

Kerala Highlights & Backwaters Family Tour – 10 days

Kerala, a state on India's tropical Malabar Coast, is known for its palm fringed beaches and backwaters, a network of canals. Inland are the Western Ghats, mountains whose slopes support tea, coffee and spice plantations

South India Highlights

- The beautiful historic Portuguese and Jewish town of Fort Cochin
- The green and lush backwaters of Allepey & Kumarakom
- The tea & spice plantations in the mountain district of Munnar
- Beautiful beach resorts overlooking the Arabian Sea such as Varkala & Kovalam
- Large array of wellbeing Ayurvedic resorts, clinics & Ashrams



Daily Itinerary

Days 1 & 2 – Fort Kochi – Arabian Coast

- Arrive from Australian into Cochin International airport. Taxi pickup and transfer to Fort Kochi hotel and relax
- The colonial charms of Fort Kochi with arrays of traditional European bungalows and alleys
- Kochi has a cosmopolitan culture, highly influenced by historical trading partners, the Portuguese, Dutch, Arab, Chinese, and Japanese
- Kochi is the seat of the Latin church of Kerala and has many ornate Catholic churches
- Spend time wandering around this amazing town

Day 3 – Munnar – Tea & Spice Plantations

- Munnar is a town in the Western Ghats mountain range in India's Kerala state
- A hill station and former resort for the British Raj elite, it's surrounded by rolling hills dotted with tea plantations established in the late 19th century
- Enjoy the scenic drive from Fort Cochin to Munnar

Day 4 – Munnar

- After breakfast, embark on some local sightseeing in around Munnar, including a tour of a tea & spice plantation
- Enjoy a lunch overlooking the hills and afternoon relax
- Evening, visit the Pundarjani Traditional Village and enjoy a Kathakali (Classical Dance)

Stay 2 nights Munnar

Day 5 – Allepey (Backwaters Houseboat)

- Depart in taxi south en-route the gateway of the famous Kerala Backwater canals
- Embark on a wonderful overnight backwaters cruise, in your own private houseboat, complete with your own chef, all meals included
- Stopping at local villages along the way to purchase local seafood

1 overnight Luxury Houseboat

Days 6 & 7 – Kumarakom Village

- Disembark the houseboat after breakfast and continue onto village of Kumarakom
- Kumarakom is a village on Vembanad Lake in the backwaters of Kerala, laced with canals, where houseboats ply the waters
- Visit Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary is home to many species including cuckoos

and Siberian storks

Stay 2 nights Kumarakom Resort – 4*

Days 8 & 9 – Kovalam Beach

- After breakfast depart to Kovalam beach, a sleepy Lakshadweep seaside fishing village
- Enjoy time wandering around beach, local markets and soaking up the vibrant atmosphere
- Take a hike up to the spectacular coastal lighthouse, painted in bright red and white stripes

Stay 2 nights Kovalam Resort

Day 10 – Trivandrum

- Enjoy your last day relaxing around your Kovalam resort
- After lunch check and transfer in taxi to Trivandrum international airport for flight back to Australia

Tour Package Includes:

- Tour Escort for whole journey – minimum 4 pax
- All airport, train station and hotel transfers in Private taxi with driver
- 10 days Private Vehicle, for whole tour as per itinerary, inclusive of drivers expenses, road tolls, fuel, insurance, parking & air con (different sized cars for size of group)
- Hotels – 9 nights – mix of 3* & 4* hotels & guest houses and inclusive of daily breakfast
- Meals – 1 main vegetarian meal per day (either lunch or dinner)
- All sightseeing excursions, including tea plantations
- fully inclusive private house boat cruise (3 meals a day)
- Bottled Mineral Water & Wet wipes – for car journey
- Tour Contact in Sydney & Varanasi offices – Meredith Wilks, Mr. Sunit Tiwari

Tour Package excludes...

- International Airline tickets
- Comprehensive Travel insurance (compulsory) Tiwari provides 25% off Aussie Travel Cover
- Indian tourist visas
- Any shopping or items of personal nature
- Any meals food or drinks outside included meals as per itinerary
- Entrance fees to sightseeing
- Tipping to local staff and drivers (tip kitty is advised and tour leader to assist)
- Any costs associated with changing of the itinerary, such as cancelling hotels and re-booking

Details

- This is designed for families with children but great also for couples & singles
- Tour can operate with a minimum of 2 pax (for tour escort minimum 4 pax required)
- Itinerary can be adjusted in direction and any dates can be chosen

Hotels – Mix of 3 & 4 * boutique resorts & properties, to be confirmed at booking

Pricing – From * \$2,295 per person – 10 Days

*Is dependent on size of group travellers and standard of hotels and rooms and transport.

- *Off season Prices are discounted by 20% – 1st May to 31st August*

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