

## COLOURS OF KERALA – WINTER

With the Arabian Sea in the west, the Western Ghats towering in the east and networked by forty-four rivers, Kerala enjoys an unique geographical location that has made it one of the most sought after tourist destinations in Asia. A long shoreline with serene beaches, tranquil stretches of emerald backwaters, lush hill stations and exotic wildlife, waterfalls, sprawling plantations, paddy fields, ayurvedic holidays, magical festivals, historic monuments, exotic cuisine... all combined offer a traveller a unique experience.

### Day 01

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Arrive Kochi

Welcome to Kochi, the most charming city of Kerala. On arrival at Kochi airport or Ernakulam railway station, begin your tour of '**Colours of Kerala**'. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Later, visit the St. Francis Church, the Mattencherry Palace, the Jewish Synagogue and Chinese fishing nets in Fort Cochin area.

### Day 02

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On to Munnar (130 kms / approx. 4 hour drive)

This morning, proceed on a drive through the picturesque countryside of Munnar. On arrival, check into your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### Day 03

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In Munnar

Today, proceed for a tour of Munnar where you will enjoy visiting sections of old Munnar, which includes the charming old Christ Church with its original fourteen rows of wooden pews and the Tata Tea Museum. You will also visit Mattupetty Lake which is flanked by steep hills and woods and has been created by the small hydro-electricity dam there. The evening is at leisure.

### Day 04

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On to Thekkady (105 kms / approx. 3 & half hour drive)

Today, drive to Thekkady (Periyar) the land of spice plantations. On arrival, check into your hotel. Later, walk through the spice market in the Kumily Village.

### Day 05

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On to Alleppey (110 kms / approx. 4 hour drive)

Early in the morning enjoy a boat cruise on Lake Periyar (boats can be hired directly), to observe wildlife in the Periyar Sanctuary. Later, drive to the idyllic backwaters of Alleppey and board your houseboat.

### Day 06

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On to Kumarakom (51 kms / approx. 1 & half hour drive)

This morning, your houseboat will transfer you to your resort in Kumarakom. The rest of the day is at leisure. Relax yourself in serenity of your beautiful resort.

#### Day 07

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On to Kovalam (190 kms / approx. 5 hour drive)

This morning, you will drive to Kovalam. Enroute enjoy a boat ride at Alleppey. On arrival you will check into your hotel. The rest of the evening is free.

#### Day 08

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In Kovalam

The day is at leisure. You can opt for a rejuvenating ayurvedic body massage (on direct payment basis) or simply enjoy the facilities offered by the resort.

#### Day 09

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On to Trivandrum (16 kms / approx. 45 minute drive) | Return home with happy memories

Today bid farewell to your '**Colours of Kerala**' tour, as you are transferred to Trivandrum airport or Trivandrum railway station for your onward journey.