Factbox	
Prices start from :	£ 2,659
Travel between :	07 Oct 24 and 07 Oct 24
Board Basis :	As per Itinerary
Duration :	14 nights
Book by :	31 May 24
Includes :	Flights from London Heathrow Meet & assist at airports & hotels with local Guide 2 nights stay at Fragrant Nature Paravur in a Lake View with Bed & Breakfast 2 nights stay at Dutch Bungalow Heritage Hotel in a Heritage Boutique with Bed & Breakfast 2 nights stay at The Elephant Court in a Patio Room with Bed & Breakfast 2 nights stay at Lakesong resort in a Punnamada Room with Bed & Breakfast 1 night stay at Houseboat on Full Board Basis 4 nights stay at Abad Turtle Beach in a Beach cottage with Bed & Breakfast 1 night stay at Dutch Bungalow Heritage Hotel in a Heritage Boutique with Bed & Breakfast All transfers, sightseeing & excursions as mentioned in the itinerary by air-conditioned car Entrance fees to monuments Services of local English-speaking guides during city tours



Detailed Itinerary

Highlights: Thiruvananthapuram - Paravur - Kochi - Periyar - Kumarakom - Houseboat - Mararikulam

Hotels Featured:

Fragrant Nature Paravur 4*
Dutch Bungalow Heritage Hotel 4*
The Elephant Court 5*
Lakesong Resort 4*
Houseboat
Abad Turtle Beach 4*

Itinerary:

Tue 08 Oct 2024: Thiruvananthapuram

 $\ \ \, \text{Upon arrival at Thiruvananthapuram airport, you will be met and transferred to Aquaserene for a 2-night stay. }$

Wed 09 Oct 2024: Paravur

Day at leisure to relax and enjoy the various facilities at Aquaserene, a resort surrounded by the backwaters on three sides offering a unique pool within a small lagoon, an Avuryedic center, and accommodation in cottages. The resort offers a serene atmosphere.

Thu 10 Oct 2024: Kochi

Drive to Kochi for a 2-night stay. Afternoon sightseeing tour of Kochi, visit the ancient Synagogue, Mattancherry Palace, and St. Francis Church. Enjoy a cultural show showcasing the state's traditional art this evening.

Fri 11 Oct 2024: Kochi

The morning is at leisure to relax by the pool. In the afternoon enjoy a relaxing harbour cruise.

Sat 12 Oct 2024: Periyar

Drive to Periyar via Plantation House at Palai. The scenic drive takes you through green hills with forests and plantations of tea, spices & rubber, amidst streams and waterfalls. Check-in at your hotel. In the afternoon take a boat ride on the lake in the Periyar National Park, a 'Project Tiger' reserve.

Sun 13 Oct 2024: Periyar

In the morning soft trek in the forest full of rare species of birds and mammals including Malabar squirrel, barking deer, mouse deer, Nilgiri langur, and the highly endangered Lion-tailed macaque. In the afternoon visit plantations of tea, cardamom, and pepper.

Mon 14 Oct 2024: Kumarakom

You'll leave just after breakfast, driving back down to the coast and the melodically named town of Kumarakom on the banks of Lake Vembanad. After checking in to your hotel, this evening take a sunset cruise on the lake in a converted rice boat to flute ambiance music.

Tue 15 Oct 2024: Kumarakom

Enjoy the morning at leisure by the pool. Choose from the various options on offer such as Ayurvedic massage, yoga and meditation, country boat expeditions, fishing, swimming, or a cruise to the Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary. In the afternoon pay a visit to a local farm.

Wed 16 Oct 2024: Houseboat

The Kerala backwaters consist of a complex network of lagoons, lakes, and canals and are best experienced while slowly punting down the labyrinth of canals in a traditional thatch-roofed houseboat, known as 'Kettuvallam. Embark on your houseboat, a renovated cargo boat with either one or two bedrooms, a kitchenette, and all modern conveniences. A three-member crew will cater to your comforts and meals. See life on the banks, lush green rice fields, and coconut groves with an occasional temple or church as you cruise through the canals, an experience you will savor for a lifetime.

Thu 17 Oct 2024: Mararikulam

Disembark at the boat jetty and transfer to another boat that takes you back across Lake Vembanad to Puthenangadi. Drive to Marari Beach situated halfway between Cochin and Alleppey. Spend 4 nights at your beach hotel.

Fri 18 Oct 2024: Mararikulam

Mararikulam. All days at leisure, participate in yoga sessions, meditation, Ayurvedic massages, or any other scheduled daily activities at the resort. Alternatively, just relax by the pool or on the beach.

Mon 21 Oct 2024:

Mararikulam to Kochi. After lunch, drive to Kochi for an overnight stay and any last-minute shopping.

Tue 22 Oct 2024: Departures

Prices & Departures:

deposit £125pp
Y53882 Gatwick from £2479pp
Y53648 Heathrow from £2659pp
Y53863 Manchester from £2605pp
Y53988 Dublin from £2669pp

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