

Kerala India (Romance in Hills) 8 Days / 7 Nights

DAY 1: ARRIVE COCHIN (COK) - DRIVE TO MUNNAR (125 KMS/APPROX. 4 HRS)

Arrive Cochin International airport. Welcome to India.

Upon arrival, meet & greet by our company representative, and drive to Munnar.

One of the most popular hill stations in India; Munnar is situated at the confluence of three Mountain streams - Mudrapuhza, Nallathanni and Kundala and very famous for Tea Estates & gardens. The hill station is also called the "**Kashmir of South India**" and is a popular honeymoon destination. It is situated at approx.. 1,600 metres (5,200 ft) above mean sea level in the Western Ghats Mountain range.

Upon arrival, check-in hotel. Normal check-in time is 14:00 Hrs (Early check-in is subject to availability).

Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 2: MUNNAR

After breakfast proceed to visit **Tea Museum**, set up at Nallathanni Estate of Tata Tea in Munnar is a fitting tribute to the toils and rigorous of its pioneers. A section of the Tea Museum also houses classic bungalow furniture, typewriters, wooden bathtub, magneto phone, iron oven, manual calculators and EPABX of the 1909 telephone system. A demonstration room for tea tasting is another attraction where one would come across different varieties of tea.

Thereafter continue to visit **Mattupetty (13 kms from Munnar)** Situated at a height of 1700 Mts, Mattupetty is famous for its views. The Mattupetty lake and dam, just a short distance from the farm, is a very beautiful tourism spot. The sprawling Kundala tea plantations and the Kundala lake are other attractions in the vicinity. DTPC Idukki provides boating facilities on the Mattupetty Dam. Speed Launch and slow speed motor boats are available on hire.

Also proceed to see **Pothamedu View Point**, 6 kms from Munnar. Guests can witness the spectacular wide views of tea, coffee and cardamom plantations of the area. Trekkers and hikers would love the adrenaline rush of this place. **Overnight stay at hotel.**



DAY 3: DRIVE MUNNAR – THEKKADY (110 KMS/APPROX 3.5 HRS) (B)

After breakfast, check-out, and drive to Thekkady. On arrival, check-in hotel.

Later visit **Spice plantation Tour**. The spice plantation is a prime attraction of this beautiful land. Plantations of cardamom, rubber, vanilla and coffee are also aplenty. Walk amidst the green, terraced farms in Thekkady, while you hear the murmuring sound of the rippling stream. There are various kinds of spices cultivated in Thekkady. The most abundantly found spice in Thekkady is pepper. But there is a variety of cinnamon, clove, nutmeg, ginger, turmeric and curry leaves on the slanting slopes of the spice plantation in Thekkady.

Enjoy **elephant ride**. This activity offers a rare opportunity to experience the ride on an elephant. The 20 minutes ride is through a spice plantation where the gentle breeze will refresh one with the spice-scented air. Evening proceed for **Kalarippayattu show**. Considered among the oldest and most scientific martial arts in the world, Kalarippayattu was developed in Kerala. Lauded as the pride of Kerala, it is acknowledged and respected across the world. Back to hotel. **Overnight stay at hotel.**

DAY 4: THEKKADY

Kerala is most famous for the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. The picturesque village surrounded by small, attractive looking cottages amid the spice gardens, is one of the most peaceful locations of Kerala. This quiet, serene spot is an ideal location if one is looking to rest amid natural surroundings. The lush green trees and cool atmosphere make this village a very calm area, which also includes a few tourist spots here and there. Periyar National Park, this unique wildlife sanctuary is about 780 sq. km centred on an artificial lake fed by the Periyar River. Different nature trails traversing diverse habitats form the trekking routes. This is an interpretive program offering excellent opportunity to watch birds, butterflies and other wildlife. The trails often pass through evergreen and moist deciduous forests interspersed with marshy grasslands.

Back to hotel for breakfast.

Later explore the local market. You may try Ayurvedic massages either at hotel or in market, couple of options available. **Overnight stay at hotel.**

DAY 5: DRIVE THEKKADY – MARARI (145 KMS/APPROX. 4.5 HRS)

After breakfast, check-out and drive to Marari.

Mararikulam is a beach village. The name comes from Marari (Lord Siva) who is the main deity of the place. It has a very beautiful beach which is known by the name Marari Beach or Mararikulam Beach. It was rated as **one of the world's top five hammock beach by National Geographic survey**. Marari is a nature lover's paradise and a morning stroll is a fine way to introduce yourself to the Malabar coasts unique ecosystem and explore its myriad charms. **Overnight stay at hotel.**

DAY 6: MARARI (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Rest day free to explore the beach area. **Overnight stay at hotel.**

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DAY 7: DRIVE MARARI – COCHIN (45 KMS/APPROX. 1.5 HRS) (B)

After breakfast, check-out and drive to Cochin. Here visit **St. Francis Church**, built in 1503 by Portuguese Franciscan friars where Vasco De Gama was buried for 14 years before his remains were transferred to Lisbon. Nearby is the **Mattancherry Palace or 'Dutch Palace' (Friday closed)**. Amazing are the **Chinese Fishing nets**. They were introduced by traders from the courts of Kublai Khan, constructed in 1568, with hand-painted, willow-pattern floor tiles. Experience the local market at MG road. After sightseeing, transfer to hotel and check-in.

Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 8: COCHIN – DEPARTURE (FLIGHT DETAILS AWAITED) (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Check-out 11:00 hrs and transfer to Cochin International airport to board the flight for onward destination.

CITY	5 STAR HOTELS OR EQUIVALENT
Munnar-2N	The Panoramic Getaway (Deluxe Room) / Fragrant Nature Hotel & Spa (Tropic Green) / Vibe Munnar (Hamilton Regalia) / Blanket Hotel & Spa (Blanket Camellia)
Thekkady-2N	The Elephant Court (Pool Studio) / Greenwoods Resort (Premium Pool Suite)
Marari-2N	Xandari Pearl, Marari Beach (Blue Pearl Villa with Plunge Pool)
Cochin-1N	Crowne Plaza Kochi (Standard City view) / Le Meridien (Guest Room) / Trident Cochin (Superior Room)

Rates in JOD

Price per person in a Double Room	
Breakfast	Breakfast & Dinner
1180	1320

Above rates include the following:

1. Economy Class Air Ticket.
2. Airport assistance for arrival/departure transfers
3. 7 nights hotel accommodation on double sharing basis as per the above-mentioned hotels.
4. Meals as per plan selection
5. Surface transportation by an exclusive chauffeur driven private Air-Conditioned Toyota Crysta car as per the program.
6. English speaking local guide during Cochin city tour on Day 7. Rest places guide is not required.
7. Tea Garden & Tea factory visit in Munnar.
8. Spice plantation tour in Thekkady.
9. Elephant-ride in Thekkady (15-20 minutes) (shared basis, 2 pax on 1 elephant)
10. Kalarippayattu (martial art show) in Thekkady (shared basis)
11. Boat-ride at Periyar Lake (shared basis)

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1. Above rates are subject to change without prior notice according to the airlines companies' regulations and currency fluctuations.
2. Above offers are subject to availability of rooms upon your request and no reservation has been made for your trip at any of the mentioned hotels.

Thank you for choosing Holiday Travel & Tourism. If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Kindest regards,

