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Classic South Kerala Tour: 09 Nights and 10 Days

Experience Kerala through one of our Classic Tours highlighting a broad selection of the main attractions of Kerala. The tour includes an exploration of the vibrant port town of Cochin and a stay in the lush tea Hills of Munnar and a wildlife resort with jungle treks, elephant rides, a spice plantation tour, and a houseboat cruise. Have a relaxing stay in a backwater resort by the lake ending with a stay in a beach resort.

Detailed Itinerary:

Day ONE

- Arrive in Cochin

Welcomed by a Globe Travel Centre representative at the airport and transported to your hotel. A port town since early centuries, Cochin, also known as the spice coast of India, attracted traders and invaders from the world over. Needless to say, Cochin offers you some fascinating snippets of history and culture. Relax and unwind at the hotel. In the evening go for a relaxing sunset cruise.

Overnight at the hotel with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day TWO

- Cochin

On your first day, you will go on a sightseeing tour to explore the many fascinating highlights of Cochin. Including the Jewish Synagogue, in what is locally called the Jew Town, St. Francis Church, the oldest European Church in India, the Santa Cruz Basilica, built in 1557 by the Portuguese, the Dutch Palace, and the Spice market, where you will see the 15th century Chinese fishing nets believed to have been brought by Chinese traders. In the evening, enjoy the famous traditional dance drama of Kerala, the Kathakali. This dance is characterised by some great story telling, amazing costumes and extensive make-up.

Overnight at the hotel with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day THREE

- Cochin - Houseboat (65 km / 1.5 hrs)

Drive to Alleppey and embark on your private houseboat cruise of the Backwaters, a splendid area full of canals, lakes and coves. Your houseboats, or Kettuvalloms, are luxurious boats with well appointed bedrooms and ensuite bathrooms. You can sunbathe on the deck or observe the palm fringed landscape from your cabins. Apart from the mesmerizing surroundings, it's the life along the coast that makes this a fascinating experience. The locals travel in canoes, and you will find vegetable sellers, fishermen and other traders bringing household goods door-to-door in small wooden boats. As you cruise along the backwaters, you can ask your captain to stop at villages, paddy fields and other places, enroute. Overnight on board with full board,

Day FOUR

- Houseboat - Kumarakom

Disembark in Kumarakom, the enchanting backwater region of Kerala, and check into your hotel. The labyrinthine network of rivers, canals, streams and lagoons which form the famed backwater offer stunning views and is an ideal place to relax.

Day of leisure. Overnight at resort with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day FIVE

- Kumarakom

Enjoy a day of leisure at the resort. Adventure water activities like canoeing, water scooter rides, boat rides, etc. are available all day for your use. You can also enjoy a rejuvenating general full-body Ayurveda massage.

Overnight at the resort with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day SIX

- Kumarakom - Periyar (130 km / 6.5 hrs)

Drive to Periyar - an area known for its undulating hills, spice plantations, elephant and tiger sightings. Of the 27 tiger reserves in India, the Periyar valley in Thekkady is the oldest. Once you arrive in Periyar, you will check into your hotel before leaving for a spice plantation tour. On the tour, you will be enticed by the aroma of spices like cinnamon, cardamom, pepper and nutmeg and will learn how the spices are grown, harvested and processed before they reach the supermarkets. After the tour, the rest of your day is to explore the resort and relax.

Overnight at the resort with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day SEVEN

- Periyar

Enjoy an escorted jungle trek and activities like bamboo rafting. In the evening, go for a boat ride where you will have the opportunity to sight elephants and other animals along the bank. You'll also have the opportunity to go on an elephant ride at a sanctuary.

Overnight at resort with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day EIGHT

- Periyar-Kovalam (175 miles / 6.5 hrs)

Drive to Kovalam, one of the most popular beach destinations in Kerala, and check into your hotel. Kovalam consists of three adjacent crescent beaches separated by rock headlands, of which the southernmost, Lighthouse Beach, is the most famous. The azure waters and favourable climate make Kovalam a favourite destination year-round for beach lovers. Have a day exploring the beaches and have a chance to pick your favourite.

Overnight at the resort with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day NINE

- Kovalam

Spend your last day relaxing on the beach.

Overnight at the resort with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day TEN

- Kovalam - Trivandrum - Departure (15 miles / 1 hr)

Departure transfer to Trivandrum for return flight.

Vehicle to transport you to the hotel.