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## A Taste of the South



Houseboat on the Kerala backwaters

**DAY 1 - Depart UK.**

**DAY 2 - Arrive Cochin.**

On arrival in Cochin you will be met by a representative of World Discovery outside immigration and customs. You will then be taken by private car direct to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 3 – Cochin Sightseeing.**

Cochin is one of the most charming of India's cities, set picturesquely overlooking Lake Vembanad, separated by a narrow island from the Arabian Sea. This strategic port has been fought over by the Arabs, British, Chinese, Dutch, and Portuguese, each of which has left indelible marks on the city's history. This morning take a tour of Fort Cochin (Kochi), the oldest part of the city, visiting the Dutch-style **Mattancherry Palace**, now a museum, the 16th century **Church of St Francis**, the market area and the distinctive **Chinese fishing nets** that line the entrance to the harbour. The afternoon is at leisure.

**Meals included: Full breakfast.**

**DAY 4 – By road to Lake Periyar.**

This morning your driver will collect you and you will head inland from the Malabar coast towards the lush plantations and spice gardens of the Kerala countryside. Your destination today is Lake Periyar and the adjoining **Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary**. Your hotel is located in Thekkady, close to the entrance to the sanctuary.

**Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner.**

## DAY 5 - Boat ride on Lake Periyar.

An early rise to enjoy a boat ride on Lake Periyar. Although Periyar is officially a 'Project Tiger' reserve, it is very rare to see these magnificent beasts, but you will see lots of birds (there are some 246 species here), bison, wild boars and deer, and there are frequently herds of elephants at the water's edge.. Return to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure.

**Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner.**

## DAY 6 - By road and boat to Coconut Lagoon.

Return east to Kumarakum in the heart of the Kerala 'Backwaters' and transfer by a short boat ride to the **Coconut Lagoon**, located on Lake Vembanad and accessible only by water. This is the perfect base for a few days of relaxation.

**Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner.**

## DAY 7 – Coconut Lagoon.

A day at leisure.

**Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner.**

## DAY 8 – Coconut Lagoon. Depart on Houseboat cruise.

Morning at leisure. In the afternoon board your **private houseboat** for a unique cruise through the tropical channels and lagoons of the backwaters.

**Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner.**

## DAY 9 – Return to Cochin.

Disembark at the town of Alleppey. Your driver will be waiting there to drive you back to Cochin.

**Meals included: Full breakfast.**

## DAY 10 – Depart for home.

Private transfer to the airport for your international flight home.