Turtle Beach - Resort In Mararikulam Alappuzha, Kerala, IN, 688567

CGH Marari Beach Resort - Premium





Marari Beach Resort Mararikulam, Mararikulam, Kerala, IN

Kochi, Departure (Approx. 1 hour drive)

This Morning after breakfast checkout from your hotel and at appropriate time you will be transferred to Cochin international airport for your flight for your onward journey.

Board your flight and fly back with memories to cherish for life. Tour ends.



Meals - Breakfast Included.

Inclusions

- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Assistance at Airport on arrival.
- 01 Mineral water per person per day.
- All applicable taxes.
- Entrance and Camera fees to the monuments and palaces.
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- Sightseeing by an exclusive deluxe air-conditioned Vehicle with chauffeur as per the itinerary.
- · Accommodation at the specified hotels.
- Daily buffet breakfast during your stay at all proposed destinations.
- Services of English-speaking local tour guides during all sightseeing tours at Kochi. (1 Day Only at each destination).
- Houseboat Stay including dinner.
- Boat ride and entrance to Periyar National Park.
- Fisherman Village Tour.
- Kalaripayattu Martial Arts Show.

Exclusions

- Porterage at Hotels and Airports.
- All Items of Personal Nature, Shopping, Tips, Insurance, Laundry, Liquors, Wine, Etc.
- Meals not specified in Itinerary.
- Tips for staff, guide & driver.
- International airfares unless specified.
- Optional, suggested, or unspecified activities.
- Insurance of any kind, Insurance and Medi claim.
- Visa costs.