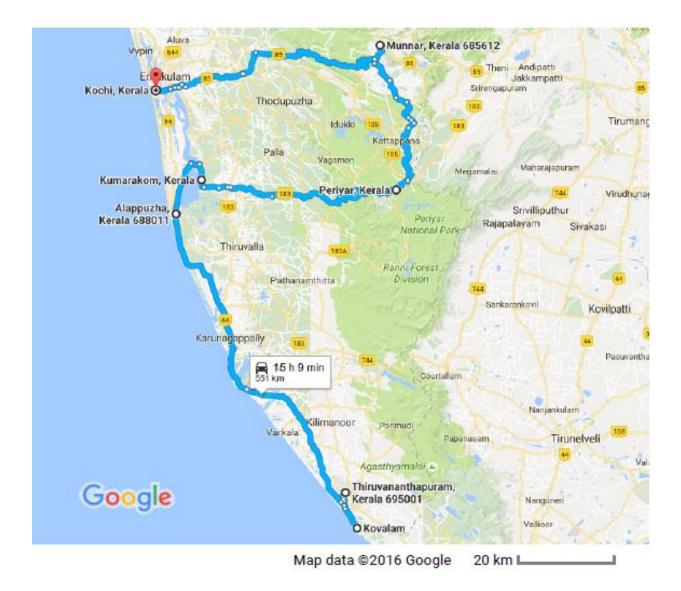
## **Sizzling South Tour: 11 Days**

## Trivandrum – Kovalam – Alleppey – Kumarakom – Thekkday – Munnar – Cochin



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### Day 01: TRIVANDRUM / Kovalam (20 kms appx – 0.5 hrs drive by road)

A warm welcome awaits you at Trivandrum Airport.

In Trivandrum visit **Veli tourist village**, a picnic spot where the Veli Lake meets the Arabian Sea, offers boating facilities. Pedal boats can be hired to explore the charms of the lagoon in a leisurely manner.

Travel to Kovalam by road. Enroute visit **Napier Museum**, **Padmanabha Swami Temple** and **Sree Chithira Art Gallery**. Arrive Kovalam and check-in to the hotel.



Overnight stay at hotel in Kovalam.



## Day 02: Kovalam

After breakfast at hotel, visit The **Light House Beach**, the southernmost beach and the most popular beach which is called as the "Kovalam Beach". The tall red and white striped light house is more or less the landmark of the beach. The light house, which is more than 30 meters high, is open from 2 pm to 4 pm. The view of the beach from the top of the light house

is quite worth the long climb. Also visit the **Marine Aquarium**. This aquarium holds treasures of marine wealth. Lion fish, Star fish, turtle, shark etc are present here. Later in the afternoon visit **Samudra Beach.** You can spot few fishing vessels & ships on the horizon, which is a beautiful sight to see with the sunset in the backdrop.

Overnight stay at hotel in Kovalam.

#### <u>Day 03: Kovalam / Alleppey (165 kms appx – 3 hrs</u> drive by road)

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at hotel. Today travel to Alleppey by road. Reach Alleppey and embark the Houseboat. Cruise around backwater villages of Alleppey. One can move through small narrow canals, lakes & lagoons. Enjoy the scenic sunset cruising on the Kerala backwaters.



Overnight stay at houseboat in Alleppey.

## Day 04: Alleppey / Kumarakom (50 kms appx - 1 hr drive by road)



Breakfast at Houseboat. Disembark at the jetty from the houseboat and travel to Kumarakom by road. Upon

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reaching Kumarakom, Check-in to hotel. After a short rest, you may visit the **Kumarakom Beach**, an ideal place to relax and enjoy various types of beach activities and water sports. Later on visit **Bay Island Driftwood Musuem** where the collection features interesting pieces of wood that have been twisted and shaped naturally by water and then further sculpted at the hands of Ms Punnoose, creating finished works that display a mix of natural and manmade influences.

Overnight stay at hotel in Kumarakom.

#### Day 05: Kumarakom

After breakfast at hotel, visit **Thirunakkara Mahadeva Temple**, situated near the city of Kottayam and is around 500 years old. This temple was constructed by Thekkumkoor Maharaja, with a special building named Koothambalam. The main deity of this temple is Lord Shiva and the temple walls are decorated with beautiful mural paintings. Later on visit **Aruvikkuzhi Waterfalls**, a famous tourist spot. The waterfall falls from a height of more than 100



feet that make irregular noises and is mainly connected with various streams.

Overnight stay at hotel in Kumarakom.

## Day 06: Kumarakom / Thekkady (125 kms appx - 4 hrs drive by road)



After breakfast at hotel, transfer from Kumarakom to Thekkady by road. Arrive, Thekkady and Check – in to the hotel. After resting for a short while, visit **Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary**, which is located on the banks of the artificial Lake of **Periyar**. The National Park is covered with green grasslands and dense forest covers. The wildlife here include Indian tigers, elephants, lion tailed macaques, gaurs, deer,

sambars.

Overnight stay at hotel in Thekkady.

### Day 07: Thekkady / Munnar (90 kms appx - 3 hrs drive by road)

After Breakfast at hotel, drive to Munnar. Reach Munnar and Check –in to the hotel. Rest of the day is free to enjoy the scenic mountain side.

Overnight stay at hotel in Munnar.

Day 08: Munnar

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Breakfast at hotel. Proceed for a sightseeing tour of Munnar. Visit the **Tata Tea Museum** which diligently portrays the growth of Munnar tea estates, veritably conveyed through some of the displays like the rudimentary tea roller to the modern fully automated tea factory. Later visit **Atukkad Waterfalls**, **Echo Point**, **Forest Rose Garden** and the **Anamudi Peak**. In the evening return to hotel.

Overnight stay at hotel in Munnar.

#### Day 09: Munnar / Cochin (135 kms appx – 4 hrs drive by road)

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Cochin by road. Arrive in Cochin and Check –in to the hotel. Rest of the day is free to relax.

Overnight stay at hotel in Cochin.

#### Day 10: Cochin

Breakfast at hotel. Embark on a guided sightseeing of Cochin. Visit the Mattancherry Palace, St. Francis Church, Hill Palace Museum, Chinese Fishing Nets, Jewish Synagogue and Willingdon Island. In the evening return to hotel.

Overnight stay at hotel in Cochin.

### Day 11: Cochin / Back home

Breakfast at hotel. Check-out from Hotel. Transfer from Hotel to Airport to board flight back home.

### **INCLUDES**:

- Transportation as per Itinerary by Standard Air-conditioned Chauffeur driven car
- Hotel accommodation in a Standard Room as per Itinerary for 09 nights and 01 night onboard houseboat.
- 09 nos. Breakfasts at Hotel and 01 no. breakfast onboard houseboat
- 01 no. Lunch and dinner onboard houseboat
- 01 no. Shared boat ride on Periyar lake.
- 01no. shared Safari at Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary.

### **DOES NOT INCLUDE**:

- Meals other than specified above
- Sight Seeing Guides of Foreign language
- Monument Entrance Fees
- Video and Camera Fees
- Expenses of personal nature such as Tips, Drinks, Laundry etc.
- Any other item not detailed in inclusions
- Flights (Domestic / International)

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