## Kerala - Flavors & Tranquility

Factbox	
Prices start from :	£ 2,025
Travel between :	05 Oct 24 and 05 Oct 24
Board Basis :	Bed & Breakfast
Duration :	7 nights
Book by :	30 Jun 24
Includes :	Return Flights From London 01 Night stay at Dutch Bungalow Heritage Hotel in a Heritage Classic Room with Bed & Breakfast 03 Nights stay at The Panoramic Getaway in a Double Room - Deluxe with Bed & Breakfast 02 Nights stay at Deluxe House Boat on Full Board Basis 01 Night stay at Flora Airport Hotel and Convention Centre Kochi in a Double Room - Standard with Bed & Breakfast Services of a local English-speaking guide during the visits to Cochin & Munnar One-time monument entrance fee during the visits Kathakali dance show in Cochin All transfers, sightseeing & Excursion using air-conditioned car



#### **Detailed Itinerary**

# ☆ Highlights: Cochin - Munnar - Kumarakom Backwaters

# **☆Hotel featured:**

- \*Dutch Bangalow Heritage Hotel
- \*The Panoramic Getaway 5\*
- \*Houseboat
- \*Flora Airport Hotel and Convention Centre Kochi 4\*

# ☆ltinerary:

#### ★Sat 05 Oct 2024: Dubai

Flight from London Gatwick to Dubai International Airport

# ★Sat 06 Oct 2024: Cochin

Flight from Dubai International Airport to Cochin International Airport

#### ★Sun 06 Oct 2024: - Dubai to Cochin by flight

0900 Hrs: Arrive in Cochin the Gateway to Kerala was once an important spice-trading route on the Arabian Sea where Vasco D Gama landed in 1498 and boasted that he had come for soul and spices. Cochin is virtually the spice capital of the world from where the Portuguese were exporting 10,000 kilos of spices to the East Indies and other countries and has derived its name from Calico's famous fabric manufactured in this town. Cochin also forms the part of the emerald isle of India. Harbour Cruise of Cochin is very much popular. With one of the finest natural harbors in the world, Cochin was once a major center for commerce and trade with the British, Arabs, Chinese, Portuguese, 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 line the tip of Fort Kochi. Evening you will Witness the Kathakali Dance Show. Kathakali is the classical dance-drama of Kerala that 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

# $\star$ Mon 07 Oct 2024: Cochin to Munnar by surface (Approx. 145 Kms, 4-5 Hrs)

After breakfast check out from the 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 2024: Munnar

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

Rest of the day at leisure and Overnight stay at the Hotel

# ★Wed 09 Oct 2024: Day at leisure and Overnight stay at Hotel

## ★Thu 10 Oct 2024: Munar 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, and have now been converted with one or two bedrooms with attached baths, kitchenette, and a sitting area.

Overnight on Board

#### ★Fri 11 Oct 2024: Backwaters

 $Enjoy\ the\ backwaters\ and\ cruise\ through\ narrow\ lakes\ and\ can als.\ Breakfast,\ Lunch,\ Dinner,\ and\ overnight\ on\ board\ the\ houseboat.$ 

#### ★Sat 12 Oct 2024: Alleppey to Cochin by surface

After breakfast disembark the Houseboat at the Alleppey boat jetty and drive to Cochin. Upon arrival at Cochin, check-in at the Hotel Rest of the day at leisure and Overnight stay at the Hotel

★Sun 13 Oct 2024: Departure

# **☆Prices and Departures:**

Deposit £125pp \*Y23915 Gatwick from £1995pp \*Y23913 London Heathrow from £2025pp

\*Y23805 Manchester from £1995pp

\*Y23916 Birmingham from £1995pp

\*Y23917 Glasgow from £1995pp \*Y23919 Dublin from £2189pp

\*Y23918 Stansted from £1989pp

# **☆Terms and Conditions:**

Based on 2 adults sharing Subject to availability