

Golden Triangle with Kerala

11 Nights / 12 Days

1N Delhi - 1N Agra - 2N Jaipur - 2N Delhi - 1N Cochin - 2N Munnar
- 1N Thekkady - 1N Alleppey HB

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit in Delhi – Jama Masjid, Rajghat, Qutub Minar, Humayun Tomb
- Rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk
- Visit in Agra – Taj Mahal, Agra Fort & Fateh-pur Sikri
- Visit in Jaipur – Amber Fort, City Palace & Hawa Mahal
- Elephant ride at Amber
- In Cochin, visit to Mattancherry Palace, Jewish Synagogue, spice-market and Kathakali-show
- Trip to Eravikulam National Park, Tea Plantation & Museum, Munnar
- Visit to Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary and Boating, Thekkady
- Stay in Alleppey Houseboat, Kerala backwaters
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Assistance at airport and sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Start From Delhi and End in Cochin

ITINERARY:

Day 01 Arrival in Delhi

Meet our representative upon arrival in Delhi and proceed to your hotel. After reaching, check-in at the hotel and spend rest of the evening at leisure. Overnight stay in Delhi.

Day 02 Delhi - Agra (210 kms / approx. 4 hours)

On arrival in Agra, check-in into your Hotel. Later proceed for Half Day City Tour of Agra. Visit the Red Fort, which was commissioned in 1565 by Akbar. The beautiful yet forbidding structure is a handsome example of Mughal architecture. Later, visit the Taj Mahal ... a mausoleum built as a symbol of Emperor Shah Jahan's devotion to his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. Considered an architectural marvel, its construction took thousands of workers over 21 years to complete. Overnight in Agra.

Day 03 Agra – Jaipur (230 km/approx. 5 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Jaipur and enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri, which was built by Emperor Akbar and is home to many historical buildings. Akbar wanted to make Fatehpur Sikri his headquarters; however, he had to abandon it due to shortage of water. The Tomb of Sheikh Salim Chishti enshrines the burial place of the Sufi saint who lived a religious life here. Today, Fatehpur Sikri is a UNESCO World heritage site. Further drive to Jaipur and check into your Hotel. Jaipur is the gateway to the magnificent and vibrant state of Rajasthan. Evening take a stroll in the markets of Jaipur for the traditional dresses and shoes, curio shops, blue pottery etc. Overnight in Jaipur.

Day 04 Jaipur

Proceed for full-day sightseeing trip of Jaipur, also known as the 'Pink City'. The city of Jaipur is capital to the state of Rajasthan, famous for its colorful culture, forts, palaces, and lakes. Jaipur owes its name to the founder of the city, warrior king Sawai Jai Singh II. Visit the Amber Fort. The best way to explore the fort is to ride up to it on Elephant back. Prominent structures inside the fort are the Diwan-i-Aam, adorned with latticed galleries, the Ganesh Pol, with a beautiful painted image of Lord Ganesh, and the stunning Sheesh Mahal, a hall decorated with thousands of tiny mirrors. Later, stop to photograph the beautiful Hawa Mahal, also known as the "Palace of the Winds." This beautiful façade with its ornately carved latticework windows was designed so the ladies of the palace could look out onto the streets unobserved. Later you will visit the City Palace... again, a synthesis of Rajasthani and Mughal styles. The museums here showcase rare and ancient manuscripts, arms dating back to the 15th century, and costumes of erstwhile royalty. Later, visit

the Jantar Mantar Observatory, comprising geometric devices for measuring time, and tracking stars in their orbits. Overnight in Jaipur.

Day 05 Jaipur – Delhi (250 km/approx. 5 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Delhi and check-in at hotel. Spend rest of the day at leisure. Alternatively you may go for shopping in evening. Overnight stay in Delhi

Day 06 Sightseeing in Delhi

After breakfast, proceed for a full-day tour of Old and New Delhi. This fascinating city has been in existence since the 6th century BC and has seen ups and downs from the rule of the Pandavas right up to the British Raj. Visit Jama Masjid, which is the largest mosque in India, commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan. The courtyard of the mosque can hold about 25,000 worshippers. Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk, the busiest market in Old Delhi...noisy, chaotic and uniquely Indian. You will then drive past to the Red Fort, which was constructed during the rule of Emperor Shah Jahan and served as the residence for the Mughal royal family. It continues to be significant till date, as every Independence Day, the Prime Minister makes a speech from its ramparts as the Indian flag is hoisted. Later, drive past President House and several other government buildings in Edwin Lutyen's Delhi before you head toward Rajghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. This simple memorial marks the spot where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated in 1948. Thereafter, visit Humayun's Tomb, commissioned by Humayun's wife Hamida Banu Begum in 1562. It was the first garden tomb built in the Indian sub-continent where the Persian architect used red sandstone on a large scale. Later in the evening visit the Qutab Minar, which is the tallest brick minaret in the world; it was commissioned by Qutbuddin Aibak, the first Muslim ruler of Delhi. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 07 Cochin

After breakfast, proceed to the airport to board the flight to Cochin. Here, you will be assisted by our representative and transferred to your designated hotel for check-in. Enjoy half day city tour covering Mattanchery Palace- gifted to the king of Cochin, by Portuguese in 1555, about 500 year old Jewish Synagogue, Chinese fishing nets, local spices market followed by colorful performing art – Kathakali Dance. Later in the evening, return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 08 Cochin to Munnar (120 km/approx. 4.5 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Munnar - derived its name from the confluence of the three rivers around which the town grew. Today, it offers beautiful vistas, cardamom and spice plantations, aromatic oil factories, sights of several endangered species and the purple-blue of the Neelakurinji flowers that bloom every 12 years. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel and spend evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 09 Sightseeing in Munnar

Explore Eravikulam National Park, home to various elusive and endangered species. It is a great place to enjoy trekking and offers mind-blowing views of the tea plantations. Later, proceed towards Tea Museum (closed on Monday), which gives an insight to the history of tea plantations of this region. Later visit Mattupetty Dam, Eco Point and Flower Garden. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 10 Munnar – Thekkady (90 kms / approx. 2.5 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Thekkady (Periyar) and on arrival check-in at the hotel. Thekkady is synonymous to uninterrupted hills, rich biodiversity and spice plantations. The place is best known for the Periyar National Park. In the afternoon, proceed for boat-ride at Periyar Lake, and in evening watch traditional Kalari show. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 11 Thekkady – Alleppey (130 kms / approx. 4 hours)

After breakfast, drive to Alleppey and board your houseboat on arrival. Alleppey, "Venice of the East" has a large network of backwater canals that meander through the town, surrounding villages and Vembanad Lake. Overnight on houseboat.

Day 12 Departure from Cochin

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Cochin airport for return flight back home. End of Services.

HOTELS OFFERED:

City	Nights	Category A	Category B	Category C	Meal Plan
Delhi	3	Holiday Inn Mayur Vihar	Park Inn By Radisson	Surya International	CP

Agra	1	Double Tree By Hilton	Four Points By Sheraton	Taj Vilas	CP
Jaipur	2	Four Points By Sheraton	Park Regis	Hotel Libra	CP
Cochin	1	Radisson Blu	Olive Downtown	Cochin Palace	CP
Munnar	2	Tea County KTDC	Grand Plaza	Spice Country Resort	CP
Thekkady	1	The Elephant Court	Citrus Wild Corridor	Peppervine	CP
Alleppey	1	Deluxe Houseboat	Deluxe Houseboat	Premium Houseboat	AP

PACKAGE COST	Category A	Category B	Category C
Cost Per Person when 2 Pax Travelling	INR 57020	INR 50605	INR 45085
Cost Per Person when 4 Pax Travelling	INR 48570	INR 42405	INR 37585
Cost for Extra Adult / Child with Bed	INR 27920	INR 21560	INR 19070

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- 11 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above hotels or equivalent
- Rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort
- Kathakali Show in Cochin
- Kalari Show in Thekkady
- Boat Ride in Thekkady
- Assistance at the airport & Hotel check-in / check-out except Munnar & Kochi
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Entry Fee at the Monuments
- Sightseeing as per itinerary by private tourist vehicle
- Drivers allowances, toll taxes and Govt. Service Tax

PACAKAGE EXCLUSIONS:

- Air tickets and airport taxes
- Items of personal nature like laundry, phone calls, tips to guides / drivers etc.
- Camera / Video camera fees applicable at monuments

NOTE:

- Monuments closed on
- New Delhi – Red Fort on every Monday
- Agra - Taj Mahal on every Friday
- Kochi - Jewish Synagogue will be closed on Friday/Saturday/Jewish Holidays
- Kochi - Mattanchery Palace will be closed on Friday
- Munnar - Eravikulam National Park will be closed in the month of February & March
- Munnar - Tata Tea Museum will be closed on Monday
- Hotel Check in 1400hrs and check out 1200hrs