

Backwater Holidays in Kerala - Duration : 14 Days

Destinations Covered : Trivandrum - Kovalam - Quilon - Houseboat – Kumarakom - Periyar - Vandanmedu – Munnar - Kochi – Wayand - Calicut

Golden Beaches, riotously decorated temples, an amazing array of backwaters, and lush tropical the attractions of the paradise that is called Kerala . Spend a relaxing and refreshing holiday in Nature.

Day 01 Trivandrum

On arrival at Trivandrum you will be met by our representative and transferred to Kovalam Beach. The most beautiful beach Resort in South India. The surf here is ideal for surf riding and the water invites the visitor to ride the "Catamaran" or log with the fisherman, or to take a cool swim. Nearby is the Beach centre of aquatic sports. Arrive & check in hotel. Rest of the day free to relax & exploring the beach.

Day 02 Kovalam

After breakfast drive to Trivandrum, visit Shree Padmanabha Swami Temple, Napier Museum, Chitralayam Art Gallery, Zoological Gardens, Reptile House Observatory and Kanakakannu Palace at Trivandrum. After lunch excursion to Kanya Kumari to visit the stunning Padmanabhapuram palace and to enjoy the unique experience of Sunset & Moon rise over the ocean simultaneously. Return to Kovalam in the evening.

Day 03 Kollam (Quilon)

Quilon is the gateway of Kerala backwaters. Here you will stay in a backwater resort on the bank of Ashtamudi Lake. Visit one of the oldest ports of the Malabar Coast that were once the centre of international spice trade. Quilon is famous for its delicious Cashew and Seafood. After checking in hotel proceed to see some historic remains and the temples built in ornate style. One can also visit the village to know the life style and culture of locals. Overnight at Quilon.

Day 04 Houseboat

Morning after breakfast drive to Alleppey Jetty point to board the houseboat. The houseboats are giant country Crafts, measuring up to 80 feet length. It took great skill and meticulousness to construct these giants by tying huge planks of jack wood together, without the use of a single nail. Today these are the most exciting tourism product in India, which usually has one or two bath rooms, an open lounge, deck, kitchenette and a crew comprising oarsmen, a cook and guide. You will cruise through the beautiful villages and lush paddy fields witnessing the men at work. All meals will be served on board. Overnight at Houseboat.

Day 05 Kumarakom

Morning disembark the boat at Kumarakom and check into the backwater resort. Today you can visit Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary. Relax at the waterfront, with the occasional native row boat gliding silently by, and the air so calm, you can reach out and touch the sky with your finger tips. You can also enjoy a sunset cruise.

Day 06 Thekkady

Periyar, one of the most fascinating wildlife sanctuaries in India, noted for elephants, Spice plantations and its scenic beauty. A boat ride on the splendid Periyar Lake is the best way to experience the sanctuary. The greatest attraction here is the herds of wild elephants that come down to the lake to frolic in the waters. Wild Boars, Sambar, Wild Dogs, Langur Monkeys, Bison, Red fox can also be spotted in the forest. Afternoon visit spice plantations like cardamom, pepper, tea.

Day 07 Vandenmedu

Rolling hills, tea and cardamom plantations of Vandenmedu welcomes you. Here you will find sprawling tea, rubber and eucalyptus plantations side by side with natural grasslands and pine forests. Visit Cardamom plantation and Tea factory at Kailasam. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08 Munnar

Munnar is a nature lover's paradise. Enjoy the picture-book towns, winding lanes, the marvelous waterfalls, high mountains with the low flying clouds passing by that makes Munnar a popular hill station. Arrive Munnar and check in at hotel. Witness tea gardens spread like a green carpet over hundreds of kilometers, lush green hills, a place so difficult to describe, very low population too far from pollution, most of the covered by Tata tea. Sightseeing Munnar which includes the Raja Malai, a top peak of Munnar where you can see Neel Thar (mountain goats), Muttupetty dam, Indo Swiss project, you can also enjoy boating in the Lake (optional).

Day 09 Kochi

Morning drive to Kochi, the commercial capital of Kerala. Kochi is the natural harbour created by the famed underwater Malabar mud-banks whose quality ensures that the rougher the seas are outside the calmer the waters are within the Harbour. Vasco-da-Gama placed it on the world map. It has a Jewish synagogue, Portuguese churches, mosques & Hindu temples. Watch the Chinese Fishing Nets. In the evening proceed for traditional Kathakali Dance Show.

Day 10 Kozhikode (Calicut)

Drive to Calicut. Kappad beach, 20 Kms away from Calicut is where Vasco-da-Gama landed in 1498 A.D. The legends woven around its historic origins and traditions cast a

mystical spell on this beach.

Day 11 Calicut

Day excursion to Pookot Lake With its own dream-like serenity, this natural fresh water lake surrounded by meadows and trees on all sides is a haven for peace-loving travellers. Contoured by lush green forests the lake has good prospects for boating facilities. It is located half way from Calicut half an hour ahead of Kalpetta.

Day 12 Wayanad

Drive to Wayanad. One of the most beautiful hilly regions of Kerala and is the home of several sects of tribals, who have built some shrines for the village deities. Visit Edakkal Caves - caves contain several paintings and pictorial writings of the New Stone Age Civilization, Muthunga wildlife sanctuary - Herds of elephants, bear, deer, wild pig etc can be seen here, Glass temple - famous Jain family temple.

Day 13 Wayanad

Vythri is renowned for its coffee, tea, cardamom, pepper and rubber plantations. Mist capped mountains and breathtaking scenery dominate the tourist attractions.

Day 14 Departure Transfer

Transfer to Calicut Airport for departure.

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