

**Trip Highlights**

- Wildlife Safaris & walks at Parambikulam
- Farm visits and walks
- Trekking at Munnar

**At a Glance**

A week to explore the hills of South India. You can trek the Munnar Hills, take jungle safaris at Parambikulam, stay within the forests, stroll through the tea plantations, meet the local communities and the indigenous people.

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!

South India Mountain Adventure

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1: Kochi

Meet and assist at Kochi airport & drive to Fort Kochi, checking into a hotel in the old city. Set on a cluster of islands and narrow peninsulas, Kochi is a city of cultural diversity - winding streets, shady trees, Kathakali dance, modern Indian art, 500-year old Portuguese houses, mosques, a tiny Jewish community with ancient roots - and ferry boats scuttling backwards and forwards. Once you are settled into your hotel, we can take you on our backstreet tour of the city by foot and three-wheelers, visiting the spice market, the fishing harbour and, in the evening, view the city's Kathakali dance show.

Day 2, 3 & 4: Parambikulam

We'll take the 4 hour drive across the Tamil Nadu border to the Indira Gandhi national park - a place known for its great swathes of forests and wildlife - birds, butterflies, elephants, sloth bears, leopards, gaurs (Indian Bison), dholes (wild dogs), king cobra and the Lion-tailed Macaques in their natural habitat - all within the areas known as Top Slip & Parambikulam Tiger Reserve. We will stay within the forests at Parambikulam in cottage tents & take jeep safaris around the park and walk through the dense forests for wildlife watching & understand the dynamics of the rain forests. Your trackers during the safaris will be from the indigenous tribes & members of the local communities.

Day 5, 6 & 7: Munnar

From Parambikulam, we will take the spectacular 3 hour drive along the climbing road - through forests and tea gardens - to the hill station of Munnar, 1500

metres high in the mountains. The combination of crisp mountain air, craggy peaks and tall red wood trees make it a peaceful retreat. Here endemic birds & animals find their home. Our stay will be at a small family owned resort set within a cardamom forest. Here we can explore the plantations, tea estates and meet the workers who pick tea for a living. We can also make our way to the enclave of the Nilgiri Tahr at Rajamala, go on treks into the mountains or cycle to the remote villages.

Day 8: Depart

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)