

8D 6N KERALA WONDERS

Cochin-Periyar-Kumarakom-Kovalam-Trivandrum-Min 4pax (UL)

Dep: Every Wed & Sat

Itinerary:

DAY 01: ARRIVE COCHIN (MOB)

Depart KLIA on Sri Lankan Airlines via Colombo. Met upon arrival and after assistance at the airport transfer to your Hotel.

KOCHI: (pop. 686,000), once visited by King Solomon and the intended destination of Columbus, is called the Queen of the Arabian Sea. Its beautiful lagoons, lakes and greenery offer a lovely setting for a stay of three nights. Long famed in the history books, Kochi (formerly known as Cochin) is also home to Jews who settled here more than 2,500 years ago. The first European colony in Kochi was founded by the Portuguese in the 16th century, and their influence can still be detected. The Dutch and, eventually, the British followed them—the cosmopolitan mix of cultures makes the city fascinating. Try to find the tombstone marking the original burial place of Vasco da Gama (his remains were later sent to Portugal) at St. Francis Church, and visit some of the city's other churches, temples and mosques. Overnight at Hotel.



DAY 02: COCHIN (BLD)

After breakfast at hotel, morning at leisure. After early lunch at hotel, proceed with sightseeing tour of the satellite towns of Kochi (Cochin) and Ernakulam. Visit the Dutch Palace, the Jewish Synagogue - (which remains closed on Saturdays) St. Francis Church and the Santa Cruz Basilica. While driving along the coastline, at the Harbor's mouth, one can also view the unique and still-in-use "Chinese Fishing Nets" which were introduced by the Chinese traders in the 14th Century. The tour ends in the Fort Kochi area where you can walk through the historical Dutch and Portuguese buildings. Some parts of this nearly 500-year-old Fort are still amazingly well preserved. Lunch at hotel. Dinner & overnight at Hotel.



DAY 03: COCHIN-PERIYAR. 185KMS/5 HRS (BLD)

Morning after breakfast drive along the tranquil countryside to Periyar – one of the largest wildlife sanctuaries in India. The sanctuary is centered on a large artificial lake, formed by the dam across the Periyar River. Periyar Tiger Reserve—in the southwestern state of Kerala, this is the best elephant sanctuary in India, despite its name, although it does have tigers, as well as monkeys, wild boar and sambals. Walking tours are offered, but the best way to see the reserve is to take a boat ride on the manmade lake, which is surrounded by the wildlife areas. The park should be visited October-May.

On arrival check in at your Hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at Hotel.

DAY 04: PERIYAR (BLD)

Morning enjoy boat cruise around the lake, you can see herds of wild animals on the banks taking their bath or quenching their thirst. A stroll through the spice plantations, filled with the fragrance of cardamom, clove, cinnamon etc., will be truly exhilarating. After lunch at Hotel, proceed with visit to a Spice Plantations, filled with the fragrance of cardamom, clove, cinnamon etc., will be truly exhilarating. Meals and overnight at Hotel.

DAY 05: PERIYAR-KUMARAKOM. 127 KMS/4 HRS. (BLD)

After breakfast at hotel, depart by surface for Kumarakom. Upon arrival in Kumarakom check-in at hotel. Kumarakom, located on the shores of the enchanting Vembanad Lake. Redolent of restful peace. Early evening take short motorboat cruise down the backwater. The boat ride offers a close look into an engaging rustic life. Large flotillas of ducks waddling down to the water from thatched houses on the banks. As we travel through the backwaters we pass through rural settlements sited on narrow strips of land between waterways. The backwaters are a hive of activity with village life all along the banks, boat men taking goods and materials from one village to the next, children swimming, women washing clothes, and fishermen in traditional wooden boats. Meals and overnight at hotel.

**DAY 06: KUMARAKOM-KOVALAM.
143 KMS/4 HOURS. (BLD)**

After breakfast at Hotel transfer by surface to Kovalam. Upon arrival in Kovalam, check-in at the beach resort.

Kovalam: You can also take a tour through the backwater country with a local fisherman. The best beach in the area—and by far the most popular with tourists—is Kovalam, which lies a few miles southeast of Thiruvananthapuram. The sand, lined with palm trees, seems to stretch forever. Almost all the hotels here offer excellent Ayurvedic Spa Treatments & massages. Kerala's beaches are excellent for watching the local fishing technique: low-slung dugout canoes are controlled by tug-o-war teams holding ropes on the beach. Meals and overnight at Hotel.

**DAY 07: KOVALAM-TRIVANDRUM.
14 KMS. DEPART TRIVANDRUM (BLD)**

After breakfast at Hotel, morning at leisure. Afternoon, check-out of hotel and proceed with Trivandrum city sightseeing. From Kovalam, proceed for a full day city sightseeing tour visiting Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Napier Museum, Chitralayan Arts Gallery (both closed on Monday / Wednesday mornings), Zoological Gardens, Reptile House, Observatory, Kanakakunnu Palace and Sree Moolamthirunal Shastri Purthi Memorial (State Handicraft Institute). After dinner at Hotel Muthoot Plaza, in time transfer to airport for departure flight on Sri Lankan Airlines via COLOMBO to Kuala Lumpur.

**DAY 08: COLOMBO-KUALA LUMPUR
(MOB)**

Arrive Kuala Lumpur with wonderful memories of God's Own Country....KERALA.

*****END OF TOUR*****

Cost of package:

Hotel	Twin Share (min 4)	Sgl Supp
Standard (3star)	RM 4,488.00	RM 765.00
First Class (4star)	RM 4,888.00	RM 1080.00
Deluxe (5star)	RM 5,588.00	RM 1,290.00

- A) If below 4pax, surcharge RM 200 per person
- B) Child (2-12yrs) sharing with 02 adults in same room with no extra bed, 70% OF ADULT cost
- C) Child (2-12yrs) sharing with 02 adults in same room with Extra bed, 80% OF ADULT cost



Cost Includes:

- 1) 6 nights hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
- 2) ALL meals as mentioned in itinerary
- 3) All transfers in air conditioned car/van/coach
- 4) English speaking city guides for FIT, Accompanying guide for GIT
- 5) ALL sightseeing as mentioned in itinerary
- 6) VISA fees for INDIA – RM 160 per person
- 7) International Air ticket on Sri Lankan Airlines + ALL taxes
- 8) Entrance fees to places mentioned in the itinerary
- 9) Tipping to drivers and guides.

Cost EXCLUDES

- 1) Personal expenses

Recommended Hotels:

City	3 Star hotel	4 star hotel	5 star hotel
Cochin	Abad Plaza	Gokulam	Le Meridien
Periyar	Silver Crest	Cardoman	Spice Village
Kumarokom	Wispering Palms	Backwater Ripples Resort	Coconut Lagoon
Kovalam	Coconut Bay Resort	Uday Samudra	Travancore Heritage

Recommended Flight details:

Sri Lankan Airlines

KUL/CMB DEP: 0925 OR 1410 ARR:1020 OR 1505

CMB/COK DEP: 1415 OR 1940 ARR:1535 OR 2100

TRV/CMB DEP: 2130 ARR: 2230

CMB/KUL DEP: 0215 (NEXT DAY) ARR: 0815

Note :-

- * Deposit of booking fee is RM1000 and non refundable. 50% of tour cost must be paid 2 weeks after 1st deposit. Balance payment 21 days before departure date.
- * Validity of package price is till 31st Mar' 09.
- * Tour package rate subject to increase of air fare & taxes without prior notice.
- * Senior Citizen age 55 & above are entitle for discount RM100 p/p