

**Kerala Extension** 03 Nights/ 04 Days

Cochin \* Munar\* Alleppey

#### THE EXPERIENCE

# Day 1ARRIVE - COCHINBY FLIGHT

Upon arrival in Cochin, you will be met & assisted by a LUMLE representative and will be transferred to your hotel.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight is in Cochin.

#### Day 2 COCHIN - MUNNAR

Today morning after breakfast, you will be transferred in your private car to Munnar (130 kms / 03 Hrs).

Upon arrival in Munnar, check-in at the hotel.

Munnar is situated at the confluence of three mountain streams - Mudrapuzha, Nallathanni and Kundala. 1600 m above sea level, this hill station was once the summer resort of the erstwhile British Government in South India. Sprawling tea plantations, picture-book towns, winding lanes and holiday facilities make this a popular resort town. Among the exotic flora found in the forests and grasslands here is the Neelakurinji. This flower that bathes the hills in blue every twelve years will bloom next in 2006 AD. Munnar also has the highest peak in South India, Anamudi, which towers over 2695 m.

Later you will proceed for an interesting walk to the Tea Plantations owned and managed by the Estate people.

Tea estates are situated mostly on the inner slopes of an elevated basin-like plateau. It would be worthwhile to visit some of these tea gardens to witness the plucking of leaves by women who carry conical bamboo baskets on their back and strapped to their forehead by a cloth band. The work on the field is all done by hand and is a fascinating sight.

Overnight is in Munnar.

#### Day 3 MUNNAR - ALLEPPEY

Today morning after breakfast, drive to Alleppey (176 Kms/ 4.5 Hrs) where upon arrival embark your houseboat.

Climb aboard the traditional kettuvallams (riceboats) converted into houseboats with bedrooms and attached toilets. Originally these boats were used as ferries to carry rice. Cruise through the backwaters of Kerala. Houseboat is one of the 50 "must do" things as described by the National Geographic Traveller magazine. The backwater cruise through the narrow canals that criss-cross a typical Kerala Village, rich with green paddy fields and verdant coconut trees and is a thrilling experience. The boat cruise takes you to small islets tucked away amidst those waters where you get glimpses of village at the best of its serenity and innocence. Lunch and dinner will be served on board.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Lunch & Dinner at the houseboat. Overnight on board.



# Day 4 ALLEPPEY – COCHIN

Today morning, after breakfast de-board the houseboat and you will be transferred in your private car to Cochin (53 kms / 60-80 Mins) airport for flight back to onward journey.

# **Tour Ends**

### **Inclusions & Exclusions**

#### Our Quote Includes: -

- Domestic flight on economy class
- 03 Nights' accommodation on twin sharing basis at the hotels mentioned above or similar
- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotels mentioned
- All meals whilst stay in Alleppey
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours will be by air-conditioned vehicle
- LUMLE representative for assistance on all arrival and departure transfers.
- English speaking local guides for the sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
- Tea Factory visit in Munnar
- Mineral water in the vehicle throughout the trip
- All currently applicable taxes on hotel & transport
- Govt. service tax of 3.62%

### The Above Cost Does Not Include: -

- Entrance charges at the monuments
- Expenses of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax, any insurance etc.
- Any meals other than the mentioned.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.
- Our Cost is not valid for any period other than mentioned above.

# Special Notes:-

- Hotel Check-in time is 1400 hrs and Check-out time is 1200 Hrs.
- Prices are subject to change with any increase in the cost.
- Rates include only those items specified in your itinerary.
- Please note, the names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels. It is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey the confirmations to you on receipt of your acceptance. However in the event of any of the above mentioned hotels not becoming available at the time of initiating the reservations, we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction whatever applicable) to you.
- In case on any currency fluctuations or amendment in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price accordingly.



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