

7Nights/8 Days

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Kerala, a stunning gem at the southern tip of India, is a land where nature's brilliance unfolds at every turn. On the one side, the Arabian Sea gently kisses its shores, while on the other, the majestic Western Ghats rise, their peaks reaching between 500 to 2700 meters above sea level. The state's diverse landscape is divided into three enchanting regions: the coastal lowlands, the fertile midlands, and the verdant highlands. The coastal lowlands of Kerala are a labyrinth of serene backwaters and lush river deltas, where the rhythm of life flows with the gentle waters of forty-four rivers. This interconnected network offers travelers a chance to explore tranquil waterways while soaking in the beauty of palm-fringed shores. Moving inland, the midlands reveal a rich tapestry of plantations that produce a variety of crops – from the famous cashew and coconut to vibrant ginger, pepper, and sugarcane fields. Here, the air is filled with the scent of fresh produce, and the landscapes are dotted with fields that seem to stretch on forever. Venturing further into the highlands, the terrain transforms into a haven for spice and tea lovers. The lush green hills are home to sprawling tea, coffee, rubber, and spice plantations, where the air is infused with the fragrance of cardamom, cinnamon, and cloves. The highlands also house a rich diversity of wildlife, making it a perfect destination for nature enthusiasts. Whether you're cruising through backwaters, exploring plantations, or venturing into the hills, Kerala's beauty is as diverse as it is captivating.

## Day 1 ARRIVES AT COCHIN

Arrive in Cochin, where the ancient meets the modern in perfect harmony. After checking in and refreshing at your hotel, step into the heart of the city's captivating past. Begin your exploration in the charming Old Cochin, wandering through the historic streets of Fort Cochin and Mattancherry. Your first stop will be the iconic Chinese fishing nets, a symbol of Cochin's rich maritime heritage. Watch these unique nets in action, a mesmerizing sight that dates back centuries, showcasing an age-old fishing method still used today. Next, immerse yourself in the spiritual history of Cochin with a visit to St. Francis Church, where the legendary Vasco da Gama was once laid to rest. The church's simple yet striking architecture offers a peaceful ambiance, steeped in colonial history. Continue your journey through time at the Mattancherry Palace, also known as the Dutch Palace, where you'll find an exquisite collection of mural paintings depicting scenes from the Ramayana and Mahabharata, bringing Hindu epics to life in vivid color. Take a leisurely stroll down the Jewish Street, where the rhythm of everyday life blends with centuries-old traditions. Here, visit the magnificent Jewish Synagogue, built in 1568, adorned with stunning Chinese tiles and sparkling Belgian chandeliers. The intricate craftsmanship and the historical significance of the synagogue provide a fascinating insight into the multicultural legacy of Cochin. After a day of exploration, return to your hotel for a peaceful overnight stay, with Cochin's beauty and history still lingering in your mind.

## Day 2 COCHIN to MUNNAR; 140KM, 4.00 Hrs Drive

After a hearty breakfast, embark on a scenic drive towards Munnar, the crown jewel of Kerala's hill stations. As you wind your way through lush landscapes and winding roads, the anticipation of Munnar's breathtaking beauty builds with every kilometer. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and take a moment to refresh, preparing for a day filled with natural wonders. Your first stop is Rajamalai, a stunning part of the Eravikulam National Park, perched at an impressive 2695 meters above sea level. This is not just a scenic viewpoint, but the natural habitat of the rare Nilgiri Tahr, a wild mountain goat that roams these hills. The cool mountain breeze and the panoramic views of rolling tea plantations and verdant valleys create an atmosphere of serenity that will stay with you long after you leave. Enjoy the crisp mountain air as you explore the park's beauty, keeping your eyes peeled for glimpses of the Nilgiri Tahr in its native environment. The Rajamalai region is open from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, giving you ample time to soak in the mesmerizing landscapes and unique wildlife. As the day comes to a close, return to your hotel to unwind, reflecting on the beauty of the hills that surround you. After a day of exploration, enjoy a peaceful night in the tranquil atmosphere of Munnar, ready for more adventures tomorrow.

## Day 3 AT MUNNAR

After a refreshing breakfast, get ready for a full day of exploration in the enchanting hill station of Munnar. Your first stop is the Mattupetty Dam, located 1700 meters above sea level. Surrounded by lush greenery and breathtaking views, this serene spot offers the perfect place to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the area. The dam's calm waters reflect the surrounding mountains, making it an ideal spot for photos and moments of tranquility. Next, make your way to the Eco-Point, a haven for nature lovers. The name says it all – this is a place where the environment thrives in its purest form. The breathtaking views of the valleys, mountains, and the winding rivers will leave you mesmerized. It's the perfect spot to stop, take a deep breath, and appreciate the unspoiled beauty of Munnar. From there, continue your journey to Kundala Lake, a serene and picturesque location surrounded by rolling hills. You can enjoy a peaceful boat ride on the lake, surrounded by the lush green forests that offer a refreshing escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. After a day filled with nature's finest offerings, head back to your hotel, where the peaceful ambiance of Munnar invites you to relax and unwind. Let the beauty of the day sink in as you enjoy an overnight stay, surrounded by the hills that have captured your heart.

## Day 4 MUNNAR to THEKKADY; 110KM, 3.30 Hrs Drive

After a delightful breakfast, set off on a picturesque drive to Thekkady, where the charm of Kerala's spice gardens and wildlife awaits. The scenic journey winds through lush greenery, rolling hills, and quaint villages, offering a feast for your senses at every turn. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and refresh before embarking on an afternoon of discovery. Begin with a visit to the renowned spice plantations, a sensory delight that immerses you in the world of Kerala's aromatic treasures. Learn about the cultivation of spices like cardamom, cinnamon, and cloves, while the soothing fragrance of the plantations fills the air. Later, head to the serene Periyar Lake, nestled within the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. If you choose to go boating, prepare for a magical experience as you glide across the tranquil waters, surrounded by lush forests. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife along the banks – you might spot elephants, sambar deer, or even vibrant bird species. As the day winds down, return to your hotel for a peaceful night's rest in the serene embrace of Thekkady, dreaming of the adventures yet to come.

## Day 5 THEKKADY to ALLEPPEY; 180KM, 4.30 Hrs Drive

After breakfast, bid farewell to the verdant landscapes of Thekkady and embark on a scenic drive to Alleppey, fondly known as the "Venice of the East." Upon arrival, step aboard your private houseboat at the jetty, your floating haven for the night. By noon, you'll set sail on an unforgettable journey through the tranquil backwaters of Kerala. As the houseboat glides gently across serene waters, immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty of the surroundings. Marvel at the endless stretches of emerald-green paddy fields, swaying palms, and quaint villages that dot the canals. The soft lapping of water and the chirping of birds create a soothing symphony, perfect for unwinding. Lunch and dinner onboard feature authentic Kerala delicacies, cooked fresh and served with warmth. As you meander through narrow canals, witness snapshots of traditional village life – fishermen casting nets, women washing clothes by the water's edge, and children waving from the banks. Each scene offers a window into the timeless charm of Kerala's countryside. As the sun sets over the tranquil waters, the backwaters come alive with hues of orange and gold, painting a picture of serenity you'll carry in your heart forever. Spend the night aboard the houseboat, lulled to sleep by the gentle sway of the water, as the magic of Alleppey surrounds you.

## Day 6 ALLEPPEY to KOVALAM; 190KM, 4.30 Hrs Drive

After a delightful breakfast aboard your houseboat, bid farewell to the serene backwaters of Alleppey and set off on a scenic drive to Kovalam, Kerala's iconic beach paradise. As the journey unfolds, the landscapes shift from tranquil waterways to coastal charm, setting the stage for the next chapter of your adventure. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and prepare for a relaxing evening by the sea. Kovalam is renowned for its golden sands and turquoise waters, offering a perfect escape for beach lovers. Spend your evening indulging in beach activities or simply strolling along the shoreline, feeling the soft sand beneath your feet and the rhythmic waves lapping against the shore. Whether it's watching fishermen haul in their day's catch, basking in the golden glow of the setting sun, or sipping on tender coconut water as the sea breeze refreshes your senses, Kovalam offers countless moments of pure bliss. The crescent-shaped beaches, fringed with swaying palm trees, create a picturesque setting for relaxation and rejuvenation. As night falls, retreat to your hotel for a peaceful stay, dreaming of the ocean's melody and the adventures that lie ahead. Kovalam's charm will leave you refreshed and ready for more coastal explorations.

## Day 7 AT KOVALAM

Start your day with a hearty breakfast before heading to Trivandrum, a city steeped in culture and heritage. Your first stop is the magnificent Kuthiramalika Palace Museum, a stunning architectural masterpiece known for its intricately carved wooden horses and rich royal legacy. As you walk through the palace, you'll be transported back in time, surrounded by artifacts that narrate the opulent history of Kerala's royal family. Next, immerse yourself in a blend of history and art at the Napier Museum. This architectural gem houses an impressive collection of ancient artifacts, rare bronze idols, and traditional ornaments, offering a glimpse into Kerala's vibrant heritage. Nearby, visit the art gallery dedicated to the legendary Raja Ravi Varma, where you can admire exquisite paintings that celebrate Indian mythology and culture. Wrap up your sightseeing with a visit to the tranquil Trivandrum Zoo, one of the oldest in India. Stroll through the beautifully landscaped gardens and catch glimpses of exotic animals, making it an enjoyable experience for nature and wildlife enthusiasts alike. Return to your hotel in Kovalam in the evening, where the rest of the day is yours to relax and soak in the coastal serenity. Whether you choose to lounge by the beach, savor a delicious dinner, or simply enjoy the peaceful ambiance, your overnight stay in Kovalam promises to be as rejuvenating as the day's explorations.

## Day 8 DROP AT TRIVANDRUM

After a delightful breakfast, it's time to bid adieu to the serene beaches and warm hospitality of Kovalam. Check out from your hotel and proceed to Trivandrum for your departure. As you head to the airport or railway station, carry with you the unforgettable memories of Kerala's backwaters, lush hills, vibrant culture, and tranquil beaches. Whether it was the soothing houseboat cruise, the misty hills of Munnar, or the golden sands of Kovalam, Kerala leaves its mark on every traveler's heart. Safe travels, and until we meet again for your next adventure!

### TOUR COST INCLUDES

- All transportation & Sightseeing through AC Vehicle as per the itinerary.
- Daily breakfast at hotels
- All meals in the houseboat
- Driver's Bata, Toll and parking for the vehicle
- All Accommodation per the details given above.

### TOUR COST EXCLUDES

- Rate does not include Air / Rail fare
- Any other which does not include in the cost include list
- Lunch & dinner
- Guide charges, Entrance charges for the monuments and at destinations.

### CANCELLATION/NO SHOW POLICY

- As per the Booking Conditions of the Tour, the cancellation charges will be applicable for any cancellation request of the tour, either by the customer or any member of the group. The Company will deduct a minimum cancellation charge of 25% (twenty five percentage), if the cancellation request is received by the Company on or before the tenth day prior to the tour commencement date. For any subsequent cancellation made by the customer, i.e., on or after the ninth day till the third day prior to the Tour commencement date, refund would be made after deducting 50% (fifty percent) of tour cost. Where the cancellation request is made on or after the second day prior to the Tour commencement date, the Company shall make no refund to the customer. In any other case, including 'No Show', the Company shall make no refund to the customer.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Rooms are subject to availability and rates are subject to change
- Supplement / hike charges will be extra on per head basis
- Unimoni Travel & Holidays reserves the right to change/modify or terminate the offer any time at its own discretion and without any prior notice
- Hotel Check in / Check out times – 1400 Hrs. /1100 Hrs.
- A/c in the houseboat will be working from 09.00 PM to 07.00 AM.
- Houseboat will be anchored from 06.30 PM to 07.30 AM
- Houseboat check in 12.00 Hrs and check out 09.00 Hrs.
- Accommodation in Ac rooms in all places except in Munnar & Thekkady, where rooms are Non a/c.
- Vehicle up to 1250 Km limit, if exceeds additional amount will be applicable on per head basis
- Refund on cancellation strictly depends upon concerned hotel's and Vehicle cancellation policy. ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?
- If there is any step increase in Fuel prices, there will be an prorate increase in the rates
- All guests have to carry valid id at the time of check in to the hotel (Mandatory)
- Guests must check all their belongings before check-out. Further claims will not be entertained

- Sightseeing places one time visit only & Midnight driving will not be provided.
- Sightseeing will be provided as per the itinerary only. It will not be provided as per the client's interest.
- Baggage space is limited to the type of transportation booked
- Standard type rooms will be offered in all category hotels
- For Vehicle, Ac will be operated only while running the vehicle and not during halt.
- Damage caused to our property due to carelessness of guests, their children or wards must be compensated by guest
- Any itinerary missed due to unforeseen conditions like weather ,blocked roads, strikes, delay in Flight or Train timings the guests have to bear any additional expenses incurred due to the same directly
- Kindly maintain cleanliness in the vehicle and carry spare clothes and towels for visits to the beaches and for water sports activities.
- Please note that Kilometer is charged from Garage to Garage ?
- Tips to the driver is at the discretion of Hirer.
- Consumption of alcohol in the vehicle is prohibited. Your co-operation is solicited. ?
- Offering alcoholic drink or beverage to the Driver is Strictly Prohibited
- For travel related sickness ,please inform the driver Immediately
- Jewish Synagogue – (Open 10:00-12:00 hrs; 1500-1700hrs). Closed on Saturdays
- Dutch Palace – (Open 10:00-17:00 hrs) Closed on Friday
- Zoo, Museum, Art gallery, etc. closed on Monday