

7 Days 5 night Best of Southern India ~Kerala

In: TRIVANDRUM / out: COCHIN

Tour Code: IC-KTC 07

Day -1: Kuala Lumpur~Chennai~Trivandrum ~Kovalam

(D)

Assemble at KLIA and check-in your flight to Chennai .Arrive Chennai airport then transit your flight to Trivandrum. Upon arrival at Trivandrum airport, meet and greet , then transfer to Kovalam (16 Kms). Check in at the hotel at Kovalam. Kovalam beach full of white sands and cliffs is one of the most famous beaches in India. The boundless blue waters of the Arabian Sea and miles of sands washed away by the surf, make this beach a paradise come true. Evening relax in beach or can enjoy world famous **Ayurvedic massage**, involves various herbal massages, steam baths and yoga. Later on proceed for dinner at local restaurant / hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day -2: Kovalam ~ Trivandrum ~ Kovalam (32 kms both way/ 1 hrs)

(B/L/D)

After breakfast, we will proceed for full day excursion of **Trivandrum** -(Thiruvananthapuram, its new name) the capital of Kerala, located at the South Western tip of India, bounded by the Arabian Sea on the West and Tamil Nadu on the East. On arrival, we start from **Napier Museum**- Dating back to 1880, the Napier Museum building combines the Mughal, Kerala, Chinese and Italian architectural styles. The building has a natural air-conditioning system. The museum offer glimpses of Kerala's rich cultural heritage. The museum showcases an excellent collection of bronzes historic ornaments, ivory carvings and chariots, and life-size figurines of the Kathakali dancers in full costume. Then will visit **Kuthiramalika Museum**- most popularly known as Kuthira Malika (Mansion of Horses), is a **palace** built by Swathi Thirunal Rama Varma, on the south-eastern side of Padmanabhaswamy temple. Later on visit **Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple** - Spread over an area of 2,400 sq. metres, the temple is believed to be over 260 years old. The temple with its gopuram (tower) towering majestically is believed to be among the 108 shrines sacred to the Vaishnav in India. The main entrance of the temple is through the eastern gopuram which towers to over 30 metres and is built in the Dravidian style. Afternoon, enjoy lunch at local restaurant with Keralian style cuisine . Late afternoon enjoy the shopping in local market of Trivandrum. Evening back to Kovalam. Rest of time free for relaxation, then will proceed for dinner at local restaurant / hotel. Overnight hotel

Day -3: Kovalam ~ Periyar (Thekkedy) (260 Kms / 6 hrs)

(B/L/D)

Early breakfast, drive toward Periyar. On arrival, check in to the hotel and proceed for Lunch. Afternoon proceed for Jungle treks through the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary along with our much trained local guide and enjoy **Elephant Safari in Sanctuary** (Optional). Later on proceed for boat ride in Periyar lake to watch wild animals, where you get chance to watch wild animals in their natural habitat. Thekkedy through the valley of the Cardamom Hills. Periyar (Thekkedy) Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the well-maintained wildlife sanctuaries of South India and is spread out over an area of 777 sq km. The splendid artificial lake formed by the Mullaperiyar dam across the Periyar River adds to the charm of the park. Enjoy the fragrant spice plantations on a spice plantation tour, where you can touch, smell and taste almost all the spices seen across the world. In these private spice plantations you will see how the spices actually grow in their plant form. (Optional). Then will proceed for the dense spice plantations. Later you can go to the spice market in Kumily, where you can buy spices on very cheap rate like cardamom and other spices which is much costly in other part of world like Cardamom, Cinnamon, Clove, Cashew nuts, Cuscuta, Coffee, Grapes, Ginger, Honey, Star anise, Saffron, Spices drop, Tea, Mustard, Nutmeg, Fenugreek, Jeera, Eucalyptus oil, Anis, Turmeric, Iasmine oil, sandal wood oil etc. Evening back to hotel and will proceed for a very lavish dinner with the taste of Kerala cuisine. Overnight at hotel.

Day -4: Periyar (Thekkedy) - Alleppey (Backwater Houseboat) (150 kms / 4.5 hrs)

(B/L/D)

Morning breakfast and drive toward Alleppey. On arrival, board into a traditional **Kerala style Backwater Houseboat**. While passing by boat, we will observe the life style of local people and you will get opportunity to see palm fringed canals, watch the Paddy fields, village folk, relax on board hearing lullaby of the wind and waves. This mysterious strip of emerald green land is stuffed with endless miles of placid backwaters that appends to its charm. Lunch & dinner serve at houseboat. Overnight in at Houseboat.

Day-5: Alleppey -Cochin (60 kms/ 1 -1/2 hrs)

(B)

After breakfast at house boat, checkout and drive toward **Cochin (Kochi)**, the palm green commercial capital of Kerala is located on the cluster of islands and narrow peninsulas. The older parts of the city have an unlikely blend of medieval Portugal, Holland and an English country village grafted on to the tropical Malabar Coast. Here you can see the oldest church in India, winding street crammed with 500 year old Portuguese houses, cantilevered Chinese Fishing nets, a Jewish community whose roots go back to the Diaspora, 16th century Synagogue, a palace containing some of India's most beautiful murals. Afternoon guided tour of **Fort Cochin** also known as *Old Kochi* or *West Kochi*. - Founded in 1503, this Portuguese fort is now in ruins. With its European heritage, its air of genteel decay, and stubborn self-absorption, it is a place where history, like a friendly phantom, still stalks the lonely streets. One can see many remains of Indo-European architecture that still exist here. **St. Francis Church**- originally built in 1503, is the oldest European church in India and has great historical significance as a mute witness to the European colonial struggle in the subcontinent. **Santa Cruz Basilica**- a church in Kochi, Kerala built originally by the Portuguese and elevated to a Cathedral by Pope Paul IV in 1558, was spared by the Dutch conquerors that destroyed many Catholic buildings, **Chinese Fishing nets** found at Kochi are definitely unique to the area. This is the only location in the entire world outside of China where such fishing nets can be seen in use. Tradition has it that traders from the court of the infamous Chinese ruler Kublai Khan brought these nets here centuries ago, and their popularity has been maintained. Even today, many local fishermen use these enormous nets in their fishing endeavors. **Dutch Palace** - The Dutch palace at Mattancherry was actually built by the Portuguese and presented to the Cochin Raja in AD 1555. The palace acquired its present name in 1663 when the Dutch carried out some extensions and repairs in it. The main attractions of the palace lie in its wall murals that depict the scenes from the Ramayana. **Jewish Synagogue** - is the oldest existing synagogue. The prosperous Jewish trading community built it in 1568 AD. It was partially destroyed in the 1962 war. Later it was rebuilt by the Dutch. This speaks for the historical importance of the monument. Evening, Free for shopping. Later on proceed for dinner at local restaurant and then transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

Day -6 : Cochin ~ Chennai ~Kuala Lumpur

(B/D)

Breakfast at hotel and then you will be transfer to Cochin airport to your flight to Chennai. Lunch on board. On arrival, met and proceed for short sightseeing of Chennai visit **Fort St. George** - was built in 1640 AD, by the British East India Company under the direct supervision of Francis Day and Andrew Cogon. This place achieved its name from Saint George, the patron saint of England. **Marina Beach**: its the second longest beach in the world with a stretch of 4.5 km (2.5 miles). This stretch is filled with statues of remembrance from our Tamil culture to our great leaders. A walk along the Marina in the evening creates elated feelings. Evening dinner at local restaurant and then you will be transfer to Chennai airport for flight back KL.

Day-7 Arrival Kuala Lumpur

End of the tour with sweet memories of India....!!

- Meal on board will be at your own expenses

7天5晚印度南部精选 ~喀拉拉省

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第一天吉隆坡~ 钦奈~特里凡得琅~科瓦兰

(晚餐)

集合于吉隆坡国际机场办理航班登机飞往**特里凡得琅**于钦奈转机，后驱车前往**科瓦兰**。入住科瓦兰酒店。**科瓦兰海滩**拥有白色的沙滩与蓝天碧海，是印度著名的海滩之一。一望无际的阿拉伯海域有着湛蓝的海水，使人流连忘返。傍晚在海滩自由活动，或可以享受**世界著名的阿育吠陀按摩与各种草药按摩，蒸气浴和瑜伽**（自费）。稍后晚餐用于当地餐厅/酒店。

第二天科瓦兰~特里凡得琅~科瓦兰

(早/午/晚餐)

早餐后，我们将继续游览**特里凡得琅** -为**喀拉拉**省首府城市。到达目的地后，游览**纳皮尔博物馆**，其历史可追溯到1880年。纳皮尔博物馆的建筑结合了莫卧儿王朝，喀拉拉，中国和意大利的建筑风格。该大楼有一个天然的空调系统。博物馆收藏了喀拉拉丰富的文化遗产。然后将游览**谷地拉马利加博物馆**也被称为**谷地拉. 玛莉卡（马城）**。随后游览**帕德马纳巴史瓦米庙** - 超过2400平方米的面积，寺庙被估计建成已超过260年。接着游览**古不拉塔**。午后，享受喀拉拉风味午饭。然后前往当地市场享受自由购物。晚上将回到科瓦兰。稍作休息，然后享用晚餐于当地餐厅/酒店。夜宿酒店

第三天：科瓦兰~贝里亚尔（260公里/ 6小时）

(早/午/晚餐)

享用早餐后，驱车往**贝里亚尔**。到达目的地后，下榻酒店以及享用午餐。下午进行丛林跋涉通过**贝里亚尔野生动物保护区**，伴随着我们的有很多经过训练且有素质的当地导游，在此，你可骑大象于这游保护区（另外付费）。**贝里亚尔湖**出发，乘船观看野生动物，经过特佳地（贝里亚尔）的**豆蔻**山谷，你有机会观赏野生动物在这自然栖息地。这个野生动物保护区是南印度野生动物保护区之一，分布在面积777平方公里。**Mullaperiyar 大坝**横跨贝里亚尔河形成壮观的人工湖，增加了公园的魅力。前往**香料种植园**，在这里你可以触摸，鼻嗅和品尝几乎全世界的**香料**。在这些私人香料种植园，您会看到香料实际上如何种植和成长（自费）。随后，您可以去香料市场购买到价格便宜的香料，如**豆蔻**等。晚上返回到酒店，享用丰富的风味晚餐并夜宿旅馆。

第四天 贝里亚尔~阿勒比（船屋）（150公里/ 4.5小时）

(早/午/晚餐)

早餐后，前往阿勒比。到达目的地后，进入一个传统的**喀拉拉风格船屋**。我们将遵守当地人民的生活作风，你将体会到棕榈摇曳的运河，绿绿的稻田，传统习俗的民俗村，放宽对风浪板听证摇篮曲。这翠绿的神秘地带，让人难忘。午餐和晚餐用于船屋，夜宿船屋。

第五天阿勒比~ 科钦（60公里/ 1 1 / 2小时）

(早餐)

在船屋享用早餐后，驱车前往游览科钦，这是一个有中世纪的葡萄牙，荷兰和英国色彩的旧城市。在这里你可以看到在印度最古老的教堂，绕街500年历史葡萄牙的房。**悬臂式中国垂钩网**，**犹太社区**，第16世纪的犹太教堂，其中一个宫殿，含有一些印度最美丽的壁画。下午，游览科钦堡也被称为**旧科钦**。游览**圣弗朗西斯教堂**，最初建于1503年，是印度最古老的欧洲教会，他见证了欧洲在南亚次大陆的殖民斗争，具有重大的历史意义。**圣克鲁斯大教堂**，是科钦其中一间具代表性的教堂。最初是由葡萄牙所建立，最后由教皇保罗四世在1558年提升到如此富丽堂皇。这是荷兰征服者的摧残活动中所幸存的天主教建筑物。**中国渔网**是印度克拉拉省一种固定在岸边的捕鱼方式，这是除了在中国以外唯一还在用这种古老的捕鱼方法的地方。晚上，在当地夜市场购物。在酒店享用晚餐与夜宿。再游览**荷兰宫** -荷兰王宫实际上是于公元1555年由葡萄牙人建立以后，进贡给科钦王室。宫殿于1663年荷兰人进行了一些扩展和维修而得名，它最主要的吸引力是“**罗摩衍那**”风景壁画。继程前往**犹太教堂** - 是现存最古老的犹太教堂，坐落在繁荣的犹太交易社区，建于公元1568年。但在1962年战争中部分被毁。后来，它是由荷兰人重建。晚上，自由购物。当地的餐馆用晚饭，然后转移到酒店过夜。

第六天 科钦~钦奈~离境航班-吉隆坡

(早/晚餐)

享用酒店早餐，然后你前往机场飞往飞往钦奈。抵达目的地后，前往钦奈游览。**圣乔治堡** - 始建公元1640年。**马利那**海滩：第二世界上最长的海滩。晚上在当地的餐馆吃饭，然后再送忘钦奈机场飞往吉隆坡。

第七天 抵达吉隆坡

结束了甜蜜的回忆与印度之旅... ...!