



TROPICAL ELEGANCE

For 10 days

A tour of utter indulgence, named by National Geographic as one of their “50 Must-See Places Of A Lifetime”. The tour is set at a languid pace and allows you to soak in and gently explore the state’s wealth of nature. Begin at Kumarakom where you can relax or cruise the backwaters. Take a scenic drive up the Western Ghats to Idukki. Your resort is set in a coffee, tea and spice plantation. After a visit to Cochin, end your holidays with a few days on the beach.

DAY 1 | ARRIVE KOCHI (COCHIN)/ DRIVE TO KUMARAKOM

Arrive Kochi (Cochin) today to be transferred to Kumarakom (65 km/2 hours), where accommodation is held from 12 noon. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION

[Connoisseur : Kumarakom Lake Resort](#)

[Explorer : Philipkutty’s Farm](#)

DAY 2 | KUMARAKOM

Take a private rice boat cruise through the backwaters in the morning, disembarking three hours later at Alleppey for lunch and a tour of the town’s old buildings, markets and canals. Return to Kumarakom for an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 3 | KUMARAKOM/ IDUKKI

This morning, drive up Idukki (80 km/2.5 hours), set amidst the cool tea, coffee and spice growing highlands of the Western Ghats. Stay two nights at a private spice plantation.

DAY 4 | IDUKKI

Today’s activities include visits to an organic tea plantation and a famous Ayurvedic medicine making facility, with time at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION

[Explorer : Paradisa Plantation Retreat](#)

DAY 5 | IDUKKI/ KOCHI

After breakfast, drive down to Kochi (145 km/4.5 hours). Take a private harbour cruise this afternoon, and view a performance of Kalaripayattu, a martial art of Kerala.

DAY 6 | KOCHI

Full day at Fort Kochi Island visiting St Francis Church and the Tomb of Vasco da Gama, the Indo Portuguese Museum of Christian Art (closed Thursdays/holidays), the Dutch Palace museum and the Pardesi Synagogue (closed Fridays/ Saturdays). Stroll through the old quarter with lanes, homes and antique shops that are a source of immense fascination.

ACCOMMODATION

[Connoisseur : Taj Malabar](#)

[Explorer : Malabar House](#)

DAY 7 | KOCHI / MARARIKULAM

Morning at leisure for private explorations of Kochi. Early in the afternoon, take a short drive to Mararikulam (45 km/1 hour).

DAY 8 & 9 | MARARIKULAM

Two days at leisure by the sea.

ACCOMMODATION

[Connoisseur : Marari Beach Resort](#)

[Explorer : A Beach Symphony](#)

DAY 10 | MARARIKULAM/DEPART KOCHI

Transfer to Kochi Airport (88 kms/2.5 hours) for your onward flight.

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