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12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS

BEST OF KERALA
TRIVANDRUM / VARKALA / KUMARAKOM / ALLEPPEY / COCHIN



Day 01: Arrive at Trivandrum - Kovalam

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

Overnight

Day 02: Kovalam

Morning breakfast and proceed for a full day sightseeing, visit to **Vizhinjam Rock Cut Cave**-There are rock cut sculptures of the 18th century in the cave temple at **Vizhinjam, Kuthiramalika (Puthenmalika) Palace, Sree Chithra Art Gallery** - The collection also includes paintings from China, Japan, Tibet and Bali, The **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: Kovalam / Kanniyakumari / Kovalam (70Kms/2Hrs)

Morning breakfast and day trip to **Kanniyakumari** - the land's end of India or the point where the three seas meet, enchanting Kanniyakumari or Cape Comorin is one of the most popular tourist 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: Kovalam

Morning breakfast and relax at Kovalam Beach or try Ayurvedic treatments. Overnight.

Day 05: Kovalam / Varkala (70Kms/2Hrs)

Morning breakfast, checkout and proceed to **Varkala** - is a seaside resort and spa. It is also an important Hindu centre of pilgrimage. Check into a resort on arrival and relax at the beach. Overnight.

Day 06: Varkala

Morning breakfast and full day free to relax at the beach. Overnight.

Day 07: Varkala / Kumarakom (130Kms/4Hrs)

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

Day 08: Kumarakom

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

Day 09: Kumarakom/ Alleppey (Houseboat)

Morning breakfast, check out and board your Houseboat. The Houseboat takes around the backwater of the Kumarakom & Alleppey. All meals on board the houseboat. Overnight in the houseboat.

Day 10: Alleppey/ Cochin (65Kms/1Hr)

Breakfast, check out and proceed to **Cochin** - The commercial capital and the most cosmopolitan city of 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 11: Cochin

Morning breakfast and proceed to full day sightseeing, visit to **Cochin St. Francis Church** - these centuries 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/Princess 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.

12: Cochin

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