

# Classic Kerala

9 Days | Kochi to Kochi



Combining historic Kochi, the hill station of Munnar and a houseboat cruise on the backwaters of Kerala. In nine sunfilled days feast upon the amazing natural wonders, wildlife, beauty and diversity of stunning Kerala - God's own country.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- Historic Kochi - Parsi Synagogue, Dutch Palace, St Francis Church, Fort Cochin, colourful boats and Chinese fishing nets on the waterfront
- Munnar Hill Station - The summer retreat of the British during colonial times
- The protected Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary and lake - Elephant and tiger reserve
- Tropical Kumarakom and the famous Kerala backwaters
- Coastal Alleppey - The Venice of the East

### What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 1 lunch and 2 dinners
- 7 nights SUPERIOR hotels. STANDARD and DELUXE hotel options are also available upon request. Accommodation rating – See Trip Notes for details
- 1 overnight - Traditional Kerala rice houseboat on Kerala backwaters

- Touring and excursions as per itinerary
- Boat ride on Lake Periyar OR visit to a tea plantation
- Services of English-speaking Indian specialist guides for all included sight-seeing
- Entrance fees to all included sights
- An airport arrival transfer day 1 and a departure transfer day 9
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern Chauffeur driven air-conditioned vehicles

### What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - An entirely personal gesture

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Kochi

Once you arrive Kochi you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to enjoy at leisure. **Overnight - Kochi**

### Day 2 : Kochi

Formerly a princely state, Kochi is also fondly referred to as "The Queen of the Arabian Sea". This morning enjoy a sightseeing tour of the town including the beautiful Parsi Synagogue built in 1568, the Dutch Palace built by the Portuguese in 1555 and St Francis' Church. A walking tour of Fort

Cochin takes you through streets still graced with traces of Portuguese, Dutch and British colonial architecture. Afternoon/evening free.

**Overnight - Kochi (B)**

### Day 3 : Munnar



Kochi - Munnar. A drive east to Munnar - a quaint hill station nestled on the verdant slopes of tea plantations, that exudes a rare old world charm and reminds one of the days of the Raj in its elegant splendour. At a height of 1525 metres, Munnar offers breathtaking views of the surrounding hills. **Overnight - Munnar (B, D)**

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## Days 4-5 : Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary



Munnar - Periyar. A short drive south to Periyar, South India's most popular wildlife sanctuary and home to bison, antelopes, sambar, wild boar, birds and even the odd tiger! Kumli, close to the sanctuary and where you'll stay, is a pretty little town dotted with small spice and handicraft shops. There is plenty to do in and around Periyar, so we leave the choice to you. Enjoy an included boat ride on Lake Periyar to spot herds of wild elephants or visit the lush nearby tea estates.  
**Overnight - Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary (B:2)**

## Days 6-7 : Kumarakom

Periyar - Kumarakom. A drive to Kumarakom. Perched sleepily on the eastern banks of the mighty Lake Vembanad in the heartland of Kerala's famed backwaters, Kumarakom has changed little since the Middle Ages but for it's string of exotic resorts, making it the perfect point to explore the backwaters. Although right in the thick of a tangle of lush tropical waterways, Kumarakom is technically an island on Lake Vembanad. This is an ideal place to chill-out for a few days. There is also a wonderful bird sanctuary, winter home to many migratory birds which is worth a visit.  
**Overnight - Kumarakom (B:2)**

## Day 8 : Kerala backwaters



This morning board a simply furnished private rice-boat for a journey through the backwaters in and around Alleppey. A distance of some 20 kms will be covered, during which time the boat will glide past colourful local villages. As for dining, the on-board cook will prepare meals using fresh local produce.  
**Overnight - Rice Boat (B, L, D)**

## Day 9 : Kochi

Alleppey - Kochi. Disembarking at Alleppey, you'll be driven the short distance back to Kochi. Consider extending your stay in Kochi or elsewhere in Kerala. Alternatively, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.  
**(B)**

### PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price.

### PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
10 Jul	CAD 2,695	CAD 4,495

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