

Brightsun Travel

Hills and Backwaters of Kerala

7 Nights/8 Days

- Visit the iconic Mattancherry Palace
- Witness a Kathakali dance performance
- Explore the Eravikulam National Park
- Cruise through Kerala's backwaters
- Stay on a houseboat in Alleppey
- Discover the Vivekananda Rock Memorial

From INR76944 Price per person

Overview:

Join the Hills and Backwaters of Kerala tour and take advantage of an unforgettable opportunity to discover the enchanting state of Kerala. Look forward to an amazing trip which covers the prominent sightseeing landmarks of this tropical paradise, including royal palaces, intriguing museums and sprawling national parks . During this tour, you'll get to immerse in colourful cultures, stroll around traditional markets, enjoy a cruise along Kerala's scenic backwaters , step inside world-famous memorials and discover groundbreaking art galleries - one thing is sure that whatever you get up to on the Hills and Backwaters of Kerala tour, it will be added to your list of memorable travel experiences.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival in Cochin

Upon arrival in Cochin airport, you'll meet our representative who will drive you to your hotel for check-in. Cochin is a charming city with exquisite beaches, lush tea gardens, royal palaces and alluring archaeological sites. You'll visit the Mattancherry Palace, a significant landmark which features incredible murals depicting scenes from the Mahabharata and Ramayana and the Paradesi Synagogue. Later, visit some local spice markets and witness a local Kathakali dance performance. Later in the evening, return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 2: Cochin - Munnar (120 km/approx. 4.5 hours)

After breakfast, drive to the picturesque Munnar town which is home to sprawling tea plantations, lush green meadows, stunning valleys, manicured gardens and exotic flora and fauna. From jaw-dropping mountainous landscapes to spice plantations and nature reserves, this gorgeous hill station offers lots of diversity to its visitors. Upon arrival, check-in to your hotel and spend the evening at leisure, admiring the boundless natural beauty. Overnight stay in Munnar.

Day 3: Sightseeing in Munnar

Visit the Eravikulam National Park and get up close to rare native wildlife, including the Nilgiri tahr, Indian flying fox and lion-tailed macaque. Afterwards, head to the Tea Museum which displays a wide range of photographs and artefacts. Later visit the Mattupetty Dam, a popular picnic spot which offers picture-perfect views of natural surroundings. Finally, visit the stunning Eco Point and the Rose Garden which houses exotic flowers, shrubs and herbal plants. Overnight stay in Munnar.

Day 4: Munnar – Alleppey (157 kms / approx 4 hours)

After breakfast, drive to the mesmerizing town of Alleppey and board a houseboat . Alleppey is often

considered as the Venice of the East, boasting relaxing beaches, captivating ancient temples and a grid of backwater canals. Enjoy a cruise along the scenic backwaters of Alleppey and discover an array of traditional houses and impressive landscapes. Make sure you bring a camera on this cruise! Overnight stay on the Alleppey houseboat.

Day 5: Alleppey – Kovalam (170 kms / approx. 4 hours)

After breakfast, drive towards the small coastal town of Kovalam which is world-famous for its palm-fringed beaches and ancient religious monuments. This amazing town, located close to the state capital Trivandrum, also boasts delectable local cuisines, bustling markets, vibrant cultures and some amazing adventure opportunities. Upon arrival, check-in at your hotel and spend rest of the day at leisure; you could take a stroll around local areas for some cultural insight. Overnight stay in Kovalam.

Day 6: Sightseeing in Kovalam & Trivandrum

After breakfast, you'll explore some prominent landmarks of Kovalam, including the stunning Lighthouse, Vellayani Lake and Valiyathura Pier. You'll then drive to Trivandrum for a half-day sightseeing trip and visit the Napier Museum which exhibits a rare collection of Mughal artefacts and Buddhist sculptures. Afterwards, you'll explore the Shree Chitra Kala Art Gallery, and finally you'll visit the Kuthiramalika Palace, which was constructed by the King of Travancore. Overnight stay in Kovalam.

Day 7: Sightseeing in Kanyakumari (One way - 80 kms / approx. 2 hours)

Enjoy a full day excursion to Kanyakumari, India's southernmost point where three oceans - the Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal meet. Visit the Kanyakumari Temple and afterwards, take a ferry ride to the Vivekananda Rock Memorial, which boasts a life-size bronze statue of Swami Vivekananda. You'll also visit the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial, a pink-coloured monument constructed on the spot, where Mahatma's ashes were held for public viewing. Overnight stay in Kovalam.

Day 8: Departure from Trivandrum

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to Trivandrum airport for your return flight back home.

Inclusions:

- 7 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above hotels or equivalent
- Assistance at the airport
- Sightseeing as per itinerary by private tourist vehicle
- Kathakali Show in Cochin
- Entry Fee at the Monuments
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Drivers allowances, toll taxes and Govt. Service Tax

Exclusions:

- Air tickets and airport taxes
- Optional activities are subject to availability. Charges additional.
- Items of personal nature like laundry, phone calls, tips to guides / drivers etc.
- Camera / Video camera fees applicable at monuments