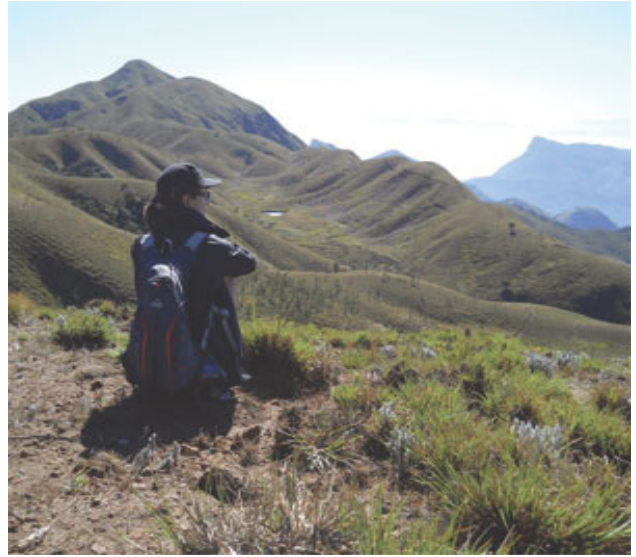


Trekking Holiday



Trip Highlights

- Highest Possible Trek Route South of the Himalayas
- Camping at the Highest Campsite in South India
- Walk through Worlds Highest Tea Plantation - Kollukkumalai
- Spectacular Views



At a Glance

The trek starts from an altitude of 1500m gradually going over 2600m; passing through high altitude rain forests and mountain streams crisscrossing the area. This trek enables a spectacular view of the Western Ghats.

Distance Chart – Trekking

Day 1		7 KM
Day 2		11 KM
Day 3	Depart	

Skill Set

		Comfort
		Grade

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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Rhodo Valley

We will drive to the start point, about 20 kms from Munnar. We will be starting the trek from an altitude of 1500m gradually ascending to over 2600m, passing through sholas (high altitude rain forests) and grasslands which are typical to the higher areas of the Western Ghats. The area also has wildlife – notably elephants, sambar, sloth bear and the Nilgiri tahr - the latter being endemic and endangered. The camp is set up at an altitude of approximately 2200m.

Day 2: Suryanelli

We will be starting early as we head along paths over the undulating mountain grasslands and ascend Meesapulimala - the second highest peak in the Western Ghats. The trek passes through sholas, grasslands and mountain streams which criss-cross the area. When we reach the top, we can relax for a short while and enjoy the panoramic views. We can see the world's highest tea estate Kolukkumalai in the undulating hills below. This is a great opportunity to trek off the tourist trail. We will descend and continue trekking through grasslands and high altitude rainforest till we reach Kollukumalai tea estate. From there we will be transferred by jeep to the Anaerangal Camp at Suryanelli.

Day 3: Depart after breakfast.

Inclusions

- Trekking, camping, guide
- Accommodation in dome tents & cottage Tents
- Refreshments
- Mineral water while trekking
- All meals

Exclusions

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



GENERAL INFORMATION

VISA

Visitors to India must obtain a Visa before departure. All visa information is subject to change. You should confirm all visa related issues with the nearest Indian Embassy/ High Commission/ Consular Office for the same.

AIRPORT TAX

Airport or departure taxes are not applicable if you depart from Kochi.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

You can exchange your money at most major towns. ATMs are found in most Kerala towns. Credit cards are not accepted during this tour.

INSURANCE

It's advisable to take personal travel insurance policy to cover against sickness, accident, loss of baggage, unexpected alterations to travel arrangements and travel disruption, cancellations, etc.

COMMUNICATION

Internet Access: If you need to be in touch with your friends & relatives while travelling we recommend email. Email cafes are generally available throughout the region.

Telephone: It is possible to make international calls in most phone booths in Kerala towns. Most hotels have facility for international calls.

CLIMATE

The South Indian subcontinent is tropical - warm, humid and often wet. During the main monsoon, (July to September) there is heavy rain. Best time to visit Kerala is from October-March.

FOOD

Food is a very important part of these journeys and we have ensured that the Kerala Cuisine is a part of this adventure besides both North Indian & South Indian food - vegetarian and non vegetarian. All meals and bottled mineral water are provided on all days. Any special food requirements could be met if sufficient notice is given.

SAFETY

Our guides have been adequately trained & qualified in first aid and always carry a comprehensive first-aid kit. In case of any medical emergency we have facilities to transfer you to the nearest hospital immediately, followed by evacuation to the tertiary-care hospital at Kochi (if required).

WHAT TO PACK

- Warm sets of clothes (Fleece, Jacket, hat and gloves) are required for trips going through Munnar and other high altitude areas
- Hiking shorts
- Hiking pants/track pants
- Waterproof jacket
- Casual Shirts/T-shirts

OTHERS

- Binocs & Camera (optional)
- Water proof bags for docs & Electronics
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Torch
- Insect repellent
- Sunglasses, cap
- Sun screen of SPF at least 35
- Canteen
- Day pack