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12 NIGHTS

SPLENDORS OF KERALA

TRIVANDRUM / ALLEPPEY / KUMARAKOM / PERIYAR / MUNNAR / COCHIN



Day 01: Arrive At Trivandrum – Kovalam:

Meet & greet on arrival and transfer to a Beach Resort at **Kovalam** - is an internationally renowned beach resort with three adjacent crescent beaches. It has been a favorite haunt of tourists. Rest of the day free. Overnight.

Day 02: Trivandrum – Kovalam

Morning breakfast and proceed for a full day sightseeing, visit to **Vizhinjam Rock Cut Cave**-there are rock sculptures of the 18th century in the cave temple at **Vizhinjam, Kuthiramalika (Puthenmalika) Palace, Chithra Art Gallery** - The collection also includes paintings from China, Japan, Tibet and Bangladesh. **Zoological Park** - it is like a small jungle in the heart of the city, **University Observatory** - Located at the highest point in the city, near the Museum. Return to resort and overnight.

Day 03: Trivandrum - Kovalam

Morning breakfast, relax at the beach or proceed for day trip to **Kanniyakumari** - the land's end of India; point where the three seas meet, enchanting Kanniyakumari or Cape Comorin is one of the most popular spots in the South India. Visit to **Vivekananda Memorial** - built on the Vivekananda Rock where the charismatic and philosopher Swami Vivekananda meditated and transformed himself. Return to resort and overnight.

Day 04: Trivandrum –Kovalam / Alleppey (175Kms/4Hrs)

Morning breakfast, check out and proceed to Alleppey. On arrival, check in to a Houseboat. The Houseboat will take you around the backwater of the Alleppey & Kumarakom. All meals on board the houseboat. Overnight on houseboat.

Day 05: Alleppey / Kumarakom (65Kms/1Hrs)

Morning breakfast, checkout and check in to a resort at **Kumarakom**- an unbelievably beautiful paradise with mangrove forests, emerald green paddy fields and coconut groves interspersed with enchanting waterways and canals adorned with white lilies. Evening visit to **Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary** - An enchanting bird sanctuary destination, which is spread across 14 acres, is a favorite haunt of migratory birds and an ornithologist's paradise.

paradise. Overnight.

Day 06: Kumarakom:

Morning breakfast and relax for the rest of the day enjoying the backwaters of Kerala. Overnight.

Day 07: Kumarakom / Periyar (130Kms/3Hrs)

Morning breakfast and check out and proceed to **Thekkady** - the very sound of the word Thekkady conjures images of elephants, unending chains of hills and spice scented plantations. On arrival check into the resort, have lunch and relax. Later on visit to The **Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary** - situated on the banks of the **Periyar** - an artificial lake, at Thekkady. Return to resort and overnight.

Day 08: Periyar:

Morning breakfast and relax for the rest of the day or opt for plantation tour or forest trekking. Overnight

Day 09: Periyar / Munnar (100Kms/2Hrs)

Morning breakfast, checkout and proceed to **Munnar** - one of the most popular hill stations in India is situated at the confluence of three mountain streams - **Mudrapuzha, Nallathanni and Kundala**. On arrival check into a resort, lunch. Later on half day sightseeing, visit to Lock Heart Gap - This is an ideal place for adventure tourism and trekking. The fresh mountain air, the mist-clad hills and panoramic view make it worthy of a visit. **Echo Point** - This scenic place gets its name from the natural echo phenomenon here, **Nyayamakad** - is a place of breathtaking waterfalls. The waters cascade down a hill from a height of about 1600 metres. Return to resort and overnight.

Day 10: Munnar:

Morning breakfast and proceed to full day sightseeing, visit to **Anayirankal** - It's a lush green carpet of tea plants. A trip on the splendid reservoir is an unforgettable experience. The Anayirankal Dam is surrounded by the Tata Tea Plantation and evergreen forests. **Pothamedu** - offers an excellent view of the tea, coffee and cardamom plantations in Munnar. The rolling hills, the lush mountain and the breathtaking scenery here is ideal for trekking and long mountain walks. **Tea Museum** - Munnar is perhaps the choicest of places to preserve and showcase some of the exquisite and interesting aspects on the genesis and growth of tea plantations in Kerala high ranges. Return to resort and overnight

Day 11: Munnar / Cochin (130Kms/3Hrs)

Checkout after breakfast and proceed to **Cochin** - The commercial capital and the most cosmopolitan city in Kerala, Kochi, in Ernakulam, is also known as the Queen of the Arabian Sea, on arrival check in to a hotel. Evening free to go around the city for shopping. Return to hotel and overnight.

Day 12: Cochin:

Morning breakfast and proceed to full day sightseeing, visit to Cochin **St. Francis Church** - this century old church built completely of timber and later reconstructed in stone masonry, **Pierce Leslie Bungalow** - this charming mansion was the office of Pierce Leslie & Co., Characteristic features are wood panels that form the roof of the ground floor, arched doorways, carved doors and sprawling rooms. **Loafer's Corner/Princes Street** - One of the earliest streets to be constructed in Fort Kochi, **Princess Street** with its European style residences still retains its old world charm. Return to hotel and overnight.

Day 13: Cochin:

Morning breakfast, checkout and proceed to Airport to board your flight to onward journey. Tour Ends.