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Family Tour: North Kerala - 09 Nights and 10 Days

A family tour exploring North Kerala, the tour is designed so there is something for everyone in the family. The tour includes a stay in a vibrant port town, a river resort, a wildlife sanctuary and a plantation estate; a relaxing sunset cruise; excursions to see waterfalls and prehistoric caves.

Detailed Itinerary:

Day ONE

- DAY 01: Arrival Cochin

You'll be welcomed by a Kerala Travel Centre representative at the airport and transferred to your hotel in Cochin. Cochin is a place that never ceases to amaze; whichever direction you look, there's always a little piece of history lurking around, reminding you of various cultures and people that have influenced it's past. Once you have settled into your room, go on a sunset cruise and watch from the estuary as the Marine Drive comes alive with a million lights. Overnight at the Koder House with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day TWO

- DAY 02: Cochin

Go for a sightseeing tour to explore the many fascinating highlights of Cochin; including, the Jewish Synagogue; St. Francis Church, the oldest European Church in India; the Santa Cruz Basilica, which was built in 1557 by the Portuguese; the Dutch Palace; the Spice Market; and the 15th century Chinese fishing nets believed to have been brought by Chinese traders. In the evening, visit the Kerala Kaleidoscope, a cultural program showcasing the many cultural highlights and dances of Kerala.

Overnight at the Koder House hotel with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day THREE

- DAY 03: Cochin - Athirampally (85 km / 2 hrs)

Drive to Athirampally. The charm of Athirampally and Vazhachal waterfalls cannot be described in words. Perched high above the Sholayar Forest and on the fringes of Kerala's famed rainforests, the Athirampally waterfalls provide a restful escape for those wanting to leave the hurried pace of city life behind. Relax amidst the scenic attractions of Vazhachal. Overnight at the Rainforest Resort with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day FOUR

- DAY 04: Athirampally

Visit Guruvayoor, the temple town near Thrissur. One of the most sacred and important pilgrim centres in Kerala, the main attraction in Guruvayoor is the Sree Krishna Temple. Though non-Hindus are not permitted inside the temple, exploring the streets leading to the main temple entrance is a quite fascinating experience.

Overnight at the Rainforest Resort with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day FIVE

- DAY 05: Athirampally - Wayanad (261 km / 6.5 hrs)

Drive to Sultan Batheery. Set in the picturesque Western Ghats and mountains at an altitude of about 2,000 meters above sea level, Wayanad is littered with tropical rainforests, dense hills, rolling paddy fields, spice plantations and valleys, Wayanad is a hitherto undiscovered location offering breathtaking views. Check into your hotel, and spend the day discovering the enchanting rainforests.

Overnight at the Tranquil Plantation Hideaway with full board and a vehicle at your disposal.

Day SIX

- DAY 06: Wayanad

Visit the Edakkal Caves. They are not actually caves but are a pre-historic rock shelter formed naturally from one boulder resting on top of two others to form a roof. Later, visit the 3,000-year-old Thirunelly temple located near the Papanashini stream. This temple is devoted to Vishnu, one of the main deities of Hinduism. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight at the Tranquil Plantation Hideaway with full board and a vehicle at your disposal.

Day SEVEN

- DAY 07: Wayanad

Visit the Wayanad sanctuary where you will find sloth bears, sambhar (wild deer), elephants, monkeys, tigers, reptiles, panthers and many species of rare birds. Afterwards, enjoy a rejuvenating full-body Ayurveda massage. Please note, children under 11 years of age are not permitted to have Ayurveda massages for medical reasons.

Overnight at the Tranquil Plantation Hideaway with full board and a vehicle at your disposal.

Day EIGHT

- DAY 08: Wayanad

Today you can visit the Kuruva Island, an uninhabited island, a cluster of them infract, in the middle of the expansive Kabini river. The island's preservation and the eco tourism around it is managed by the participation of the local population living around it and the forest department. The guide practically helps you to navigate your way around the island. Also they are knowledgeable about the general environment and the ecology of the island. He can even take you to the 'less trodden' paths you would have otherwise unnoticed or skipped. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at the Tranquil Plantation Hideaway. (Fullboard)(Vehicle at disposal)

Day NINE

- DAY 09: Wayanad - Calicut (88 km / 2 hrs)

Drive to Calicut (Kozhikode), once the capital of the powerful Zamorins, Hindu Eradi rulers of the area from the 12th to the 18th century, it is a historical town. Calicut was a significant port for trade and commerce in the early centuries, and the Calico cotton is believed to have originated here. Enjoy a bullock cart ride through lush paddy fields. In the evening, visit Hindustan Kalari Sangam, which imparts training in Kalaripayattu, the martial art of Kerala. Spend the evening relaxing.

Overnight at the Kadavu Resort with a vehicle at your disposal.

Day TEN

- DAY 10: Calicut - Departure

Departure to Calicut airport for your return flight with a vehicle for your transfer.