Incredible Kerala Journeys by TAJ (6 Nights)

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day 1

Delhi - Cochin (Flight) abc

Reach airport on time to Board flight from Delhi to Cochin (UK 881 : 0800 / 1110) Arrival at Cochin Airport, meet with Hotel Rep & transfer to Hotel. Rest of the time is free to relax and enjoy the Hotel facilities. Stay overnight at Hotel.**** Please reach airport atleast 02.30 hrs prior to departure**** In the evening once can enjoy the Sunset Cruise (Optional) and witness the Chinese fishing netsChinese Fishing Nets ,popularly known as Chennawala are the most iconic and popular attractions of Kerala peculiar to Kochi. The Chinese Fishing Nets are basically vast fishing nets which are fixed on bamboo and teak poles. They are then let down into the sea through unique mechanisms and by weighing them down with large stones tied to ropes. These nets are left in the sea before they are pulled back again by tugging the ropes after collecting a significant amount of catch. Considered to be the ingenious way of fishing, these majestic Chinese fishing nets are operated by four to six fishermen and watching this spectacular process is in itself a spellbinding experience.

City: Kochi

Hotel: Taj Malabar Resort and Spa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, No Drink
Time: 03 hours 05 mins

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day 2

Cochin

After breakfast, proceed for Sightseeing Tour covering the Old part of Cochin i.e. Fort Cochin & Mattancherry. which includes St Francis Church, Dutch Palace and Jewish Synagogue in Mattancherry. Stay Overnight at Hotel.Dutch Palace : The Palace was built and gifted by the Portuguese as a present to the king of Cochin around 1545. The Dutch carried out some extensions and renovations in the palace in 1663, and thereafter it was popularly called as Dutch Palace. Today, it is a portrait gallery of the Cochin Rajas and notable for some of the best mythological murals in India, The Jewish Synagogue ,also known as Paradesi Synagogue and is the oldest active synagogue, not just in Kochi but in the Commonwealth of Nations. The synagogue was constructed in 1567 . by Spanish- speaking Jews; therefore, it is also known as ‘Paradesi’ meaning ‘foreigners’. The synagogue could boast of its rare antiques including beautiful chandeliers, clock tower, brass railed pulpit, Chinese hand-painted tiles etc. and striking architecture. St. Francis Church in Kochi, which finely exhibits Portuguese architecture, was constructed in the 15th century by the Portuguese traders. Vasco-da-Gama, the famous explorer, was buried in this church when he died in 1524, on his third visit to India. His remains were moved to Lisbon after fourteen years but his gravestone is still present in the church.

Highlights: Guided City Tour of Cochin

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, No Drink

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day 3

Cochin - Kumarakom (50 Kms / 02 hrs)

Morning after breakfast check out from Hotel and start your drive to Kumarakom situated on the banks of Vembanad Lake, the largest backwater in Kerala, Kumarakom is a small water world with mangrove forests, paddy fields and coconut groves interspersed with waterways and canals. Kumarakom also host a Bird's Sanctuary which is mainly with migratory birds.,on the southern bank of river Kavanar Birds sighted includes Darters, Bitterns, Brahminy Kites, Marsh Harries, Teals and several varieties of Herons roost (except usual birds all are migratory /seasonal birds, hence sightings possible depending on season only) . Upon arrival checked into your Hotel rest of day is free to enjoy the activities offered by Resort. Stay overnight at Hotel.*** Explore backwaters on motor boats / shikara boats , Canoes etc (Optional) *** Experience the renowned Ayurveda Oil Massage of Kerala (Optional)

City: Kumarakom

Hotel: Taj Kumarakom Resort and Spa Kerala

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, No Drink
Time: 02 hours 30 mins

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day 4

Kumarakom

Breakfast at Hotel and rest of day is free to enjoy the activities offered by Resort. Stay overnight at Hotel.*** Explore backwaters on motor boats / shikara boats , Canoes etc (Optional)*** Experience the renowned Ayurveda Oil Massage of Kerala (Optional)

City: Kumarakom

Hotel: Taj Kumarakom Resort and Spa Kerala

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, No Drink

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day 5

Kumarakom - Kovalam (180 Kms / 04.30 hrs)

Morning after breakfast check out from Hotel and start your drive to Kovalam - breathtakingly beautiful - a haven of peace and tranquility - the idyllic tourist destination in God's own country. Kovalam offers an excellent diversity with Kovalam beach to suit all desires and occasions. Three curve shaped beaches, alienated by stony outcroppings, from the major attraction of this coastal resort. Backed by precipitously mounting headlands and covered by fertile coconut palms, the beaches, especially the southern most part of lighthouse beach. It is also lined with a host of shops and shacks offering all kinds of services; creating an unmistakable resort atmosphere. Curio shops, hawkers of Kashmiri and Tibetan products, moneychangers and beachwear shops, between the surplus of restaurants and hotels, do brisk business during peak tourist season..Upon arrival checked into your Hotel rest of day is free to enjoy the activities offered by Resort or relax on the beach. Stay overnight at Hotel.

City: Kovalam

Hotel: Taj Green Cove Resort and Spa Kovalam

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, No Drink
Time: 04 hours 30 mins

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day 6

Kovalam

After breakfast, proceed for Sightseeing Tour covering Padmanabhaswamy Temple and Hawaa Beach & Lighthouse Beach, the shorelines of Kovalam are ideal for long strolls and photographs. Later visit the adjacent market for some amazing street-side shopping. Ensure you shop for the local authentic items for your loved ones. Return back to Hotel and rest of the time is free for relaxation. Stay Overnight at Hotel.Padmanabhaswamy Temple is a centuries-old temple in Thiruvananthapuram dedicated to Lord Vishnu. It is a must-visit spiritual tourist destination for travelers in Thiruvananthapuram, the capital city of Kerala. The eye-catching architecture is the prime attraction of this temple. The temple architecture has the right blend of both Kerala and Dravidian styles. Being one of the sacred 108 Vishnu temples in the country, many Hindu devotees visit this holy place every day. Lord Vishnu, the presiding deity in this temple is in the form of reclining on Anantha, the large hooded serpent.

Highlights: Guided sightseeing tour of Padmanabhaswamy Temple and Hawaa Beach & Lighthouse Beach,

City: Kovalam

Hotel: Taj Green Cove Resort and Spa Kovalam

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, No Drink

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day 7

Trivandrum - Delhi (Flight)

Morning after breakfast, in-time check-out from Hotel and and transfer to Trivandrum Airport to board flight to Delhi (UK 896 : 1130 / 1445)/*** End of the Tour ***

Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink
Time: 03 hours 30 mins
