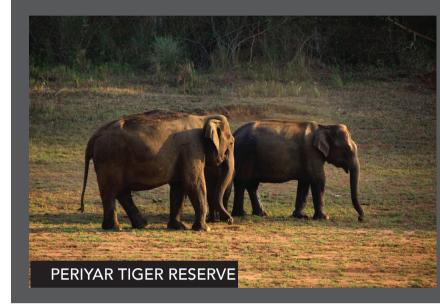
# GOD'S OWN COUNTRY - KERALA

6 Nights/ 7 Days 2N Munnar – 1N Thekkady– 1N Alleppey - 2N Kovalam (Kanyakumari Excursion)

## PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Trip to Eravikulam National Park, Tea Plantation & Museum in Munnar
- Visit to Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, Boat Ride at Lake Periyar, Spice plantation tour & Kalari show
- Cruise through beautiful Kerela backwaters and stay on Houseboat in Alleppey
- Kovalam beaches, Napier Museum, Art Gallery & Kuthiramalika Palace
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Assistance at airport and sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Start in Cochin and end in Trivandrum





### Day 01 Arrival in Cochin, Drive from Cochin to Munnar (120 km/approx. 4.5 hours)

Meet our representative upon arrival in Cochin and drive to Munnar – whose name is derived from the confluence of the three rivers around which the town grew. Today, it offers beautiful vistas, cardamom and spice plantations, aromatic oil factories, sights of several endangered species and the purple-blue of the Neelakurinji flowers that bloom every 12 years. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel and spend your evening at leisure. Stay overnight at the hotel.

### Day 02 Sightseeing in Munnar

Explore Eravikulam National Park, home to various elusive and endangered species. It is a great place to enjoy trekking and also offers a beautiful view of the tea plantations. Later, proceed towards the Tea Museum (closed on Monday), which gives an insight into the history of tea plantations of this region. Later visit Mattupetty Dam, Eco Point and Flower Garden. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

## Day 03 Munnar – Thekkady (90 kms / approx. 2.5 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Thekkady (Periyar) and on arrival check-in at the hotel. Enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Periyar. Set high in the ranges of the Western Ghats in Kerala, is the Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve. Periyar wildlife sanctuary has a picturesque lake at the heart of the sanctuary. Herds of playful wild elephants have made Periyar Lake their favorite haunt for frolicking in the water. They can be witnessed bathing and swimming here. Enjoy a boat ride on the lake to view the wildlife at close quarters. Other inhabitants of Periyar include the leopard, wild dog, barking deer, mouse deer, Nilgiri langur, bonnet macaque, sambhar, porcupines, squirrels, gaur (Indian bison), wild boar and the sloth bear. Later, take a spice plantation tour. The aroma and pleasant ambiance of the spice and tea plantations of Periyar are fascinating. Spices found in Thekkady include pepper, clove, cardamom, nutmeg, ginger, turmeric, vanilla and curry leaves. In the evening, watch the traditional Kalari show or you can also enjoy an elephant ride in Lake Periyar. Return to the hotel for an overnight stay.

### Day 04 Thekkady – Alleppey (140kms / approx. 4 hour)

After breakfast, drive to Alleppey and board your houseboat on arrival. Alleppey, also known as the "Venice of the East", has a large network of backwater canals that meander through the town, surrounding villages and Vembanad Lake. Cruise through the beautiful and scenic backwaters of Kerala, while you enjoy the comfort and hospitality of the houseboat. Stay overnight on the houseboat.

## Day 05 Drive from Alleppey – Kovalam (170kms / approx. 4 hours)

After breakfast, drive towards the south of Kerala, Kovalam - located close to the state capital Trivandrum. It is internationally famed for its palm-fringed beaches, rejuvenating centers and renowned for its 17 km-long coastline, which is formed by three beautiful beaches - Lighthouse, Hawah and Samudra. Upon arrival, check-in at hotel and spend rest of the day at leisure. Stay overnight in Kovalam.

## Day 06 Sightseeing in Kovalam and Trivandrum



After breakfast, explore the highlights of Kovalam- covering the lighthouse, Vellayani Lake and Valiyathura Pier. In the afternoon, enjoy a half-day sightseeing trip of Trivandrum. Visit the Napier Museum, built in the 19th century. This Indo - Saracenic structure boasts of a "natural" air-conditioning system, and houses a rare collection of archaeological and historic artifacts, bronze idols, ancient ornaments, a temple chariot and ivory carvings. Located near the Museum, the Shree Chitra Kala Art Gallery displays select paintings of Raja Ravi Varma, Svetlova and Nicholas Roerich, and exquisite works from the Rajput, Mughal and Tanjore schools of Art. Visit the Kuthiramalika Palace, built by the King of Travancore. The palace museum displays paintings and various priceless collections of the royal family. Stay overnight in Kovalam.

## Day 07 Departure from Trivandrum

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Trivandrum airport for return flight back home.

Add to the romance with our special inclusions for honeymooners – a romantic walk through the aromatic tea gardens in Munnar, a candle lit dinner in Alleppey aboard the houseboat, beachside dinners in Kovalam, flower bed decorations and a honeymoon cake or bottle of wine to celebrate.



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