

4Nights/5 Days

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Nestled in the heart of Kerala, Munnar is a breathtaking hill station that captivates visitors with its lush green landscapes, sprawling tea estates, and tranquil atmosphere. Situated 1,600 meters above sea level, this charming town was once the summer retreat of the British government in South India, and it continues to be a favorite destination for those seeking a serene escape. Munnar is formed where three mountain streams—Mudrapuzha, Nallathanni, and Kundala—converge, creating a natural haven of scenic beauty and vibrant greenery. The hill station is not only famous for its endless stretches of tea plantations but also for its picturesque towns, winding roads, and a variety of accommodation options that cater to every budget. The region is a paradise for nature lovers, with exotic flora like the Neelakurinji flower, which bathes the hills in a stunning blue hue once every twelve years (next in 2030). Munnar is also home to the highest peak in South India, offering panoramic views that will leave you in awe. Beyond its tea gardens and highlands, Munnar is a place of cascading waterfalls, gurgling rivers, and protected wildlife areas, making it a perfect blend of nature, adventure, and tranquility. Whether you're trekking through misty forests, spotting wildlife, or simply soaking in the beauty of this enchanting hill station, Munnar promises an unforgettable experience in the heart of Kerala's Idukki district.

## Day 1 Arrival

Arrive in Cochin and set off on a scenic drive to the enchanting hill station of Munnar, located 140 km away (approximately 4 hours). As you drive through the lush landscapes, take in the stunning views of Kerala's natural beauty. Along the way, stop to visit the mesmerizing Cheyyapara and Valara Waterfalls, where the cascading water, surrounded by verdant greenery, offers a refreshing break and a perfect photo opportunity. Continue your journey to Munnar, where the cool mountain air and tea gardens welcome you. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and take some time to unwind and refresh. The day ends with a peaceful overnight stay, nestled in the heart of Munnar, ready to explore more of this captivating destination tomorrow.

## Day 2 Munnar

After a hearty breakfast, get ready for a day of exploration in Munnar, where nature's wonders await at every turn. Start your journey with a visit to Mattupetty Dam, perched at an impressive height of 1,700 meters. The dam's tranquil waters, surrounded by rolling hills and lush forests, offer a breathtaking sight that will leave you in awe. Don't forget to capture the stunning views of this serene spot! Next, head to the famous Eco-Point, known for its panoramic vistas and the cool breeze that adds to the peaceful ambiance. It's the perfect place to take in the beauty of the surrounding landscape. Continue your adventure to Kundala Lake, a picturesque spot where you can enjoy a boat ride or simply relax by the water, surrounded by the stunning hills. After a day full of sightseeing and natural beauty, return to your hotel for a restful evening. Reflect on the day's adventures as you unwind and prepare for more exploration tomorrow. Enjoy a peaceful overnight stay in Munnar, surrounded by its captivating charm.

## Day 3 Thekkady

After breakfast, embark on a scenic drive to Thekkady, located 110 km away (approximately 3.5 hours). As you journey through winding roads, you'll be captivated by the changing landscapes, from lush forests to serene valleys. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and take a moment to refresh. In the afternoon, dive into the aromatic world of Thekkady as you visit the famous spice plantations. Wander through fields of fragrant cardamom, pepper, and vanilla, and learn about the spices that have made this region renowned worldwide. The vibrant sights and scents of the plantations will immerse you in the essence of Kerala. Later, enjoy the tranquil beauty of Periyar Lake with an optional boat ride. As the boat gently glides across the calm waters, soak in the surrounding wilderness, where elephants, wild boar, and a variety of bird species are often spotted on the shores. The experience is one of pure serenity, offering you a rare glimpse into the heart of Kerala's natural beauty. Return to your hotel for the night, reflecting on the day's adventure in the peaceful surroundings of Thekkady, ready to rest and recharge for the next day's explorations.

## Day 4 Alleppey

After breakfast, bid farewell to Thekkady and embark on a picturesque journey to Alleppey, the enchanting Venice of the East. Upon arrival at the houseboat jetty, step aboard your private houseboat at 12 Noon, where a unique and serene adventure awaits. Settle into your floating haven as the houseboat begins its leisurely cruise through the shimmering backwaters. Glide past lush green landscapes, narrow canals, and charming villages, each scene offering a glimpse of Kerala's timeless beauty and traditional way of life. The tranquil waters and swaying palms create a peaceful ambiance that soothes the soul. Onboard, indulge in delicious local meals freshly prepared for you, adding a flavorful touch to your backwater experience. As the sun sets, the backwaters transform into a golden paradise, offering picture-perfect moments to cherish forever. Spend the evening relaxing on the deck, soaking in the calm and quiet of this magical setting. Enjoy an unforgettable overnight stay in the houseboat, cradled by the gentle rhythms of the water and surrounded by the beauty of Kerala's backwaters.

## Day 5 Departure

Wake up to the tranquil sounds of the backwaters and enjoy a hearty breakfast on board your houseboat. As your journey through Kerala's beauty comes to an end, check out and head towards Cochin, cherishing the last glimpses of the picturesque countryside along the way. Whether it's the mesmerizing backwaters, the misty hills of Munnar, or the serene spice gardens of Thekkady, the memories of this enchanting trip will remain etched

in your heart. Upon arrival in Cochin, you'll be dropped off at the airport or railway station, bidding goodbye to Kerala, "God's Own Country," with a heart full of unforgettable experiences and dreams of returning to this magical land.

## TOUR COST INCLUDES

- All transportation & Sightseeing through an A/C Vehicle as per the itinerary.
- Daily breakfast at hotels
- All meals in the houseboat.
- Accommodation in Double sharing basis
- Driver's Bata, Toll and parking for the vehicle
- All Accommodation as per the details given above
- Airfare as opted
- Rates offered from Ex Chennai - Minimum 04 adults required to avail this offer

## TOUR COST EXCLUDES

- Any other which does not include in the cost include list
- Lunch & Dinner
- Guide, Entrance charges for the monuments and at destinations
- ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING NOT MENTIONED IN EXCLUSIONS

## CANCELLATION/NO SHOW POLICY

- As per the Booking Conditions of the Tour, there will be 100% cancellation charges for any cancellation request of the tour, either by the customer or any member of the group. In any other case, including 'No Show', the Company shall make no refund to the customer

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- No rooms on Hold. Confirmation will be subject to availability at the time of confirmation.
- Tour itinerary may be shuffled due to the inclement weather conditions and changes in Flight/ Ferry operations
- All the passengers should carry the valid ID during the travel
- Peak Season / Weekend Surcharges may be applicable at the time of confirmation. This will be intimated at the time of booking. However we will not be able to get this information prior.
- Child below 2 years is considered as infant and 2 years to 11 years are considered to be child.
- All the services included in the package are compulsory and no refund will be given if any of the services are not taken.
- Flights arriving Early Morning or Late Evening & departing Early Morning or Late Evening, passengers needs to book Private Transfers if Schedule Transfer is not operational
- Check-in time of the hotels starts from 14.00 hrs and check out time will be 12.00 hrs. Early Check in/late check out will be subjected to availability of rooms. However Hotel has the right to change the timing without any prior notice.
- Company will not be liable for any claims due to accidents, food poisoning, medical illness or other natural calamities arising during the tour/travel. Passenger will have to ensure themselves and company will not entertain any claims in this regard.
- At the airport driver will be holding placard under the main passenger name. If you do not locate the driver please call the emergency no and trace out the same.
- For transfers and tours please be ready on time and wait at the hotel reception. If you miss the same no refund. Please carry all your documents safely. All valuables, cash, traveler cheque, air ticket, Visa copy passport etc. should be carried in your handbag for easy access.