

Kerala Tea, Coffee, Spices & Backwaters Cruise

Factbox	
Prices start from :	£ 2,025
Travel between :	05 Oct 24 and 05 Oct 24
Board Basis :	As per Itinerary
Duration :	7 nights
Book by :	30 Jun 24
Includes :	Return Flights From London Heathrow Accommodation as mentioned above or similar Meal Plan: Room + Breakfast throughout the tour, Except at the Houseboat where it will be on a full board basis All transfers, sightseeing & Excursion using air-conditioned car Services of a local English-speaking guide during the visits to Cochin & Munnar One-time monument entrance fee during the visits as per the itinerary Mineral water bottle during the tour (One bottle per person per day basis) Kathakali dance show in Cochin



Detailed Itinerary

Highlights: Cochin - Munnar - Kumarakom Backwaters

Hotel featured:

Cochin - Dutch Bungalow
Munnar - The Panoramic Getaway
Kumarakom Backwaters - Deluxe Houseboat
Cochin - Flora Airport Hotel

Itinerary:

Sun 06 Oct 24 - Dubai to Cochin by flight

0900 Hrs: Arrive Cochin the Gateway to Kerala was once an important spice-trading route on Arabian Sea where Vasco D Gama landed in 1498 and boasted that he has come for soul and spices. Cochin is virtually the spice capital of world from where Portuguese were exporting 10,000 kilo of spices to east-indies and other countries and has derived its name from Calico-the famous fabric manufactured in this town. Cochin also forms the part of emerald isle of India. Harbour Cruise of Cochin is very much popular. With one of the finest natural harbours in the world, Cochin was once a major center for commerce and trade with the British, Arabs, Chinese, Portuguese, and Dutch etc.

Upon arrival at Cochin airport meet and assist by our representative and transfer to Hotel. Afternoon proceed to visit the Dutch Palace (Closed on Friday). The place has a fine collection of mural paintings depicting the scenes from the Hindu epics Mahabharata & Ramayana, Jewish Synagogue (Closed on Friday & Saturday) the oldest synagogue in the world is magnificently decorated by Chinese tiles and Belgian chandeliers, was built in 1568. St. Francis Church: is the oldest church built by Europeans in India & Huge, elegant Chinese fishing nets that line the tip of Fort Kochi.

Evening you will witness the Kathakali Dance Show.

Kathakali is the classical dance-drama of Kerala dates from the 17th century. Kathakali recitals are drama and are danced with elaborate masks and costumes. They are emotive and narrative, while other dance forms have either one of them. The dancers use their stunning costumes and make-up, with the accompaniment of drums and vocalists, to create various moods and emotions.

Overnight stay at Hotel

Mon 07 Oct 24 - Cochin to Munnar by surface (Approx. 145 Kms, 4-5 Hrs)

After breakfast check out from Hotel and drive from Cochin to Munnar - one of the most popular hill stations in India is situated at the confluence of three mountain streams - Mudrapuzha, Nallathanni and Kundala. Located at 1600 Mts. above sea level, this was once the summer resort of the erstwhile British Government in South India.

Upon arrival at Munnar, check in at Hotel

Overnight at Hotel

Tue 08 Oct 24 - Munnar

After breakfast proceed to visit Munnar covering Mattupetty Lake & Dam, Echo Point, Kundale Lake, Blossom Garden, Rajamalai offering a spectacular view, home of Nilgiri Thar (very rare mountain goat), considering the ecological faunal, floral, geomorphological and zoological significance & Tea Plantation. Rest of the day at leisure and Overnight stay at Hotel

Wed 09 Oct 24 - Day at leisure and Overnight stay at Hotel

Thu 10 Oct 24 - Munnar to Kumarakom by surface (Approx. 150 Kms, 4-5 Hrs)

After breakfast check out from Hotel and drive to Kumarakom boat Jetty to embark Houseboat The Kettuvallam - the typical House Boats.

Houseboats are traditional country boats, which used to carry tons of cargo in the backwater region in ancient times, have now been converted with one or two bed rooms with attached bath, kitchenette and a sitting area.

Overnight on Board

Fri 11 Oct 24 - Backwaters

Enjoy the backwaters and cruise through narrow lake and canals.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and overnight on board the houseboat.

Sat 12 Oct 24 - Alleppey to Cochin by surface

After breakfast disembark Houseboat at Alleppey boat jetty and drive to Cochin

Upon arrival at Cochin, check in at Hotel

Rest of the day at leisure and Overnight stay at Hotel

Sun 13 Oct 24 - Cochin to Dubai by flight

Dubai to Manchester by flight

Transfer from Hotel to Cochin airport in time to board flight for Manchester via Dubai

Cost does not include:

Any expenses of a personal nature like table drink(soft & hard), laundry, telephone calls, Visa fee, camera fee, Tips to driver and guide, Any Travel Insurance etc.

Any other meals (apart from as mentioned in the inclusion) expenses which are not mentioned in the above Tour Itinerary.

Any vehicle on a leisure day

Anything not mentioned in the above inclusion

Prices & Departures:

Deposit £125pp

Y23913 London Heathrow from £2025pp

Y23805 Manchester from £1995pp

Y23916 Birmingham from £1995pp

Y23915 Gatwick from £1995pp

Y23917 Glasgow from £1995pp

Y23919 Dublin from £2189pp

Y23918 Stansted from £1989pp

Y35163 Belfast from £2459pp

Terms & Conditions:

Based on 2 adults sharing