

Activity Name: Kayaking



Trip Highlights

- Contrast of the dense tropical jungles on one side and the myriad spice plantations on the other bank.
- Kayak to the world famous bird sanctuary at Thattekkad with over 200 species of birds that includes 9 endemics.



At a Glance

Kayaking in the Periyar River with forests and rubber estates on either side is an exhilarating experience. It gives you an opportunity to observe the flora and fauna, particularly the wide variety of birdlife in this area.

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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1:

On arrival we will check into a heritage hotel at Fort Cochin. After a chance to relax and freshen up we could spend the rest of the afternoon discovering a little of this interesting city, Fort Kochi. Its historic links can be seen in the Colonial Bungalows, an old Jewish Synagogue, Chinese fishing nets, the oldest European Church in India and a medieval Portuguese Palace. We will stay overnight at Kochi.
Meals: Breakfast Only

Day 2:

After an early breakfast we will transfer to Neriamangalam, 65 kms away. We will commence paddling from Neriamangalam, on the foothills of Western Ghats where the River Periyar finally meanders onto the plains. The dense tropical jungles on one side and the spice plantations on the other bank is a fascinating experience. You will also see the first ever rubber estate in India set up over a 100 years ago by Mr. Murphy, who built a huge mansion (now in ruins) amidst what was once dense impenetrable lowland forests. Along the way, you will come across a 'Kavu' sacred grove - a holy forest preserved in its pristine state around an ancient temple. Besides the myriad birds along your way (over 275 species), you may also come across wildlife, notably elephants on the banks of the river!

We will pull out at a lagoon near a riverside resort for a sumptuous lunch. After lunch, we continue kayaking till we reach the world famous bird sanctuary at Thattekkad. Our stay will be at the Hornbill Camp; (www.thehornbillcamp.com) a birder's camp - set within the forests - the ideal place to relax for the night.

Meals: All meals.

Day 3:

Early morning, we set out for a trek/nature walk into the lowland rainforests across the river from Hornbill Camp. With over 200 species of birds that includes 9 endemics, this area is a dream come true for the ardent birders. We return for breakfast and proceed for a bit of kayaking in the Periyar River. After lunch at the camp and a couple of hours of rest, we kayak again, enjoying the sunset as we go along. Return to the camp for dinner and a well deserved rest.

Meals : All meals



Day 4:

You would be dropped back to Kochi after Breakfast. End of Tour.

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General Info

Visas

Visitors to India must obtain a Visa before departure. For details and an application form please contact the local Indian Embassy or High Commission.

Safety

You would be accompanied by a guide throughout the trip. These guides are experienced, trained in First Aid and fully qualified for the purpose of the tour. They would handle all concerns with regards to your safety and well being.

Airport taxes

There are no airport taxes if you depart from Kochi International Airport.

Currency Exchange

Currency exchange is possible at the Airport, Hotels and many outlets along the way. We could help you with the exchange where the authorized agent comes to your hotel and do the necessary transactions at a much better rate than otherwise available. Kindly let us know if you'd like to make use of this facility.

Telephone and Internet Access

You would have access to telephone and internet at most of the hotels. In case there are no internet access at the hotel, you would be able access it in the nearest town.

Insurance

We recommended that you take your insurance that covers illnesses and accidents abroad.



Trip Notes

Inclusions

- Accommodation
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary
- Prijon Capri Kayaks
- Accompanying Guide
- Accompanying support boat
- Refreshments & mineral water while kayaking

Exclusions

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

What to Bring

Clothing:

- Kayaking kit consisting of shorts, T shirt and kayaking footwear
- Sunscreen lotion (SPF minimum 35)
- Cap
- Camera (optional)
- Rain jacket (during Monsoons)

Others:

- Binoculars & Camera (optional)
- Torch
- Insect repellent
- Sunglasses cap
- Canteen Day pack

