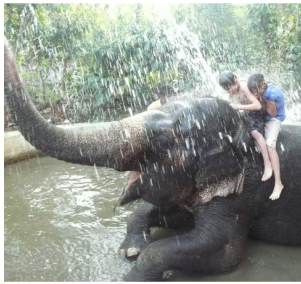




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Trip Highlights

- Mountain Treks at Munnar
- Tea Garden Walks
- Elephant rides
- Rain Forest Treks at Periyar
- Stay with a family at a Farm Villa
- Canoe rides in the backwaters



At a Glance

A holiday with your family camping at Munnar, walking the Periyar forest and having fun at the Marari beach. A chance of a lifetime to experience the wildlife safaris and interact with the elephants of Kerala with your loved ones.

Embark on an intimate eco adventure in the beautiful countryside in South India. Visit wildlife sanctuaries, beaches and remote villages. Engage in some fishing, play beach volleyball, go on elephant rides...all this and more in our special Small Family Eco Adventure!!!

For those interested in an expanded South Indian itinerary, we cover Karnataka's wonderful wildlife sanctuaries, the Elephant Camp at Dubare and the beautiful coffee estates in Coorg. Our itineraries also have farm visits and angling for those so inclined. All in all, a visit the family will never forget in a long time, with experiences to last a life time!

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Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1, 2: Kochi

Land at Kochi International Airport, your driver and your guide will be there to welcome you. Kochi is the city of cultural mix since the 15th century, because of its location. It was an important port used for spice trade. Portuguese, Chinese, Dutch & Arabs travelers frequented this city. Today this important cultural mix is accentuated with the diversity of religions - Hindus, Muslim, Jews and Christian – with its 500 years old Portuguese houses, winding streets, modern Indian art and the tradition traditional dances. Kochi is set on a cluster of islands and narrow peninsulas. Once you are settled into your hotel, we will take you to a tour of the city by foot, which allow you to discover the hidden beauty of this city, visit the spice market & the Chinese fishing nets. In the evening you can attend a rendition of the classical dance *Kathakali*, where you will see how the artist makes up and the dance itself will be explained to you. You will have the second day to relax a bit more and get used to the busy city of Kochi, and discover the place, Santa Cruz Basilica, St Francis Church and the busy city itself.

Day 3, 4, 5: Rural Kerala

Dewalokam is the ancestral farm of Alilakuzhy family a Syrian Christian family of Kerala. This is an organic farm growing most of the spices that has made Kerala the spice capital of the world. The owners know perfectly how to use each plant in Ayurveda medicine and they will explain it to you with pleasure. The word Dewalokam means “paradise” – a concept followed in full since the fruits, vegetables, spice, milk and honey are all produced organically without pesticides or chemical fertilizers. So for a snack you can pluck a pineapple or a mango and eat it reclining in one of the hammock available in the gardens. All food is organic and the meals are traditional Keralan

food. Dewalokam is the perfect place for children, they can play in the huge garden, try to milk a cow and help the farmer to bring the chicken in. Staying in Dewalokam will allow you to discover another part of Kerala’s culture: the rural way of life.

Day 6, 7: Munnar

Munnar is the land of tea. After a spectacular transfer through impressive narrow mountain roads, where you can admire waterfalls, the tea plantation and the view of the Western Ghats before you reach Munnar, the hill station at 1500 meters high in the mountains. There you can explore the tea plantation, learn how to make tea and how to serve it in India, you can trek to find some rare endemics birds or wildlife, go on by mountain bikes to remote villages and talk to their welcoming inhabitants. You will enjoy the fresh mountain air at the charming city of Munnar.

Day 8, 9, 10: Periyar

Welcome to the Periyar Tiger Reserve! One of the last places in the world where you can find the tiger, 40 tigers on average, living in 777Km² of this wildlife sanctuary. Periyar reserve is also home for wild elephants, sambars & gaurs. This well-preserved park is managed by the forest department with helping hand by local tribes who still live near the park, the *Mannans*; you can spot animals during a 3 hours morning trek, do some bamboo rafting and have the chance to see endemics birds or do a boating tour on the impressive lake inside the park to spot wildlife. Periyar also offer other activities as elephant ride or a spice plantation visit.

Day 11: Houseboat cruise (Alleppey)

After a transfer through mountains road, you will reach Alleppey, also known as “Kerala rice bowl”, it’s a place where rice grows below the sea level. You will embark on a rice boat - a typical boat of this place, formerly used to



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transport rice from place to place. It is now one of the most luxurious forms of accommodations in Kerala. You will travel through narrow man-made canals, rivers and you will discover the backwaters life - the duck farms, toddy 'shop', schools, churches and temples.

Day 12, 13, 14 – On the Beaches at Marari

You will transfer to the white sands of beach of Marari for the last 3 days of this tour. You will stay at a beautifully laid out resort. Here you can enjoy the beach and the sea, read a good book, discover ayurvedic massages and just relax or you can go visit the surrounding areas on cycles giving you a good opportunity to interact with local people

Day 15 – Depart

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Inclusions

- Accommodation in Boutique hotels, resorts, Forest Lodges & home stays
- Most meals All transfers by A/c vehicle
- All walks & safaris

Exclusions

- Insurance –please take your own insurance
- Tips
- Beverages
- Laundry
- Expenses of a personal nature

What to Bring

- Cottons
- Warm Clothes (Fleece, Gloves, Caps)
- Casual Shirts/T-shirts
- Walking shoes
- Insect repellent
- Sunglasses cap
- Sun screen
- Day pack
- Binocs & Camera (optional)

