

Family Indian Discovery



Days: 13
Price: 1215 EUR
International flight not included
Comfort: ★★★★★
Difficult: ★★★☆☆
📌 Culture

Day 1. Arrival at Delhi and Half day Sightseeing



Delhi 📍

- Arrive at the **international airport** of Delhi. After the traditional welcome, transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

🏠 Accommodation | Hotel Jivitesh

Day 2. Drive to Agra and Agra sightseeing



Delhi 📍

🚗 250km - ⌚ 5h 30m

Agra 📍

Delhi - Agra

- After the breakfast, we will drive towardso Agra, around 4 hrs drive (Famous for many splendid Mughal era buildings) and known as city of **Taj Mahal**. The city was first mentioned in the Indian epic Mahabharata, where it was called Agrevana (meaning “the border of the forest”). Although Agra’s history is mainly associated with Mughal Empire, the place was established much before it and has linkage since Mahabharata period. The golden age of the city began with the Mughals. It was known then as Akbarabad and remained the capital of the Mughal Empire.
- Upon arrival at our hotel, we will check in and relax. Later, we will go out to visit the **Agra Fort**, a historical fort in the city of Agra in India and it was the main residence of the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty till 1638, when Mughal capital was shifted from Agra to Red Fort in Delhi. In the late afternoon, we will have an opportunity to visit the **Taj Mahal**“ the jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world’s heritage, from centuries Taj Mahal became the symbol of love and beauty. Overnight stay at the hotel.

🍳 Breakfast | Hotel Jivitesh

🏠 Accommodation | Howard Plaza

Day 3. Drive to Jaipur en-route visit Keoladeo Ghana National Park



Agra 📍

🚗 60km - ⌚ 1h 30m

Bharatpur 📍

🚗 200km - ⌚ 3h 20m

Jaipur 📍

Agra - Bharatpur

- After the breakfast, we will drive to Jaipur, a capital of Rajasthan and known as “Pink City”. En-route, we will visit the Keoladeo Ghana National Park, formerly known as the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary in **Bharatpur**, Rajasthan. Over 230 species of birds are known to be resident. It is also a major tourist centre with score of ornithologists arriving here in the hibernal season. It was declared the protected sanctuary in 1971 and also a world heritage site. We will be taken on bird watching tour by **Cycle Rickshaw** and hope to see 366 bird species, 379 floral species, 50 species of fish, 5 species of snakes and 7 species of turtle.

Bharatpur - Jaipur

- Later, we will head towards the pink city Jaipur. It is called as pink city owing to its pink colored buildings. Being a vibrant city of Rajasthan, it is widely known for its fort and palaces. Jaipur was founded in 1726 by **Maharaja Jai Singh II**, the king of Amer who ruled from 1688

to 1758. The city was planned according to Indian Vastu Shastra by Vidhyadhar Bhattacharya in 1727. Upon arrival at Jaipur, we will check in to our hotel and overnight stay at the hotel.

🍳 Breakfast	Howard Plaza
🏠 Accommodation	Shahpura House

Day 4. Jaipur Full Day Sightseeing



Jaipur 📍

- After breakfast we drive to the ancient capital of Amer, 11 km from Jaipur. Famous for its massive Amber(amer) Fort, Amer was the ancient capital of Kachwaha dynasty for 6 centuries. We take an **Elephant ride(optional)**, an experience to remember for a long time, to reach the Fort situated on the hill. Having appreciated its beauty and captured that in our cameras we visit City Palace Jaipur, a perfect blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture. Next, we visit Jantar Mantar, a Solar Observatory built in the 18th century; an astronomical treasure house that measures time according to the movement of the Sun to an error of just 2 seconds with solar devices that give accurate astrological predictions as well till date. We also visit Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), a five-storied facade of pink sandstone. It was built in the year 1799 to allow royal ladies to watch processions and other the festivities on the road through its 953 __'jharokas'__ or small windows without being seen by the public.

🍳 Breakfast	Shahpura House
🏠 Accommodation	Shahpura House

Day 5. Fly from Jaipur to Kochi



Jaipur 📍

✈️ 2560km - ⌚ 4h 50m

Cochin (Kochi) 📍

Jaipur - Cochin (Kochi)

- Today morning is free at leisure before catching our flight to Kochi (also known as Cochin) is a city in southwest India's coastal Kerala state. It has a port since 1341, when a flood carved out its harbor and opened it to Arab, Chinese and European merchants. Kochi was also known as the **Queen of the Arabian Sea**. It was the first of the European colonies in colonial India and was the centre of Indian spice trade for many centuries. Upon arrival at the Kochi airport, we will be transferred to our hotel for relax and overnight stay at hotel.

🍳 Breakfast	Shahpura House
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Day 6. Visit Fort Kochi and watch famous Kathakali dance



Cochin (Kochi) 📍

- Today we visit Fort Kochi, founded by the Portuguese in 1503 and it is considered to be one of the earliest sites chosen by European colonial power. An odour of spice emerges from warehouses and food stalls offering different delicacies is common sight in each nook and corner of the town. In the afternoon we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Mattancherry Palace, built by the Portuguese as a gift for the Raja of Kochi, the Jewish synagogue dating from 1568 and **St Francis church**. We also explore the town of Kochi, its bazaars and old harbour area. In the evening there is the chance for an **optional visit** to see a display of Kathakali, a form of classical dance unique to Kerala.

Day 7. Visit Mattancherry Palace and drive to Thekkady



Cochin (Kochi) 📍

🚗 170km - ⌚ 4h 30m

Periyar (Thekkady) 📍

- We then drive towards Periyar(Thekkady) passing through rubber and tea plantation and will reach Thekkady in the late afternoon. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 8. Nature trek in Periyar National Park, visit a Tea factory and drive to Chennmkary Village



Thekkady 📍

🚗 84km - ⌚ 2h

Chennmkary 📍

- In the morning, we drive to **Periyar National Park**, also known as Periyar Tiger Reserve. It is in the mountainous western ghats of Kerala, southern India. It is a protected area near Thekkady in the districts of Idukka, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta in Kerala. The protected area covers an area of 357sqm and the rest 140 sqm of the core zone is declared as the Periyar National Park in the year 1982. It is a home to a wide variety of wildlife such as wild pigs, monkey, flying squirrel and elephant. It also has 260 species of birds including darters, ospreys, and kingfishers. We then take a **guided walk** in hope to see any of the wildlife creatures.
- After completing our Guided walk in the Park, we head towards **Chennmkary village** via visit to a **Tea factory** at Vendeperiyar. Later, we reach at Chennmkary village, is located 12 km towards East from district head quarters Alappuzha and surrounded by Veliyanad Taluk towards East. Chennmkary is also a major spot for movies making, TV soaps and music albums due to its beautiful landscape view. Our accommodation is spread over several village houses and these are styled in typically Kerala tradition. Houses are comparatively smaller and due to space constraint family have to share room together. All accommodation is close to each other, 5-10 minutes walk between them; we will be provided bedding and towel. Our meals will be prepared by locals and served in the traditional style and will enjoy the dinner sitting together. And will have a close observance as how they are living their life and know their culture as well. Overnight stay at the home stay.

Day 9. Free time to explore Mancombu Village



Chenmkary 📍

- Today day at own leisure, we can explore the local area and tropical forests filled with the fragrance of flowers. **Mancombu village** is in district of Alappuzha in the state of Kerala. Mancombu is part of the kuttanad region in Kerala which is one of the two major paddy cultivating regions in the state. Overnight stay at a home stay.

🍳 Breakfast

Backwater Villa

🏠 Accommodation

Backwater Villa

Day 10. Drive to Alleppey and board a houseboat to the Kerala Backwaters



Chenmkary 📍

🚗 25km - ⌚ 1h

Alappuzha (Alleppey) 📍

Chenmkary - Alappuzha (Alleppey)

- After breakfast, we will drive to Alleppey, a city on **Laccadive Sea** in the southern Indian state of Kerala. It is best known for houseboat cruises along the rustic Kerala backwaters, a network of tranquil canals and lagoons. Here we board our houseboat and start our rejuvenating journey on the Kerala backwaters. These small cruises have a limited number of rooms depending on the size and have a common area to relax and enjoy the scenic beauty of backwaters. Houseboats are like taxis for villagers who perform home delivery, harvest and other goods through boats and it becomes an integral part of their daily life.
- During our houseboat journey, we will stop off at many points including **Chambakulam Saint Church** and **Chambakulam Chundan** - the famous snake boats. Overnight stay at the houseboat.

🍳 Breakfast

Backwater Villa

🍽️ Lunch

ATDC Houseboat

🍷 Dinner

ATDC Houseboat

🏠 Accommodation

ATDC Houseboat

Day 11. Drive to Mararikulam



Alappuzha (Alleppey) 📍

🚗 18km - ⌚ 1h

Mararikulam 📍

Alappuzha (Alleppey) - Mararikulam

- Today, after disembarking the houseboat, we will take a short journey to Mararikulam, an exotic beach village located few kilometres from the networks of Canals of Alleppey. It has golden sandy beaches attracting the tourist from all corners of the world. Morning promenade is a quintessential way to explore the hidden treasure and its immeasurable charm.

🍳 Breakfast

ATDC Houseboat

🏠 Accommodation

Hotel Flamingo Marari

Day 12. Day at Mararikulam



- Today, you will have a day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.



Mararikulam 📍

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Flamingo Marari
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Flamingo Marari

Day 13. Tour ends at Mararikulam Depart Cochin



Mararikulam 📍

🚗 45km - ⌚ 1h 30m
Cochin (Kochi) 📍

Mararikulam - Cochin (Kochi)

- Today morning, our tour gets ended here at Kochi and we may have breakfast at hotel depending upon our onward flight timings.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Flamingo Marari
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Itinerary map





Individual price per person

2-3	4-5	6-8	9-12
1485 EUR	1355 EUR	1275 EUR	1215 EUR

Included

- Accommodation for 11 nights on the basis of double room
- One night in a houseboat in Alleppey on full board
- Breakfast in all hotels
- All ground transportation included in the program using private air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking driver
- Monuments entrances as described in the programme
- English speaking local city guide as mentioned in the programme(till 05 Pax)
- English speaking tour leader throughout the trip starting from 06 Pax onward
- Boat ride in Periyar
- All govt. taxes

Not included

- International flight tickets
- The cancellation and baggage insurance, assistance and repatriation
- Lunches and dinners during the trip except Alleppey
- Tips, drinks and personal expenses
- The rights to use a camera or a camera on sightseeing
- All services not mentioned in Inclusion