

KERALA...

***...COME, CRUISE THE BACKWATERS,
EXPERIENCE ANCIENT AYURVEDA, VISIT
OLD HARBORS, SERENE BEACHES AND
HISTORIC CHURCHES!!!***

Day 01, AUSTRALIA /MUMBAI

Board the flight from Australia to Mumbai tonight.

Day 02,/ BOMBAY / COCHIN

Arrive in Bombay and catch the afternoon flight to Cochin.

Our Welcome Ambassadors will greet you at the airport & transfer you to your hotel.

Kochi is the idyllic sea port city situated in the state of Kerala,



hailed as 'God's Own Country'. Known by the sobriquet 'Queen of the Arabian Sea', this commercial and industrial capital of Kerala is one of the most important cities on the west coast of India.

After a traditional welcome ceremony & a refreshing drink you will be escorted to your rooms.

Situated on Willingdon Island with a magnificent view of Cochin harbour, the Taj Malabar combines old-world elegance with modern day convenience. In its heritage wing, built in 1935, graceful Victorian interiors aptly reflect the inherent beauty of Cochin. Its tower wing houses newly renovated guestroom suites, each a delicate mix of the classic with the contemporary.

Have dinner at Dolphin's Point, an open-air restaurant by the bay side, known for its outstanding barbeques and grills.



[OVERNIGHT - TAJ MALABAR](#)

Day 03, KOCHI



Have breakfast at the hotel and spend the morning at leisure.

Drive to Fort Cochin and have lunch at the 'Malabar House'.

Go on a sightseeing tour of 16th Fort Cochin. See the Church of St Francis that houses the Tomb of Vasco da Gama; the Portuguese built Dutch Palace with a wonderful museum that displays the artefacts of the erstwhile Rajahs of Cochin; and the historic Jewish Synagogue.



Take an auto rickshaw ride to Mattancherry and stroll through the lanes of this long stretch of antique shops.

In the evening, watch a Kathakali performance at a cultural centre.

Kathakali is the classical dance-drama of Kerala, which dates back to the 17th century, and is a unique combination of literature, music, painting, acting and dance.

Savour authentic Thai fare for dinner at the Thai Pavilion restaurant in your hotel.



[OVERNIGHT - TAJ MALABAR](#)

Day 04, KOCHI / MARARI



Have traditional Kerala cuisine for dinner at the open air restaurant.

[OVERNIGHT - MARARI BEACH RESORT](#)

After brunch at your hotel this morning, you will be transferred by speed boat to Fort Cochin. From here, mini vans will take you to Marari through a scenic back road.

Arrive at Marari and check into *the Marari beach resort*.



Day 05, MARARI

Spend the day at leisure today.

Spend time on the beach; take long walks or bicycle rides; attend a yoga



lesson on the beach or get an ayurvedic massage.



Relish the hotel's specialty seafood for dinner. *The accent at Marari Beach is on fresh fish. The Malabar Coast is abundant with splendid seafood varieties, from blue crabs and fat mussels, to giant prawns, lobster, sea bass, shark, mackerel and red snapper...the list is endless.*

[OVERNIGHT - MARARI BEACH RESORT](#)

Day 06, MARARI



After an early breakfast this morning, board a traditional house boat, and go on a day cruise through the picturesque backwaters.

Have lunch on board, and return to the hotel by 1500 hrs.

Enjoy a coking demo in the evening. The chef himself will teach you some of the secrets behind authentic Malabar cuisine.

Have dinner at the restaurant.



[OVERNIGHT - MARARI BEACH RESORT](#)

Day 07, MARARI / COCHIN / MUMBAI

After breakfast, you will be driven back to Fort Cochin.



Spend time at the market and have lunch in Fort Cochin before you are transferred to the airport to board the flight to Bombay.

On arrival at Bombay's domestic airport, our representative will meet you and transfer you to the international terminal. Board the late night flight back to

Australia.

Day 08, MUMBAI / AUSTRALIA

You will arrive in Australia on this day.

TOUR COST

BASIS – 30 PAYING PAX	COST PER PERSON
PRICES STARTING	INR. 67,600.00*

SUPPLEMENT / REDUCTION	COST PER PERSON
SUPPLEMENT FOR 01 SINGLE ROOM	INR 29,740.00

TOUR COST INCLUSIVE OF: -

- Arrival and departure transfers, with assistance, by 01 large A/C coach.
- Sightseeing at all places by 01 large A/C coach.
- Accommodation on double / twin sharing basis at all place, with daily buffet breakfast at the hotel.
- Domestic airfare.
- Payment of portage at all transfers points.
- All presently applicable taxes.
- Entrance fee to all monuments (except camera fees) as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Local guide for sightseeing in Fort Cochin.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- 01 free tour leader.

TOUR COST EXCLUSIVE OF: -

- Any international airfare.
 - Accompanying Escort.
 - Payment of airport Taxes upon departure, if not already included in the tickets.
 - Tips at Restaurants during meals; and to Chauffeurs and Guides.
 - Visa Fee / Airport Tax / Insurance.
 - Supplements / Reductions as indicated above.
 - Expenses for personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, customary tips etc.
 - Any expenses incurred beyond our control due to natural disasters, political disturbances etc.
 - Any accommodation in Mumbai.
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HOTELS ENVISAGED:

CITY	HOTEL	NO. OF NIGHTS
COCHIN	TAJ MALABAR	02
MARARIKULAM	MARARI BEACH RESORT	03

FLIGHTS ENVISAGED:

FLIGHT	SECTOR	CLASS
9W 405	MUMBAI / COCHIN	ECONOMY
SG 116	COCHIN / MUMBAI	ECONOMY

*QUOTE VALID FROM 01ST October'09 to 15th April'10 (not valid from 22nd Dec'09 – 05th Jan'10)