

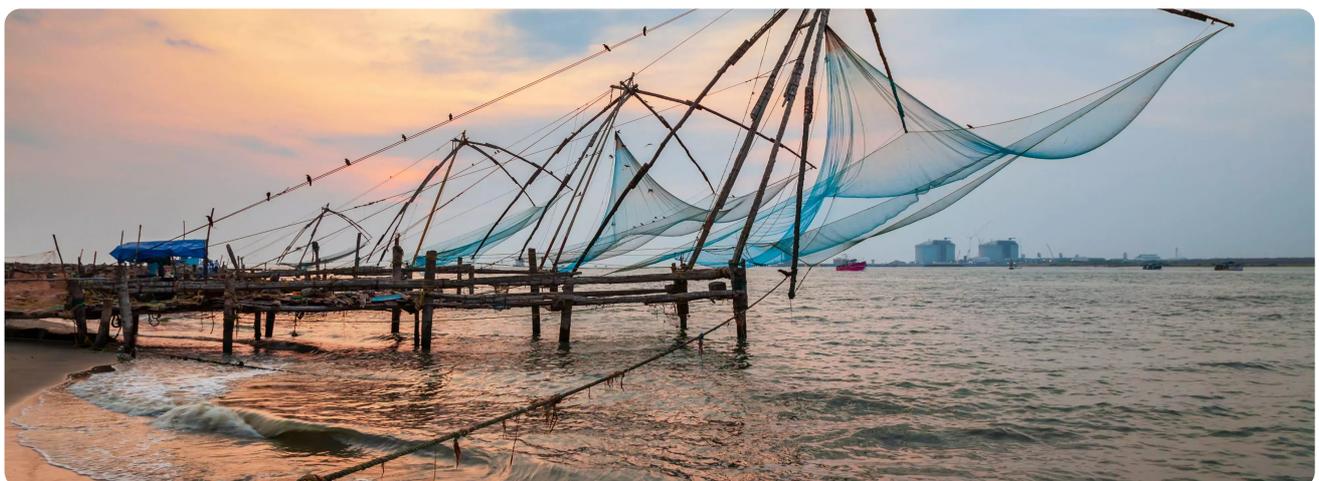
# South India Tapestry (with HB overnight stay)

10 Nights / 11 Days



Greetings from **TRAVELMOON INTERNATIONAL** !  
As per your requirements, this is your detailed itinerary

## Detailed Itinerary



### Day 1 | Arrival @ Cochin – Cochin Sightseeing

Upon your arrival at the Gateway of Kerala – Cochin (Cochin International Airport or Ernakulam Railway Station), you shall be met by our representative present to greet and receive.

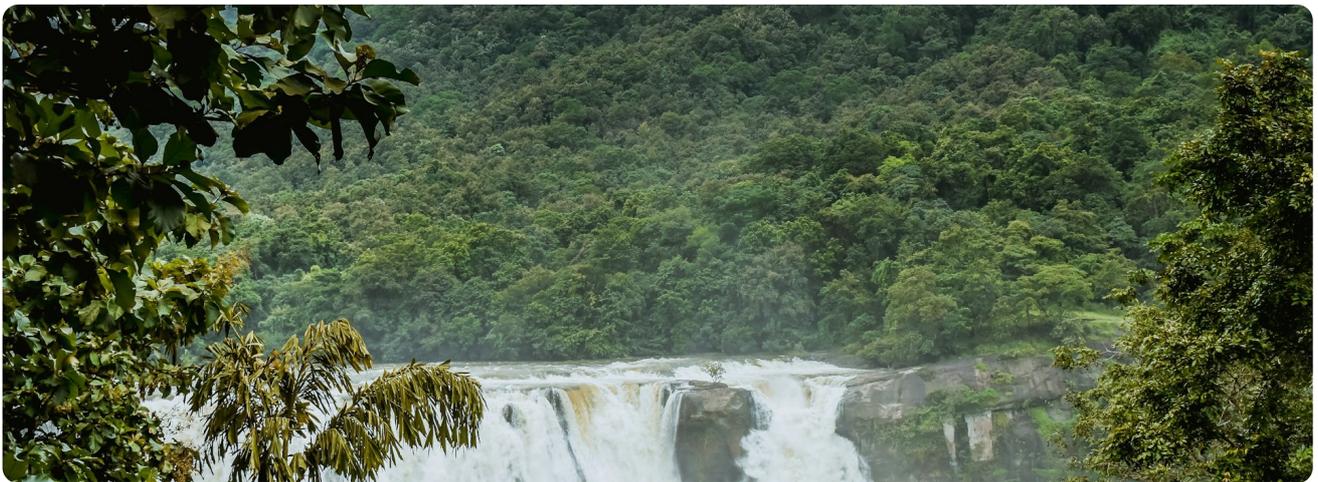
Transfer to your chosen accommodation (hotel or guesthouse). Check-in and freshen up.

Later, visit the historical Fort Cochin which has a rich heritage and strong historical relationship with

English, Portuguese, Dutch, Arabs, and Chinese etc. Places of interest include Dutch Palace, Asia's best-preserved Synagogue, Chinese fishing nets, Sea mouth, Beach walk way etc. Stroll through the vibrant Jew town, known for its antique shops.

Depending upon availability of time you may also visit the traditional spice market of Cochin in Jew town, Mattancherry and Marine Drive a popular hangout place for tourists with varieties of shops and restaurants.

Later, return to your Hotel | Resort



## Day 2 | Transfer Cochin to Munnar

Post breakfast, Proceed to Athirapally Waterfall known as the “Niagara of India”, where the water gushes down from a height of 80 feet. The charm of Athirapally cannot be described by words - starting calmly from the high ranges and crashing through gorges overhung with trees, this is a place to capture a real sense of the classical idea of the ‘Picturesque’ not just calm and sweet, but something wild and beautiful. The cool spray that covers a large area near the falls makes Athirapally a scenic location. **Truly a sight to behold!** Post breakfast, Proceed to Munnar, a beautiful hill station known for its tea plantations and picturesque landscapes. Set at an altitude of 5000 to 8000 FT above sea level on the Western Ghats, it is the premium hill station tourist destination in God's own country. Situated at the confluence of three mountain streams, it offers unending expanse of tea plantations, pristine valleys and mountains- exotic species of flora and fauna in its wild sanctuaries and forests - aroma of spice scented cool air.

***Yes! Munnar has all these and more. It's the place you would love to visit again and again!!***

Upon arrival, check into your hotel | resort. Relax and unwind in the serene surroundings.



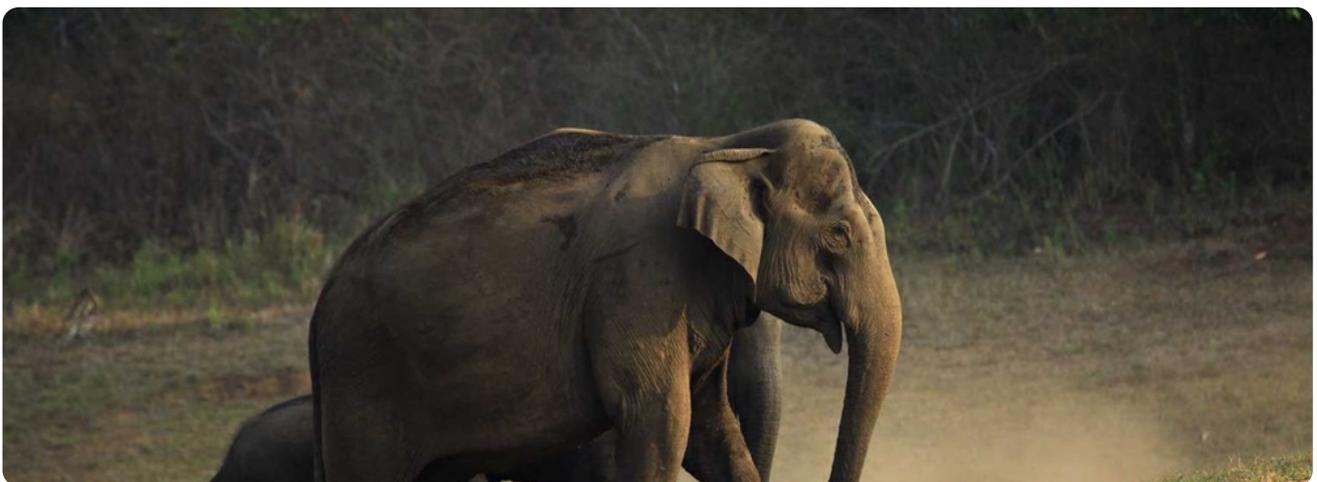
### **Day 3 | Munnar Sightseeing**

After breakfast, we embark on our exploration of Munnar! The sightseeing excursion will lead us to Matupetty Dam, an exquisite location offering breathtaking views of the scenic Munnar. We will then visit Kundala Lake, a natural lake that provides recreational activities such as boating, along with offering stunning views of the Western Ghats and the adjacent forest. Our journey will also include a visit to Eco Point and a delightful drive through the captivating tea plantations along the route.

For those interested in nature, a visit to Eravikulam National Park is highly recommended, where the endangered Nilgiri Tahr is conserved. Please bear in mind that the park is generally closed for visitors from February to early April due to the calving season. The park operates from 8 AM to 4 PM, providing a unique opportunity to explore the natural beauty and conservation efforts within.

Numerous optional activities are available for your indulgence at Munnar, including visits to tea factories, exhilarating jeep rides, and delightful elephant rides.

Later, return to your Hotel | Resort



### **Day 4 | Transfer: Munnar – Thekkady (110KM -3 Hour 15 Mins).**

Post breakfast, we shall proceed to Thekkady, referred as the spice bag of Kerala.

Thekkady is a wild life destination offering excellent mountain walks & trekking trails. Depending upon your interest and time availability you may indulge in the below optional activities.

Have an amazing boat ride in Periyar Lake which flows through the Periyar tiger reserve. Here, you will

have a chance to watch the wild animals like elephant, Bison, Sambar, Deer etc roaming the lake shore. The boating duration is approximately for 2 Hrs (7.30 AM – 3.30 PM).

You may go for a spice plantation visit where cardamom, pepper, vanilla, clove, cinnamon, nutmeg, ayurvedic herbs etc are grown.

Explore the wild with an off-road Jungle border Jeep Safari adventure trip. The trip is approximately for 3 hours and can be taken any time after 5 AM but before late evening. No manual trekking is involved.

Watch the famous Kathakali show which is one of the major classical dance forms of Kerala and also enjoy the mesmerizing Kalaripayattu show which showcases the martial art forms of Kerala.

Rejuvenate yourself with a traditional Kerala Ayurvedic Massage.

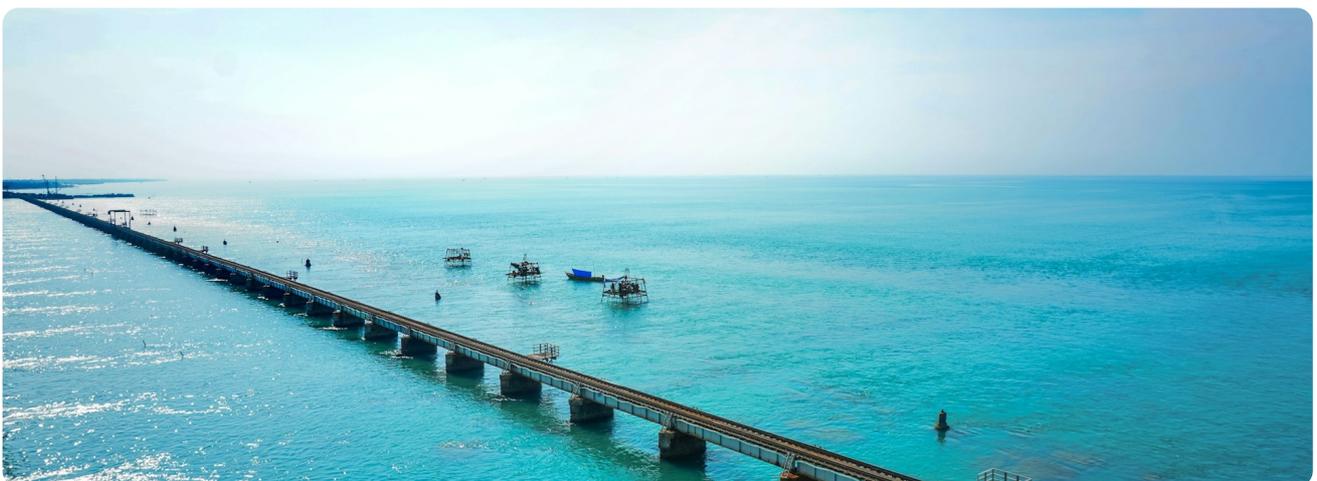
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### **Day 5 | Transfer: Thekkady – Madurai (140 KM -3 Hour 30 Mins)**

Post breakfast, we shall proceed towards the temple city of Madurai.

Madurai is the third largest city in Tamil Nadu and has a number of historical monuments, with the Meenakshi Amman Temple located on the banks of Vaigai River being the most prominent. The temple complex numerous sculpted pillared halls such as Ayirakkal (1,000 pillar hall), Kilikoonda-mandapam, Golu-mandapam and Pudu-mandapam. The Temple has been adjudged best 'Swachh Iconic Place' in India as on October 1 2017 under Prime Minister of India's flagship Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.



## Day 6 | Transfer Madurai - Rameshwaram (170KM -4 Hour)

Upon arrival visit the famous Ramanathaswamy Temple. Depending upon availability of time and your preference you can visit Dhanushkodi (Ram Setu) located approximately 15 KM from Rameshwaram.

***Note: Trip to Dhanukodi would have to be taken in local vehicles (Jeeps) available for hire as the drive is on sand with sea on either side with no road visible. You can also catch a glimpse of Ram Setu(it looks like a reddish brown band in the middle of the sea). This tour is not included in package & is extra payable. If interested your driver shall make arrangements. Avoid late evening visits and budget 3-4 hours for the trip.***



## Day 7 | Transfer Rameshwaram to Kanyakumari (310 KM -5 Hour)

Today, we shall proceed to Kanyakumari the southernmost point of mainland India. It is situated at the confluence of three oceans namely the Bay of Bengal, Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean. Kanyakumari is the only place on earth where one can see both the sunrise and sunset from the ocean and it is the only place in India where the unique spectacle of sunset and moonrise on full moon days can be witnessed.

Visit the famous Kanyakumari Temple, Vivekananda rock which is situated in the sea (accessible by boat), the statue of Thiruvalluvar on the rock, Gandhi Memorial, wax museum etc.

***Note: In case of late arrivals at Kanyakumari, you may schedule some sightseeing for the next day morning.***



### Day 8 | Transfer Kanyakumari – Kovalam (100 KM -2 hour)

Post breakfast, check out of your Hotel | Resort | Houseboat and proceed toward Kovalam.

On the way, you can visit Poovar island.

Kovalam is the international beach destination of Kerala with three adjacent crescent beaches and truly captures the essence of Kerala. A massive rocky promontory on the beach has created a beautiful bay of calm waters ideal for sea bathing.

Upon arrival, check into your hotel | resort. Evening can be ideally be spent on the beach



### Day 9 | Trivandrum Sightseeing

Activity description comes here

Today morning, after breakfast, visit iconic spots which includes Napier Museum, Sri Chithira Art Gallery, Zoo, Sree Padmanabha Swamy Temple and adjacent Palace etc. Post lunch depending upon time of your departure you may visit Poovar, a beach between the backwater and sea or alternatively relax at the beach. Activity description comes here

***Note: Napier Museum, Zoo and the Srichitra Art Gallery are closed on Mondays. Sree Padmanabha Swamy Temple opens at 3.30 in morning till noon and in the evening from 5 Pm to 7 PM. Timings are subject to change during festivals and other special occasions.***



### Day 10 | Transfer: Kovalam - Alappuzha (165KM -3 Hour 30 Mins)

Today, we shall proceed to Allapuzha for an enchanting cruise across the backwaters of Kerala on board the traditional Kerala Houseboat.

You would check in the house boat by noon to explore the back waters and its serene beauty. Enjoy the ride; delicious cuisines and an overnight stay with all meals (Lunch, Dinner, Evening Tea with snacks, and next day Breakfast) served onboard.

What is truly magical about a houseboat ride is the breathtaking view of the untouched and otherwise inaccessible rural Kerala that it offers, while you float through the backwaters which consist of a complex network of brackish lagoons, lovely lakes and canals. **Now, wouldn't that be something?**



### Day 11 | Transfer Alappuzha - Cochin (70KM -1 hour 30 Mins)

Post breakfast, check out of your Hotel | Resort..

Proceed to Cochin (150KM -5 Hour)

Depending upon your flight / train time you shall be dropped at the airport / railway station.



# #Inclusions/Exclusions

## Inclusions

- Accommodation in properties with specified rooming and meal plans.
- Pickup and drop from the nearest Airport | Railway Station | Bus Stand.
- Transfers and sightseeing in specified vehicle with a Hindi | English speaking friendly driver cum guide.
- All tolls, parking, driver batta, and fuel expenses for the vehicle.

## Exclusions

- Flight, train, and bus tickets unless specifically mentioned.
- Entrance fees, camera fees, and guide charges unless specifically mentioned.
- Portage, tips, insurance, mineral water, alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages, telephone charges, and all personal expenses.
- Additional vehicle usages not specified in the itinerary.
- Costs arising from natural calamities, political protests, or any unforeseen events.
- Any increase in taxes or fuel leading to additional expenses in surface transportation and land arrangements, which may occur before or during the trip duration.

! Anything not in inclusions is excluded

## Optional Add-ons

Packages with Deluxe category houseboats can be upgraded to premium or luxury category on payment of differential amount.

Vehicle can be upgraded to a higher category on payment of differential amount.

Entrance tickets for optional activities mentioned in the itinerary can be arranged if requested and paid in advance.

## Payment Policy

25% of total package cost is required for hotel confirmation.

Balance 25% should be paid on or before 30 days of the travel date

Remaining amount to be settled latest at the time of check-in on Day 1.

## Cancellation Policy

All booking cancellation request to be sent as an email.

No refund if booking is cancelled less than 7 days before the tour start date.

25% of the package amount will be charged if cancelled 8 to 15 days before before the tour start date.

50% of the package amount will be charged if cancelled 16 to 20 days before before the tour start date.

75% of the package amount will be charged if cancelled 21 to 29 days before before the tour start date.

Full refund if booking is cancelled 30 days before before the tour start date.

## **Notes**

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The itinerary provides a general overview of the tour. Factors like weather, road conditions, and participant well-being may necessitate itinerary changes before or during the tour.

The rates are applicable for the specified passenger count, travel dates, and hotels with the mentioned meal plans in the quotation. Any may result in corresponding cost variations.

Hotels listed are subject to availability at the time of booking. No reservations have been made as of now.

### ***Accommodation***

Early check-ins or late check-outs are subject to availability and will be charged according to the hotel policy.

Certain hotels offer extra beds in the form of mattresses. In houseboats, additional beds are provided exclusively through mattresses.

### ***Vehicle***

The vehicle is at your disposal only for inter-destination transfers and intra-destination sightseeing and activities as specified in the itinerary

Vehicles provided are air-conditioned. However, please note that the air conditioning may not be operational at certain hill station destinations.

### ***Insurance and Personal Belongings Notice***

We do not provide insurance covering expenses for accidents, sickness, loss due to theft, or other reasons. Visitors are advised to arrange for such insurance in their home country. All baggage and personal property are at the client's risk at all times.

### ***Punctuality and Refund Notice***

Guests are responsible for adhering to the specified timeframes throughout the tour. In the event of a customer missing any part of the tour due to their delay, no refund claims will be entertained.

### ***Disclaimer***

We are not liable for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, machinery breakdowns, transportation issues, weather, sickness, political closures, or unforeseen incidents. We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage related to accommodations, transportation, or services caused by acts of GOD, accidents, breakdowns, wars, civil disturbances, strikes, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.

The distances and travel times indicated in the itinerary are approximate and may vary based on factors such as traffic conditions, transportation mode, weather conditions, and location of the hotel | resort.

## **Travel Tips**

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All guests must carry a photo-identity with an address proof for check-in. Foreign nationals should present their Passport and valid visa. Indian nationals can use any of the following: Passport, Driving License, Voter ID card, or Aadhaar Card. Pan cards are not accepted.

### ***Houseboats***

Check-in time is at 12 noon, and check-out is at 9 AM the following day.

Please plan your departure, considering travel time from your departing destination to the houseboat, and account for potential on-way contingencies.

In Deluxe category Houseboat, A/C will be operational from 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M while in Premium & Luxury categories, AC will be available from check in to check out.

Premium category houseboats feature partial glass coverage, while luxury category houseboats are fully glass covered.

In compliance with government directions, houseboats are not permitted to cruise after evening hours.

The standard menu on the houseboat is non-vegetarian. Please inform us at least 3 days in advance if you have different meal preferences.