



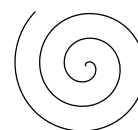
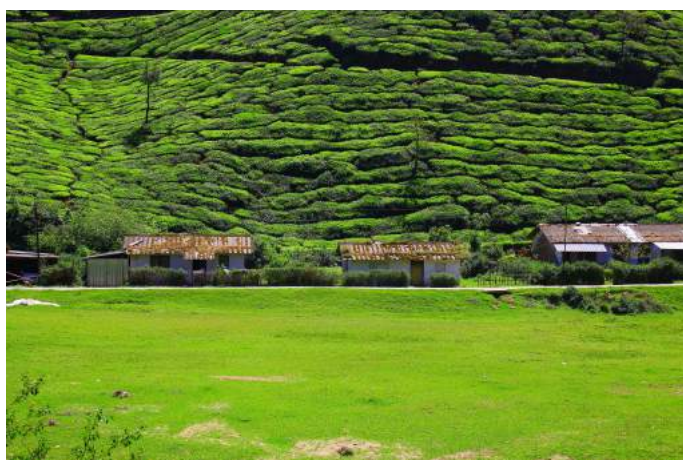
The Essence of Kerala 6 nights tour

Kerala is your perfect introduction to India – with a laid back pace, palm-fringed golden beaches, meandering backwaters, tea estates, spice plantations, elephants, national parks and culture steeped in history – truly God’s Own Country.

Highlight : Houseboat stay at Alleppey backwaters

Day 01: Cochin to Munnar (140 Kms /4 hrs)

Arrive Cochin / Kochi – you will be received on arrival. Proceed to Munnar: part of the Western Ghats mountain range at an altitude of 6000 ft, Munnar has been a summer retreat and is known for the tea plantations. Visit the Mattupetty lake and Dam. Dinner and overnight stay.



Tour Summary	
Day 01	Munnar
Day 02	Munnar
Day 03	Thekkady
Day 04	Alleppey
Day 05	Kovalam
Day 06	Kovalam
Day 07	Departure

Day 02: Munnar

Visit the Eravikulam Park- home to the Niligiri Tahr (ibex) (*Nilgiritragus hylocrius*), a species of mountain sheep known to largely exist in the park. Later visit the Tata Tea Museum and a tea plantation.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 03: Munnar to Thekkady / Periyar (120 Kms /3 hr 30 mins)

After breakfast, leave for Thekkady in Kumily. Visit a Spice plantation where cardamom, pepper, clove, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla and many other varieties of spices are cultivated.

The Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary or the Periyar Tiger Reserve, 777 Sq Kms in area half of which is thick evergreen forest. The reserve is home to tigers and a significant elephant population, as well as rare lion-tailed macaques, gaur, sambar, leopards, India bison and Nilgiri langurs. Sighting of tiger's is extremely rare. Boating at the Lake and trekking in the surrounding forests is possible.

Dinner and overnight stay



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Day 04: Thekkady to Alleppey (150 Kms / 4 hr 30 mins)

After breakfast drive south to Alleppey to stay overnight on board a private houseboat- converted rice barges with en-suite bedrooms.

Enjoy a leisurely cruise along the palm-fringed canals - considered a unique experience. Lunch will be served on board.

The house- boat will be anchored canal-side near Kumarakom in the evening.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 05: Kumarakom to Kovalam (190 Kms / 4 hr 30 mins)

After breakfast leave for Kovalam.

Kovalam is a fishing village in the south, popular for the pristine, shallow, low-tide beach.

Day at leisure

Dinner and overnight Stay

Day 06: Kovalam

Breakfast

Day at leisure

You can explore the nearby beaches- the Lighthouse beach, Hawa beach and the Samudra beach. Also the village of Vizhinjam with its local market and fishing harbor

Dinner and overnight Stay

Day 07: Departure

Breakfast

Departure transfer : tour ends



Important

Please ensure you have a current passport with validity 6 months beyond your stay in India

Please ensure you have a valid visa - if you need assistance in obtaining your Indian visitor's visa, please contact us.

A travel insurance to cover the entire duration of your stay

Please check the 'travelaware' website for essential travel tips and the FCO site for latest travel alerts