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# Kerala Luxurious Taj Experience

9 Nights/10 Days

- Discover iconic Kochi landmarks such as the Dutch Palace & Chinese Fishing Nets
- Glide through the serene backwaters of Alleppey aboard a luxurious houseboat
- Visit a local tribal village in Wayanad
- Witness Bekal's pristine beaches
- Explore the awe-inspiring Bekal Fort
- Valid from 1 Oct to 30 Apr 2024

The rates are not valid between 20th Dec 2023 - 10th Jan 2024 - peak seasonal extra charges will be applicable, and additional charges will be applicable between 24th Dec - 31st Dec

# From £1809 Price per person

# Overview:

Embark on a mesmerising journey through Kerala, where vibrant cultures and breath-taking landscapes collide. From the historic streets of Kochi to the serene backwaters of Alleppey, each day unveils a new adventure. Immerse yourself in the rhythm of Kathakali dance, glide on a luxurious houseboat through Kerala's hidden gems, and relish the flavours of Calicut's legendary spice route. Discover the lush paradise of Wayanad, where tribal traditions come alive, and surrender to the allure of Bekal's pristine beaches. Indulge in opulent resorts, rejuvenating spa treatments, and awe-inspiring vistas. This itinerary promises an unforgettable voyage into the heart and soul of God's Own Country- Kerala.

# **Itinerary:**

#### Day 1: Arrival at Kochi International Airport

Your adventure commences as you touch down at Kochi International Airport. Prepare for a journey that will immerse you in the vibrant tapestry of South India. After you arrive, you'll be whisked away to your luxurious hotel, The Gateway. Take a moment with some leisure time to indulge in the opulence of your deluxe suite or set out to explore the captivating city of Kochi. Overnight stay in Kochi.

### Day 2: Kochi Sightseeing

Prepare to be enchanted as you embark on a captivating sightseeing tour of Kochi. Known as the "Gateway to Kerala," Kochi exudes a unique blend of international influences. Discover the secrets of the Dutch Palace, marvel at the ancient St. Francis Church, and be mesmerised by the timeless beauty of the Jewish Paradesi Synagogue. And don't forget to witness the iconic Chinese Fishing Nets that adorn the picturesque harbour. In the evening, be enthralled by a mesmerising Kathakali dance performance, immersing yourself in the rich traditions of India. Overnight stay in Kochi.

#### Day 3: Kochi – Alleppey

After a filling breakfast, checkout of your hotel and bid farewell to Kochi as your extraordinary journey leads



you to Alleppey (1hr 45min drive). Check in and set sail on a luxurious houseboat, gliding through the tranquil backwaters of Kerala. Witness the serene beauty of the lush surroundings and catch glimpses of local life along the riverbanks. Your houseboat offers a haven of indulgence, complete with elegant lounging decks, air-conditioned rooms, and delectable onboard meals. Pause for a while to explore riverside villages and soak in the swaying coconut groves. Overnight stay on Alleppey Houseboat.

#### Day 4: Alleppey - Calicut

As your journey continues, check out of your hotel and make your way to the captivating city of Calicut, where history and beauty intertwine (6.5hr drive). Feel the echoes of Vasco da Gama's first footsteps in India as you explore the enchanting streets. In the evening, wander along the legendary Kappad Beach, where the spice route flourished. Immerse yourself in the tranquillity of the waves, spot migratory birds, and savour the tantalizing flavours of local delicacies. Retire to your cosy hotel in Calicut for a restful overnight stay.

### Day 5: Calicut - Wayanad

Indulge in a leisurely morning, relishing a lavish breakfast before checking out of your hotel and bidding farewell to Calicut. Set off on a scenic drive to Wayanad, a green paradise nestled amidst the majestic Western Ghats (2hr drive). Explore sprawling spice plantations, lush paddy fields, and dense forests that teem with diverse wildlife. In the afternoon, visit the Pazhassi Raja Museum, a treasure trove of ancient artefacts and mural paintings. Check into your luxurious resort and spend the evening revelling in the beauty of your surroundings. Overnight stay in Wayanad.

### Day 6: Wayanad

Venture into the vibrant world of Indian tribes as you visit a Potters & Tribal village. Immerse yourself in the ancient art of pottery, marvel at hand-moulded toys and deities, and even try your hand at this time-honoured craft. Delve deeper into the tribal village, where a rich martial arts tradition awaits you. Immerse yourself in their traditions, learning and experiencing their unique way of life. Overnight stay at Wayanad.

#### Day 7: Wayanad - Bekal

Fill your tummy with a sumptuous breakfast, then checkout of your resort as your journey now takes you to the captivating town of Bekal, where heritage and natural splendour reign supreme (5hr drive). Along the way, visit the renowned Anand Ashram, a spiritual retreat that welcomes all. Arriving in Bekal, bask in the tranquillity of a luxurious beach resort, surrounded by verdant greenery and the soothing touch of sea breezes. Unwind and rejuvenate amidst this picturesque setting. Overnight stay in Bekal.

#### Day 8: Bekal Sightseeing

Prepare for an exhilarating day of sightseeing in Bekal. Start by exploring the stunning Bekal Beach, a vast expanse of pristine shoreline that invites relaxation and serenity. Wander through the captivating rock garden, indulge in a boat ride on the tranquil backwaters, and ascend Kodi Cliff for breathtaking panoramic views. Complete your day by visiting the historic Bekal Fort, an ancient fortress offering captivating vistas of the sea. Overnight stay in Bekal.

## Day 9: Bekal

Indulge in a day of pure relaxation and bliss at your beach resort accommodation. Pamper yourself with soothing Ayurvedic spa treatments, take a refreshing dip in the plunge pool, or simply stroll along the white sandy beach, enveloped by the beauty of the surroundings. As the day draws to a close, savour a delicious meal while listening to the calming sounds of the ocean. Overnight stay in Bekal.



## Day 10: Bekal - Kannur Airport

As your incredible Kerala sojourn comes to an end, savour one last sumptuous breakfast before checking out of the hotel and bidding farewell to Bekal. Spend your day at leisure, and with cherished memories in your heart, get transferred to Kannur Airport (2hr drive), where your homeward journey awaits. Depart with a sense of fulfilment and a desire to return to this magical land.

## Inclusions:

- Flight included Air India
- 2 nights' accommodation in Cochin with breakfast and dinner at 5\* Taj Malabar Resort & Spa Kochi or 5\*
  The Gateway Hotel Kochi
- 1 night accommodation on a houseboat on full board basis
- 1 night accommodation in Calicut with breakfast and dinner at 5\* The Gateway Hotel Calicut
- 2 nights' accommodation in Wayanad with breakfast and dinner at 5\* Taj Wayanad
- 3 night's accommodation in Bekal at 5\* Taj Bekal or 5\*Lalith Bakel
- Luxurious beach resort accommodation
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary at all destinations
- Round trip transfers with Toyota Etios A/C Innova Car for Taj hotels & resorts with an English-speaking driver
- Entry fees to all sightseeing attractions
- Sightseeing trip to Bakel Beach, Bakel Fort, and Kappil Beach
- Currently applicable taxes

#### **AVAILABILITY DATES & PRICES**

- Oct 23 £1929pp
- Nov 23 £1929pp
- Dec 23 £2209pp
- Jan 24 £1909pp
- Mar 24 £1939pp
- Apr 24 £1919pp

# **Exclusions:**

- Breakfast on Day 1
- Any additional meals
- Still camera & video camera charges
- Any additional meals not mentioned in the package
- Room service charges, telephone calls, laundry charges, tips of personal nature
- Any cost incurred due to mishaps, strikes, political unrest etc. are not included and will be the passenger's responsibility.
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the 'Inclusions' column
- Meals will generally be buffet meals or on a fixed menu basis unless otherwise stated to you on the confirmation.



• Accommodation will be on a twin sharing basis unless otherwise stated

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