

JUST KERALA

General information about the tour itinerary and the proposal.

ITINERARY

1. Taking full pre-cautions in dealing with COVID 19 – wearing face mask, use of the sanitizers in public places, keeping social distance as per WHO guidelines.
2. Our services are mindful of hygiene throughout the tour.
3. The itinerary is for all the age group (preferably from 12 yrs to 80 yrs)
4. This itinerary introduces us to cultural, Natural and historical aspect of southern part of India.
5. The itinerary covers the highlights of Northern and Southern Kerala.
6. During the trip, the travel is more on the plains only. There are very less challenges in the itinerary.
7. The time taken to travel mentioned in the itinerary is only indicative – they will vary as the time will depend on the days traffic and road conditions.
8. The pace of the itinerary is neither slow nor very fast.
9. The itinerary can be re-worked as per your interest.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

1. The price is based on 01 paying person in a Single Room and 02 paying persons sharing ONE room
2. The validity of the price is from October 2021 till April 2022
3. This is only an indicative price and will vary under the following circumstances
 - The price is based on the taxes, which are currently applicable. In case there is any change in the taxations, the cost will vary.
 - The price will also vary as per the dates – if they fall during the festival periods, then the cost changes as the destination charges the event or festival supplement
 - Also, due to the festival or event the duration of stay is amended accordingly.

- In some cases, even though the festivals might not take place in the cities included in the itinerary, but could be in a city close by, then also there could be change in the cost.

HOTELS/MEALS

1. The hotels follow the guidelines issued by the Government and World Health Organization to handle COVID-19 – the health, safety and hygiene protocols are followed
 - Mandatory use of Protective gears i.e. masks for all our staff members and suppliers while present at the hotel premises.
 - Regular temperature checks upon entering the hotel
 - Sanitization of personnel, suppliers, associates and guests at all surfaces
 - Deep cleaning and disinfection of lobby areas, guestroom, and restaurants
 - Ensuring social distancing in lobby, restaurant and all such areas
 - Use of hands free sanitizer stations in all areas including restaurant
 - Sanitizing of guest luggage, supplies
2. The hotels included are a mix of modern and heritage in the 3 to 4 star category
3. We suggest the hotels, which has locational advantage - centrally located or close to the monuments
4. The check in time at the hotels are 1400 hrs and check out time varies between 1100 to 1200 hrs
5. The meal plan is Room with breakfast only at all cities except on board the houseboat. The breakfast is buffet and will be served at the coffee shop or at designated area of the hotels. The timings are between 0700 to 1030 hrs (it varies from hotel to hotel).
6. On board the Alleppey Houseboat – Simple breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served

TRANSPORT/DRIVER

We have taken all precautions towards COVID 19 – Hygiene and using mask by our drivers. The vehicle will have hand sanitizers and guests will also be provided with good quality masks.

1. The vehicle included is a MEDIUM SIZED AIR CONDITIONED VEHICLE, which will be comfortable to travel on the Indian roads
2. The vehicles are insured and our drivers are well trained.
3. They are well versed with the roads and the destinations
4. The drivers can understand English at a communicative level, if only spoken slowly.
5. The usage of the vehicle is as per the itinerary
6. When you are on the road using our vehicle – mineral water is with compliments (02 bottles per person per day)

LOCAL GUIDES

1. The guides will be different in each city. They will speak English.
2. They will take you around the city – talk about the city in general, highlight the historical facts of the city, explain the history of the monuments
3. The guide will also explain to you the do's and don't's during the city tour
4. They will be with you during the activity, which has been included during the city tour during-
 - a. Kathakali Dance show at local theatre in Kochi,
 - b. Day hike in Munnar and
 - c. Nature walk at Periyar National Park.
5. There will be no LOCAL guide in Neeleshwar, Kannur, Thekkady, Kumarakom and Alleppey
6. At Thekkady, there will be naturalist for nature walk

ENTRANCE FEES TO THE MONUMENTS

1. We have included onetime MONUMENT FEE to each monument as mentioned in the itinerary
2. The guide will be taking care of the same when he is accompanying you.
3. There are camera fees at each monument – the fees vary from monument to monument and also depends on the model and make of the camera
4. The monuments open in the morning (the opening hours vary from monument to monument) and generally close by the sunset.
5. The tickets will be sold till an hour before the close of the monuments – the guide or our office in each city will guide you about the opening and closing timing of the monument
6. During the visit of some monuments there are restrictions – be it with regards to the dress or restriction on photography, which will be communicated to you by the guide or our respective office.

FEW MAIN ATTRACTIONS DURING THE TOUR

1. Gentle walk along the beach in Neeleshwar
2. Aarti ceremony at Krishna Temple near Neeleshwar
3. Theyyam sacred Dance while in Neeleshwar(**subject to availability**)
4. Visit of Shree Muthappan Temple in Parassinikadavu near Kannur.
5. Kathakali Dance show in local theatre near Kochi
6. Soft Trek with picnic Lunch in Munnar (**trekking guide**)
7. Nature walk in Periyar National Park(**kids below 12 yrs are not allowed**)
8. Experience of overnight stay in a Houseboat near Alleppy backwater
9. Train journey – Indian train journey is an adventure

AIR FARES

1. The flight schedules mentioned in the itinerary are subject to change without any notice
2. The fares will also vary as per the dates.
3. The check in baggage allowance on the flights (Indigo, Go Air, Spicejet, Vistara) are 15 kilos per person per sector. Air India allows 20 kilos of check in baggage allowance

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES (OPTIONAL AT ADDITIONAL COST)

In addition to the activities, which we have included, we can also suggest other activities as per your interest:-

1. Explore Fort Kochi by bicycle in the morning(**start early**)
2. Bamboo Rafting and Hiking in Thekkady(**kids below 12 yrs not allowed**)
3. Jeep safari to Gavi forest in Thekkady(**subject to permission**)