

# INDIA

## 7D6N FASCINATING KERALA (TOUR CODE : I0706COCLP)



### D01 ARRIVE COCHIN (MOB)

Met upon arrival and after assistance at the airport transfer to your Hotel. Arrive in Cochin and check-in at your Hotel. **KOCHI:** (pop. 686,000), once visited by King Solomon and the intended destination of Columbus, is called the Queen of the Arabian Sea. Its beautiful lagoons, lakes and greenery offer a lovely setting for a stay of three nights. Long famed in the history books, Kochi (formerly known as Cochin) is also home to Jews who settled here more than 2,500 years ago. The first European colony in Kochi was founded by the Portuguese in the 16th century, and their influence can still be detected. The Dutch and, eventually, the British followed them—the cosmopolitan mix of cultures makes the city fascinating. Try to find the tombstone marking the original burial place of Vasco da Gama (his remains were later sent to Portugal) at St. Francis Church, and visit some of the city's other churches, temples and mosques. **Overnight at Hotel.**

### D2 COCHIN (BLD)

After breakfast at hotel, morning at leisure. After early lunch at hotel, proceed with sightseeing tour of the satellite towns of Kochi (Cochin) and Ernakulam. Visit the Dutch Palace, the Jewish Synagogue - (which remains closed on Saturdays) St. Francis Church and the Santa Cruz Basilica. While driving along the coastline, at the Harbor's mouth, one can also view the unique and still-in-use "Chinese Fishing Nets" which were introduced by the Chinese traders in the 14th Century. The tour ends in the Fort Kochi area where you can walk through the historical Dutch and Portuguese buildings. Some parts of this nearly 500-year-old Fort are still amazingly well preserved. Lunch at hotel. Evening : Kathakali Dance show.

Dinner & overnight at Hotel.

### D3 COCHIN-PERIYAR. 185 KMS/5 HRS (BLD)

Morning after breakfast drive along the tranquil countryside to Periyar - one of the largest wildlife sanctuaries in India. The sanctuary is centered on a large artificial lake, formed by the dam across the Periyar River. Periyar Tiger Reserve—in the southwestern state of Kerala, this is the best elephant sanctuary in India, despite its name, although it does have tigers, as well as monkeys, wild boar and sambals. Walking tours are offered, but the best way to see the reserve is to take a boat ride on the manmade lake, which is surrounded by the wildlife areas. The park should be visited October-May. On arrival check in at your Hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. **Dinner and overnight at Hotel.**

### D4 PERIYAR (BLD)

Morning enjoy boat cruise around the lake, you can see herds of wild animals on the banks taking their bath or quenching their thirst. A stroll through the spice plantations, filled with the fragrance of cardamom, clove, cinnamon etc., will be truly exhilarating. After lunch at Hotel, proceed with visit to a Spice Plantations, filled with the fragrance of cardamom, clove, cinnamon etc., will be truly exhilarating.

Meals and overnight at Hotel.

### D05 PERIYAR-ALLEPPY (BLD)

After breakfast at hotel, depart by surface for Alleppey. Upon arrival in board Houseboat, located on the shores of the enchanting Vembanad Lake. The boat cruises and you have a close look into an engaging rustic life. Large flotillas of ducks waddling down to the water from thatched houses on the banks. As we travel through the backwaters we pass through rural settlements sited on narrow strips of land between waterways. The backwaters are a hive of activity with village life all along the banks, boat men taking goods and materials from one village to the next, children swimming, women washing clothes, and fishermen in traditional wooden boats. **Meals and overnight at House Boat.**

### D6 KUMARAKOM-KOVALAM (BLD)

After breakfast cruise towards Kumarakom and disembark and transfer by surface to Kovalam. Upon arrival in Kovalam, check-in at the beach resort. **Kovalam:** You can also take a tour through the backwater country with a local fisherman. The best beach in the area—and by far the most popular with tourists—is Kovalam, which lies a few miles southeast of Thiruvananthapuram. The sand, lined with palm trees, seems to stretch forever. Almost all the hotels here offer excellent Ayurvedic Spa Treatments & massages. Kerala's beaches are excellent for watching the local fishing technique: low-slung dugout canoes are controlled by tug-o-war teams holding ropes on the beach. **Meals and overnight at Hotel.**

### D07 KOVALAM-TRIVANDRUM DEPART (BLD)

After breakfast at Hotel, morning at leisure. Afternoon, check-out of hotel and proceed with Trivandrum city sightseeing. From Kovalam, proceed for a full day city sightseeing tour visiting Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Napier Museum, Chitralayan Arts Gallery (both closed on Monday / Wednesday mornings), Zoological Gardens, Reptile House, Observatory, Kanakakunnu Palace and Sree Moolamthirunal Shastri Purthi Memorial (State Handicraft Institute). After dinner transfer to airport to board flight for onward destination ..

**CHECK-IN & CHECK OUT AT 12 NOON.**

### PACKAGE PRICE MYR PER PERSON VALID 22 OCT 2010 - 31 MAR 2011

HOTEL	No. of pax	SINGLE	TWIN / TRIPLE
3*	01	5,900	4,676
	02	3,773	2,549
	03	3,464	2,240
4*	01	6,670	5,290
	02	4,387	3,006
	03	4,079	2,698
5*	01	7,797	5,980
	02	5,285	3,468
	03	5,383	3,566

\*PRICE QUOTED SUBJECT TO BE CHANGED WITH OR WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

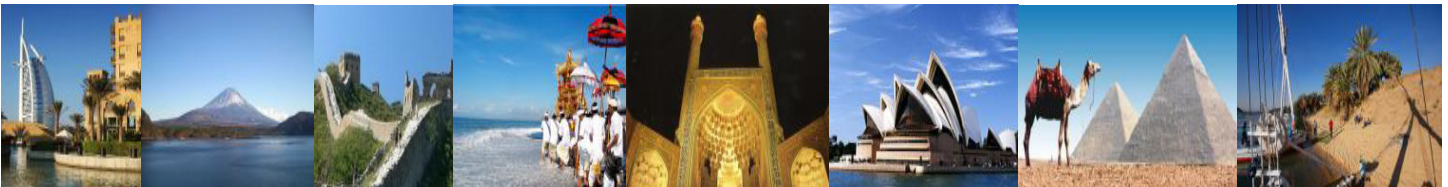
### INCLUDES:

Fare based in MYR Per Person with min 02 person  
Accommodation on twin sharing basis on plan as per above programme  
Transportation by aircon vehicles  
Services of our representative for transfers  
Services of English speaking local guides for sightseeing tour of Cochin & Trivandrum only  
Cochin city's Monument entrance fee included in above quote  
Boat ride in Periyar & Park entrance fees included  
Kathakali Dance show in Cochin

### EXCLUDES:

Return International Airfare, Domestic Airfare Delhi - Srinagar - Delhi  
Airport taxes and Fuel Surcharge  
Passport  
Visa fees MYR 250  
Any item of personal nature such as table drinks, laundry, telephone calls ,mineral water etc  
Tips to motor-coach drivers and local city guides  
Items of personal nature  
Excess baggage  
Optional excursions  
Any peak season surcharge  
Any compulsory Gala Dinner  
Travel Insurance

CITY	3*	4*	5*
COCHIN	ABAD PLAZA	GOKULAM	Le Meridien
PERIYAR	SILVER CREST	CARDOMAN	ELEPHANT COURT
ALLEPPY	HOUSE BOAT (AC)	HOUSE BOAT (AC)	HOUSE BOAT (AC)
KOVALAM	PALM SHORE	UDAY SAMUDRA	TRAVANCORE HERITAGE



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