

HIDDEN GEMS OF KERALA

12 days/11 nights

From \$4545 per person twin share

Hotels/Houseboat

Departs daily ex Kochi (Cochin)

Tour cost per person from*:

Cat A	Cat B
\$5349	\$4545

*Based on two people sharing, singles on request.

Note: Houseboat accommodation is basic but comfortable.

INCLUSIONS

Transfers in private air-conditioned Innova vehicle or similar with driver and English speaking local guides, train Kochi to Calicut, entrance fees, accommodation on a full board basis except in Kochi and Bekal which are on a B&B basis, 2 bottles of water per person per day included for all surface travel, standard still camera fees.

- A** Brunton Boatyard/Premium AC House Boat/ Tranquil Resort (Tree House)/Evolve Back Nagarhole/Evolve Back Coorg/Taj Bekal Resort & Spa (Deluxe Delight Villa with courtyard)
- B** Eighth Bastion/Spice Coast Cruise/Wayanad Wild (Standard Room)/The Serai/The Windflower/Taj Bekal Resort & Spa (Superior Charm Room with balcony)

Discover beautiful northern Kerala with its spice estates, coffee plantations and wildlife-rich forests while staying at intimate boutique hideaways. Explore the colonial buildings of old Kochi, take a backwater cruise, go game-viewing at Nagarhole National Park and watch Olive Ridley turtles nesting on white sand beaches (seasonal).

Days 1/2 Kochi

Arrive Kochi and transfer to your hotel. A magnificent natural harbour, Kochi has been at the centre of the spice trade for centuries. On Day 2 enjoy a morning city tour visiting the Jewish area in Mattancherry, the synagogue (closed Sat) and Dutch Palace with its famous murals (closed Fri). See the iconic Chinese fishing nets and St Francis Church. Evening Kathakali performance. B



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Picturesque Kerala scenery © Shutterstock

Day 3 Houseboat

After breakfast drive to Alleppey (2 hrs) and board your houseboat to begin a cruise through the sleepy backwaters. Overnight on board. BLD

Days 4/5 Wayanad

Disembark your houseboat and transfer by train to Calicut. Arrive and drive through hills cloaked in tea and spice plantations to Wayanad. Day 5 at leisure to take a private estate tour or trek to the famous Edakkal Caves. BLD

Days 6/7 Nagarhole

Pass lush tea plantations en route to Nagarhole National Park (2 hrs) with its abundant birdlife and wildlife including elephant, antelope and tiger. Gameviewing is done by boat, vehicle, or on foot. BLD

Days 8/9 Coorg

Enjoy wonderful scenery as you travel to the orange groves and tea plantations of Coorg, which you explore on a guided tour. Next morning visit the Dubare Elephant Camp. Afternoon is free for optional activities. BLD

Days 10/11 Bekal

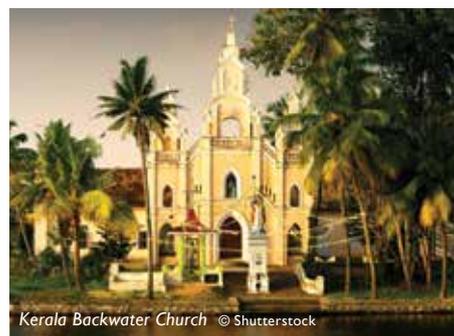
Drive to Bekal on the Arabian Sea. On day 11 visit the magnificent Bekal Fort and Thakadappuram Beach, renowned for rare Olive Ridley turtles that nest during the rainy season (Sep-Jan). B

Day 12 Tour ends Mangalore

This morning transfer to Mangalore airport (1.5 hrs). Tour ends. B.



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