

Incredible India 10 Days / 9 Nights

From **HKD18,000** per person / for a minimum of **2 passengers**

Cochin – Allepey – Houseboat – Kumarakom – Vagamon – Periyar – Munnar - Cochin

Day 1 – Hong Kong – Cochin

Depart Hong Kong by flight SQ 863 at **1330hrs**, **arrive** in **Singapore** at **1720hrs**, take your connecting flight SQ 5368 **departing** at **2045hrs** and **arriving** in **Cochin** at **2245hrs**. Enjoy your *meet and greet* upon arrival prior to your hotel transfer. Cochin is the ideal starting point for exploring the unfathomable diversity and beauty of Kerala.

Day 2 – Cochin



St. Francis CSI Church

Enjoy your breakfast in the comfort of your hotel prior to meeting your tour guide; your half day city tour of Kochi begins with **St. Francis CSI Church**.

Constructed by the Portuguese in 1503, located near *Fort Kochi Beach*, attached to a large cemetery where many soldiers have been buried. A large war memorial is located in the backyard, in memory of those that fought in *World War I*, famous for being the burial ground of *Vasco da Gama*.

Head over to the **Chinese Fishing Nets**, located at the beach, an iconic symbol of the city and a testament of the strong relations between the Kochi kingdom and the ancient Chinese empires. See the beautiful nets proudly strung, originally over a hundred stood tall, now only a few remain in good working condition; they were a gift by the Emperor *Kublai Khan* to King *Kochi* in the 14th century. We recommend coming here at sunset to enjoy a peaceful sight.

Your final point of interest is **Willington Island**, a huge manmade area constructed by sand dredged from the backwaters to deepen the port. Many five star hotels can be found here, the island was named after *Long Willington* who was the reigning Viceroy of India.

End your evening by enjoying an enchanting **Kathakali Dance Show** at the local auditorium. Experience a performance of music, acting, dancing and more as artists portray various roles traditionally based on themes from Hindu mythology of the *Ramayana* and the *Mahabharata*.

Day 3 – Cochin - Alleppey

After your final breakfast in Cochin you will be escorted to the **Dutch Palace**. This building was constructed by the Portuguese in 1568 as a gift to the Maharaja of Kochi. Many areas of the original structure were destroyed during the Dutch siege on Kochi. The coronations of Kochi Maharajas have always been held here, the large throne and coronation costumes are on display alongside a collection of artifacts. The entire *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* are beautifully depicted in a single mural here.



Dutch Palace

Next, you shall be driven to Alleppey (*approx. 70km / 1.5hrs.*) followed by a jetty ride to your houseboat, checking in around 1230hrs. After having settled in we recommend (*not included*) taking a cruise through **Punnamada Lake**, home of the famous *Nehru Trophy* snake boat race. Journey across the enchanting waters and see the country people settled on the banks. Enjoy the panoramic views gifted by the serene nature of the land; be sure to visit *R-Block* and *C-Block* areas where paddy is cultivated.

Next, you shall be escorted to **Pathiramanal Island** (*Sands of Night*), located on *Vembanad Lake*, an ideal place to take a break and walk around. Peruse the various birds from all around the world, a vast network of wonderful lakes, lagoons and fresh water rivers.

End your day at **Chavara Bhavan**, an old wooden house where *Kuriakose Elias Chavara* was born, here you will learn of why many considered him to be blessed. Thousands of devotees gather for prayer and commence rituals in this area that has been considered a holy shrine.

Day 4 – Alleppey – Kumarakom

After an early morning breakfast you will check out at 0900hrs prior to being escorted via jetty to Kumarakom. *The rest of the day has been allocated as free time for you to do as you please.*

Day 5 – Kumarakom – Vagamon

Savour your morning meal and enjoy a relaxing start doing as you please prior to the afternoon when your guide shall escort you to Vagamon in the *Idukki Hills* (*approx. 110km / 2hrs*). Explore this incredible hill station located on the *Idukki-Kottayam* border, witness rolling knolls clocked in emerald green, cascading waterfalls, evergreen tea gardens and mist clad hilltops. Check in at the *Vanilla Country Homestay* and spend the rest of the day relaxing.

Day 6 – Vagamon

We recommend a hearty meal as there will be much to see and do, your options include visiting a plantation, heading to Poonjar Palace or exploring the rock formations at Ayyampara.



Meenachil River

Venture on a **Plantation Trip** and you will discover that Vagamon is home to spices, pepper, rubber, vanilla and cardamom. Visit the **Meenachil River** originating near *Vanilla County*, see the ravenous beauty crash through rocks and create baby waterfalls and little pools on the way down. This crystal clear water is so impressive that the pebbles underneath can be seen.

Discover the seat of the ancient Poonjar kingdom that still draws crows to marvel at an era long past at **Poonjar Palace**. Walk around this glorious testimony to the regal opulence of a bygone era; the current town Munnar was a small principality under these rajahs

until they were leased to the British tea companies two centuries ago. Journey to **Ayyampara** (*Five Rocks*), this 20 acre rock formation is a particular favourite among those that enjoy sunsets.

Day 7 – Vagamon – Periyar

After your breakfast say goodbye to Vagamon as you are escorted to Periyar (*approx. 140km / 3.5hrs*). Welcome to an impressive sanctuary that houses tigers and leopards, sighting the former is considered extremely lucky. The park covers has an artificial lake and is home to smbars, wild boars, elephants, antelopes and other animals. Explore the tea, coffee, pepper and cardamom plantations in the lush greens.

Spend the afternoon on a boat cruise over **Lake Periyar** where you can spot incredible wildlife or take an elephant safari through the *Kumily* plantation area.

Day 8 – Periyar – Munnar

After your morning breakfast you will check out prior to being escorted to Munnar (*approx. 145km / 4hrs.*) *The rest of the day has been allocated as free time for you to do as you please.*

Day 9 – Munnar

After your breakfast you will begin your full day sightseeing tour of the city, starting with the **Tata Tea Museum** in *Nallathanni Estate*. Learn the eventful story of Munnar at this museum; highlights include old machines that were used for tea processing and old photographs. Continue to Mattupetty, known for her dam and beautiful lake, where pleasant boat rides can be enjoyed.



Tata Tea Museum

Later visit the **Kundala Tea Plantations** nearby *Kundala Lake*, breathe in the fresh air here where the mountain slopes are thick with undulating, evergreen land. The shimmering blue lake is considered to be the most photographed part of Kundala. Stroll around the tea estate as you take in the refreshing mountain breeze; learn the entire process of tea making, from how leaves are plucked to when they are processed.

Day 10 – Munnar – Cochin – Hong Kong

Enjoy your final breakfast of the entire trip prior to being driven to Cochin in the afternoon (*approx. 130km / 3.5hrs*) upon your arrival you will be transferred to the airport for your flight SQ 5367 **departing Cochin at 2345hrs, arriving in Singapore at 0650hrs** where you will connect to SQ 860 **departing at 0830hrs and arriving back in Hong Kong at 1215hrs**

Package Cost

Date	Destination	A <i>Third Class</i>	B <i>Second Class</i>	C <i>First Class</i>
Day 1 30 Jan	Hong Kong – Cochin	Abad Plaza <i>Superior</i>	Courtyard by Marriott <i>Deluxe</i>	Ramada Resort <i>Superior</i>
Day 2 31 Jan	Cochin			
Day 3 1 Feb	Cochin – Alleppey	Rainbow Houseboat <i>Deluxe Cabin</i>		
Day 4 2 Feb	Alleppey – Kumarakom	Royal Rivera <i>Deluxe</i>	Backwater Ripples <i>Standard</i>	Abad Whispering Palm <i>Garden View Cottage</i>
Day 5 3 Feb	Kumarakom – Vagamon	Vanilla County Home Stay		
Day 6 4 Feb	Vagamon	<i>Room</i>		
Day 7 5 Feb	Vagamon – Periyar	Green Forest <i>Jungle Lodge</i>	Elephant Court <i>Executive Enclave</i>	Spice Village <i>Standard Villa</i>
Day 8 6 Feb	Periyar – Munnar	Eastend Munnar <i>Super Deluxe</i>	The Silver Tips <i>Executive</i>	Siena Village <i>Standard</i>
Day 9 7 Feb	Munnar			
Day 10 8 Feb	Munnar – Cochin – Hong Kong			
Total Package Cost		18,000	20,000	24,000

All hotels maintain standard check-in time **1400hrs** / check-out time **1200hrs**, rooms will be chargeable afterwards
All prices are per person in HKD based on twin sharing basis

Package Includes:

Economy class round-trip airfare Hong Kong to Singapore to Cochin on Singapore Airlines
9 nights' accommodation as mentioned
Meet and greets upon arrival
All arrival and departure transfers as mentioned
All touring mentioned by 1 air conditioned Toyota Innova car
Kathakali Dance show in Cochin
Boat ride on sharing basis at Lake Periyar or elephant safari through Kumily Plantation area
Monument entrance fees for;
Cochin; Dutch Palace
Periyar; Periyar National Park or Spice Plantation
Munnar; Ta Ta Tea Museum
English speaking guide for sightseeing in Cochin and Munnar
Govt. Service Tax 3.09%

Package does NOT include:

Fuel surcharge, visas fees, airport tax, camera / video fees at monuments, insurance
Spending of a personal nature (e.g.: Extra meals, phone bills, laundry, tips)
Anything else not mentioned in the Package Includes section

ITINERARIES, CHANGES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

COMPANY agrees to provide all of the services listed in your travel itinerary, except for the optional services. Optional services will be billed separately.

COMPANY has no responsibility for any changes in travel plans caused by airlines, train, ferry delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered.

If you would like to modify any portion of your itinerary, you understand that COMPANY will not bear any of the costs arising from such changes. Refunds for non-used or cancelled services will be issued in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions* described. All new services will be billed in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions*. Due to the circumstances, including but not limited to, like closure or maintenance of monuments, weather, time, or traffic, etc., the planned visit or activity will be arranged on the next day if possible. No refund can be made if it's failed to do so.

OTHER EXPENSES DURING TOURS

Tipping & gratuity guidelines, tour guide - as you depart from the tour, reward a good guide in each city by tipping USD10- 15 per person per day, driver USD5- 10 per person per day, based on the satisfaction you have received from them, bellman by tipping USD3-5 Per bag, however these are guidelines are optional.

PERSONAL EXPENSE - Meals, laundry, telephone bills, beverage, extra local running for transport which is **not** included in your itinerary, (transport for sightseeing excursion will be provide between 0900hrs – 1730hrsMax.), Video & Camera fees charged at monuments directly , tips for guides, driver , travel Insurance for personal injury & loss of personal belongings.

The above quote is valid for 14 days only & No reservations has been made, To guarantee the above quote a written booking request or purchase order must be received by Nanda Travel within the validity period

DEPOSITS, FINAL PAYMENT

A non-refundable deposit of 30 % of the tour fee on a per person basis must be paid after all reservations are confirmed. **We accept cash or cheque only.** Bookings for this deposit not received are subject to cancellation without notice. If *G.C Nanda* is unable to confirm the requested arrangements the deposit will be fully refundable. Deposits vary for each tour operator, hotel, or provider of any service contained in the program and will be payable according to the *General Terms and Conditions* of each operator. Please note that firm reservations cannot be made for any pre-booked accommodation until the required deposit is received. The balance payment must be received not less than 30 days prior to departure. If the balance payment is not received by us on the due date, we reserve the right to treat the booking as cancelled and to apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

AMENDMENT FEES

For each amendment requested after confirmation additional charges will be levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines. An amendment constitutes a change to an existing booking and not a transfer to another tour, wherein cancellation fees may apply.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

Cancellations are subject to a fee as follows:

- **30 days, or more, prior to departure: forfeit of deposit**
- **14-30 days, or less, prior to departure: 100% of total cost**

Cancellations will also be subject to cancellation fees levied by each operator according to their respective *Booking Terms and Conditions*. Please note that it is your responsibility to request from us the details of *Terms and Conditions*, and to ensure that you have understood their contents. The payment of your deposit constitutes an acceptance of those terms and

conditions and your acknowledgement that you will be bound by their cancellation fee charges. No refund is made on any pre-booked accommodation, coach tours, villas hotel, cruising or other travel not utilised. No refund is available for cancellation after the tour has commenced or in respect of any tours, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised.

INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that, at the time of booking, you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy of your choice. We suggest that the policy should include, but not be limited to the following features: Loss of deposit through cancellation, personal baggage, loss of money, medical expenses, additional expenses to cover hotel accommodation should the tour or holiday need to be extended or curtailed due to illness while overseas, or due to the need to return to Hong Kong because of unexpected death or illness of a close relative. **Please consult us on the insurance policy most suitable for your needs.**

VISA, TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Passengers should familiarise themselves with any and all health or visa requirements that may be applicable in the areas they intend visiting. They shall be responsible for all exits, entry, health and other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of the countries visited or transited. Each person shall carry a valid passport at all times. Kindly note that passport and visa requirements are not our responsibility and we are not liable for any loss or expense due to a passenger's failure to comply with the above or any statutory requirement made in any country whatsoever.

PRICE

All prices shown are subject to variation without notice.