



## Dear Traveler

## Greetings from Horizon Holidays

Thank you for choosing us for your travel needs. The travel plan is totally customizable. Please reach your tour planner and ask for changes that you would like to incorporate in your vacation.

### WHEREVER YOU GO

We at **Horizon Holidays** genuinely appreciate your business, and we're grateful for the trust you've placed in us.

# Welcome to Kerala

### God's Own Country

Kerala is South India's most serenely beautiful state. This slender coastal strip is defined by its layered landscape; almost 600km of glorious Arabian Sea coast and beaches; a languid network of glistening backwaters; and the spice and tea covered hills of the Western Ghats, dotted with fiercely protected wildlife reserves and cool hill stations such as Munnar. Just setting foot on this swathe of soul-soothing, palm-shaded green will slow your subcontinental stride to a blissed-out amble. Kerala is a world away from the frenzy of the rest of India, its long, fascinating backstory illuminated by historically evocative locations.

### **Inclusions**

- Accommodation in Hotels as customized.
- Meals: Breakfast & Dinner in Hotels.
- Airport Transfers in Air-Conditioned Vehicle. / GO
- All Sightseeing as per itinerary in Air-Conditioned Vehicle.
- Driver Charges, Toll, Parking & Taxes. YOUR HEART
- All Taxes.

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## **Exclusions**

- Return Airfare.
- Any meals other than specified above.
- Any item of personal nature like mini-bar, portage, tips, etc.
- Insurance, Camera Fees, Guide Charges.
- All entrance fees and excursions not mentioned above.
- All water activities.
- Any additional expenses arising out of unforeseen circumstances like flight delay / cancellation / roadblocks/ landslides/ strike or any other natural causes out of human control or any emergency evacuation expenses.
- Any other item or service not mentioned in the inclusions.



## **4N5D Cochin Munnar - Highlights**

**Day 1:** Arrival at Cochin Airport. Transfers to Hotel / Houseboat. Overnight in Hotel / Houseboat.

Day 2: Cochin to Munnar. Overnight in Munnar.

Day 3: Munnar. Overnight in Munnar.

Day 4: Munnar. Overnight in Munnar.

Day 5: Departure to Cochin Airport.

# **Detailed Itinerary**

# Day 1: Arrival at Cochin Airport. Transfers to Hotel / Houseboat. Overnight in Hotel / Houseboat.

Upon arrival at **Cochin International Airport**, you shall be picked up in your exclusive vehicle and transferred to Hotel / Houseboat. Relax for the Night.

# Day 2: Cochin to Munnar. Overnight in Munnar.

After breakfast, build your journey with resplendent nature scenes of beautiful streams, small waterfalls, plantations of tea, spices and rubber, interspersed with tropical thickets. 'Munnar' is Kerala's shining star. Munnar is also called the 'Kashmir of South India' and is a favourite destination for honeymoon. On the way you could visit <u>Valara</u> and Cheeyappara Waterfalls. Upon arrival, check in at your resort and spend the evening at leisure, gazing the vast expanse of **Tea Gardens** as you immerse yourself in the dusk of the setting sun.

• Cheeyapara

Visiting time: 6am - 6pm.

• Valara waterfalls



#### Tata Tea Museum

Visiting Time: 9am -4pm.Closed on Monday. Entry Fee: 125/- per person for adult, 40/- for child, 120/- for tea tasting. Information with show timing, first show at 10am & second show at 2pm.

#### • Rajamalai

The house of highly endangered mountain goats and Nilgiri Thars.

Entry fee: 200/- per person for adult, 150/- for child, 500/- for foreign, 50/- for still camera and 350/- for video camera.

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• **Dreamland Fun & Adventure** Visiting Time: 9am -6pm.

#### Day 3: Munnar. Overnight in Munnar. R

After breakfast, proceed to **Eravikulam National Park** which also known as **Rajamala**. This park could require 3/4 hours to explore. Later, visit **Mattupetty** and **Kundala Dam**, **Echo Point**, **Top Station**, **Photo Point** and **Munnar Rose Garden**. Back to Resort.

• Mattupetty Dam

Visiting time: 9.30am-5pm. Boating is available here. Ordinary Boat: 300/- for 1-5 Pax 15 minutes. Speed Boat: 500/- for 1-5 Pax 15 minutes Big Boat: 700/- for 20 Pax 30minutes.

• Echo point

Visiting time: 7am – 6pm.Entry fee: 30/- .Photography and trekking is available here. Trekking time would not exceed 2 hrs.

• Kundala Lake

Visiting Time: 7am -6pm.Boating is available here.

Pedal Boat: 100/- for 3 Pax



• Blossom Park

Visiting Time: 9am -7pm.Entry Fee: 50/- per person.

• Hot Air Ballooning Ride Start time: 6am to10am End time: 5pm to 8pm Entry Fee: 1500/- per person for 5 to 8minutes

#### Day 4: Munnar. Overnight in Munnar.

After breakfast, proceed to proceed for full day trip to **Marayoor**. Munnar to Marayoor distance is 48 Km and approximate travel time is 2 hours. The main sightseeing locations are **Thuvanam Waterfalls**, **Lakkom Falls**, **Thoovanam Waterfalls**, **Sandalwood Forest**, **Karimutty Waterfalls**, **Rajiv Gandhi Children's Park** and **Muniyara - Anakottapara Park**. Back to Hotel / Resort.

# Day 5: Departure to Cochin Airport. (Return Flight Suggested post 4PM by evening)

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Today, after a delicious breakfast, you will be transferred to '**Cochin International Airport'** for your Onward Journey Home with great memories from **Horizon Holidays**.

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## **Happy Memories**

# <u>4N5D Alleppey to Kanyakumari -</u> <u>Highlights</u>

**Day 1:** Arrival at Cochin. Transfers to Alleppey. Overnight in Houseboat.

Day 2: Alleppey to Kollam (90km/3hrs). Overnight in Kollam.

Day 3: Kollam - Varkala - Trivandrum (70km/3hrs). Overnight in Trivandrum.

Day 4: Kanyakumari Day Trip (200km/6hrs). Overnight in Trivandrum.

**Day 5:** Departure to Trivandrum Airport.

# **Detailed Itinerary**

#### Day 1: Arrival at Cochin. Transfers to Alleppey. Overnight in Houseboat.

Upon arrival at **Cochin International Airport (arrive by 9AM)**, you shall be picked up in your exclusive vehicle and transferred to Alleppey and enjoy a Luxury Houseboat Stay that gifts a unique experience for dream come true days in God's own country. With a greenery view of the countryside outside and comfort stay inside, get ready to spice up the experience. **Overnight in Houseboat**.

Day 2: Alleppey to Kollam (90km/3hrs). Overnight in Kollam.

After breakfast, proceed to **Kollam**. On arrival, you are at leisure in the Resort or for own Activities. **Overnight in Kollam**.

# Day 3: Kollam - Varkala - Trivandrum (70km/3hrs). Overnight in Trivandrum.

After breakfast, proceed to **Varkala**. Perched almost perilously along the edge of majestic 49 ft high red laterite cliffs; **Varkala** has a naturally beautiful setting that has allowed it to steadily grow into Kerala's most popular backpacker hang-out. A small strand of golden beach nuzzles **Varkala's North Cliff Area**, where restaurants play innocuous music and shops sell elephant-stamped trousers, silver jewellery and cotton

yoga-mat bags. Enroute in **Kovalam**, you could also visit various beaches like **Lighthouse Beach, Hawah Beach & Samudra Beach.** While in Varkala, you could visit **Anjego Fort and the Light House**. The Fort is remembered as one of the most important historical sites as it was the first British settlement in India. The architectural design is admirable and the Fort itself is located in picturesque settings. The Lighthouse is also known to have guided British Ships to shore and from the vantage point, it offers awe-inspiring views of the sea. Later, if time permits you could also visit the **Janardana Swami Temple**, also known as **Varkala Temple**. This 2000 year old temple is situated on top of a small hill near **Papanasam/ Varkala Beach** and you will need to climb stairs to reach the temple. This will be an offbeat experience for people who love history and Indian culture. Further proceed to **Trivandrum**. Visit **Shree Padmanabhaswamy Temple (on own)**; considered as the World's Richest Religious Site due to donations that it has been receiving over the ages. But there is more to this temple than its sheer wealth. Its architecture has a unique blend of both Kerala and Dravidian styles of neighbouring states. **Overnight in Trivandrum**.

### Note:

#### Dress Code to Enter Shree Padmanabhaswamy Temple

- The dress code for Men is Mund / Dhoti with or without Angavastra. Men need to wear Mundu or Dhoti and should not wear shirts of any kind.

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- The dress code for Women are Sarees with blouse, Chudidar or other coverings as apporiate to their age.

#### Day 4: Kanyakumari Day Trip (200km/6hrs). Overnight in Trivandrum.

After breakfast, proceed for a day trip to the **Southern Tip of India - 'Kanyakumari'**. Visit **Devi Kanyakumari Temple (on own)** and then head towards the colossal and imposing **'Vivekananda Rock Memorial' (on own)**. This awe-inspiring memorial was constructed in honour of the great spiritual leader and Hindu monk of India, **Swami Vivekananda** who is said to have attained enlightenment here after meditating for two days prior to his famous Chicago Trip. The memorial today stands as an architectural chef d'oeuvre illustrating various architectures styles of India and attracts thousands of visitors round the year. A boat cruise to the place, the only way of transport, makes the trip more enjoyable to visitors. Visit the Meditation Hall while on this Small Island. **Overnight in Trivandrum.** 



#### Day 5: Departure to Trivandrum Airport.

Today, after a delicious breakfast, you shall proceed towards **Trivandrum International Airport**, for your journey back home with great memories from **Horizon Holidays**.

## **Happy Memories**

# **8N9D Kerala - Highlights**

**Day 1:** Arrival at Cochin. Transfers to Athirappally (75km/2.5hrs). Overnight in Athirappally.

Day 2: Athirappally to Munnar (130km/4hrs). Overnight in Munnar.

Day 3: Munnar. Overnight in Munnar.

Day 4: Munnar to Thekkady (100km/3hrs). Overnight in Thekkady.

Day 5: Thekkady - Malarikkal - Alleppey (140km/4hrs). Overnight in Houseboat.

Day 6: Alleppey to Varkala (120km/3.5hrs). Overnight in Varkala.

Day 7: Varkala to Kanyakumari (135km/4hrs). Overnight in Kanyakumari.

**Day 8:** Kanyakumari to Trivandrum (100km/3hrs). Overnight in Trivandrum.

Day 9: Departure to Trivandrum Airport.



## **Detailed Itinerary**

# **Day 1:** Arrival at Cochin. Transfers to Athirappally (75km/2.5hrs). Overnight in Athirappally.

Upon arrival at **Cochin International Airport (arrive by 9AM)**, you shall be picked up in your exclusive vehicle and transferred to **Athirappally**. A scenic beauty, the **Athirappally Falls** has guest-starred in lots of Bollywood Movies. This 80 ft high monstrous waterfall joins the Chalakudy River after plunging down 80 ft from the top. It's also called **'The Niagara of India'** because of its close resemblance to the Niagara Falls in the United States. For nature lovers, this place is God's gift. **Overnight in Athirappally**.

#### Day 2: Athirappally to Munnar (130km/4hrs). Overnight in Munnar.

After breakfast, build your journey with resplendent nature scenes of beautiful streams, small waterfalls, plantations of tea, spices and rubber, interspersed with tropical thickets. '**Munnar'** is Kerala's shining star. Munnar is also called the '**Kashmir of South India'** and is a favourite destination for honeymoon. Upon arrival, check in at your resort and spend the evening at leisure, gazing the vast expanse of **Tea Gardens** as you immerse yourself in the dusk of the setting sun. **Overnight in Munnar**.

### Day 3: Munnar. Overnight in Munnar.

After breakfast, spend your day with nature. Unwind as the day unfolds showcasing wonderful sights of Munnar. You will cover hot spots like **Mattupetty Dam & Lake**, **Echo Point, Kundale Lake, Blossom International Garden, Rajamalai - a part of the 'Eravikulam Wildlife Sanctuary'**, and **Tea Plantations**. Every stop will leave you spell-bound with Munnar's symbolic weather, lush green mountain slopes, divine valleys and unending estates. **Overnight in Munnar**.

#### Day 4: Munnar to Thekkady (100km/3hrs). Overnight in Thekkady.

After breakfast, drive to **Thekaddy**, the heart of 'God's own country' and home to India's largest wildlife sanctuary. Thekkady is a paradise on earth for nature lovers and its bountiful flora and fauna make it the ultimate reservoir for many endangered species. Upon arrival, go on a **30 minute boat cruise (own cost)** to spot wild animals like elephants, wild boar and deers near the edges of the water body. Later in the

evening, you can enjoy an **Elephant Safari (own cost)** inside the jungle. Elephant Safari is common among tourists as it is easier to cover trails that are harder to reach. Moreover, elephant safaris provide more interesting experience than jeep or others. Since tigers are afraid to attack elephants, it is a safer option for those who want to spot a few tigers. **Overnight in Thekaddy.** 

# Day 5: Thekkady - Malarikkal - Alleppey (140km/4hrs). Overnight in Houseboat.

After breakfast, move towards **Malarikkal, Kottayam;** a sleepy village to witness the **Water Lilies** - a sea of pink as far as the eye can see. Further ahead, move to **Alleppey** and check-in to your **Deluxe Houseboat**; a unique experience for dream come true days in God's Own Country. With a greenery view of the countryside outside and comfort stay inside, get ready to spice up the experience. **Overnight in Houseboat**.

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