



KERALA SUMMER GETAWAY
From Cochin Airport to Trivandrum Airport
11 Days



ITINERARY

1. Cochin (1 hour drive from Cochin Airport)
2. Cochin
3. Munnar (5 hours)
4. Munnar
5. Periyar (4 hours)
6. Periyar
7. Alleppey Backwaters
8. Kovalam (4 hours)
9. Kovalam
10. Kovalam
11. Departure from Trivandrum Airport (1 hour drive)

Timings are by approximation and include stops on the way.





ACCOMMODATION

All rooms are air-conditioned, except where noted.

Cochin

Superior: Pepper Route (<http://www.abadhotels.com/pepperroute/>) – Deluxe Room A/C

Munnar

Home Stay: Bracknell Forest (www.bracknellforestmunnar.com) – Super Deluxe Room, no A/C needed as you are up in the cool hills of the Western Ghats

Thekkady

Home Stay: Periyar Nest Resort (www.periyarnestresorts.com)
Standard Room

Backwater Alleppey

Superior: Riverine Cruises (www.riverinecruises.com) - air-conditioned room on traditional kettuvalam- boat (1 pm to 9 am)

Kovalam

Superior: Travancore Heritage (<http://www.thetravancoreheritage.com/>) – Beach Grove

It's possible to upgrade the accommodation to Deluxe options.





EXCURSIONS

Cochin

- *Day 02.* Sight-seeing of Cochin takes you to the laundry place, St Francis Church, Pardesi Synagogue and Jewtown, Mattancherry (aka Dutch) Palace, the place where ginger is dried, and more.

Munnar

- *Day 04.* 4 hour trekking through stunning tea plantations and up to a viewpoint

Thekkady

- *Day 05.* Spice garden visit where everything you always wanted to know about spices - and more! - is explained
- *Day 05.* Kalaripayattu Show: demonstration of this millennia old martial arts cum dance with a religious element
- *Day 06.* Elephant package: riding, feeding and washing in a cardamom plantation set in the jungle away from town
- *Day 07.* Cooking course at a family house: always great fun!

On all above mentioned excursions you will be accompanied by an experienced English speaking guide.

Also Included (no guides)

- *Day 02.* Kathakali dance show at Greenix in Cochin (<http://www.greenix.in/>)
- *Day 03.* A visit to the Tata Tea Factory set in a tea plantation in Munnar



More Options

- *Thekkady* (arrange with guide and representative Prasad): bullock cart ride (for bird watching); forest ("jungle") walk in the Periyar Tiger Reserve; full day Jungle Tour takes in a jeep ride, walk, boat ride, breakfast and lunch in a less touristy part of the Periyar Tiger Reserve (*book this one through Micha in advance!!*); and more!



PRICE

per person based on a party of two
460 Euro / 640 USD / 380 GBP / 680 AUD
Validity: 01 April 2014 to 1 October 2014

This includes:

- Meeting and assistance by a representative on arrival and at departures
- Accommodation on double room basis at listed hotels or hotels of similar or higher quality in the unlikely case a hotel goes out of business
- Daily (Buffet) Breakfast
- All meals on the Backwaters boat
- All excursions described above with local English speaking guides, except where mentioned
- Entrance fees of all sights visited during the excursions
- All transport by air-conditioned car and English speaking driver
- Petrol/Gas cost, Toll Tax, Parking, and Vehicle Insurance
- *Detailed city-info; day-to-day program; India-info*
- All applicable taxes
- *Several surprise extras!!*

This does not include:

- All other meals
- Camera fees
- Travel Insurance
- Tips
- Expense of personal nature such as mineral water, laundry, telephone etc.
- Additional expense which may arise due to landslide, strikes etc. i.e. any situation beyond control of Indian Rose Tours
- International flight tickets

