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Day 1: Arrival in Cochin

On arriving Cochin visit Fort Kochi which is famous for its colonial architecture and Chinese Fishing Nets. Explore the Mattancherry Palace which is known as Dutch Palace and explore Jewish Synagogue which is one of the oldest actve synagogues.



Day 2: Cochin to Munnar

Drive to Munnar, a beautiful hill station. Visit Cheeyappara and Valara Waterfalls. Explore Munnar and walk through lush tea plantations. Enjoy visit to Eravikulam National Park which is home to endangered Nilgiri Tahr.



Day 3: Munnar Sightseeing

Visit Eravikulam National Park which is home to endangered Nilgiri Tahr and enjoy boating on the serene waters of Mattupetty Dam. Visit the tea museum and witness the tea making process and end your day with Echo point & Kundala Lake boating. Drive to the highest point in Munnar for a panoramic view of the Western Ghats.



Day 4: Munnar to Thekkady

Depart from Thekkady and visit Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary where one can enjoy boat ride on Periyar Lake to spot wildlife. Take a spice plantation tour in Thekkady to learn about the cultivation of spices like cardamom, pepper, and vanilla. Enjoy a traditional Kathakali dance performance or a Kalaripayattu martial arts show in the evening.



Day 5: Thekkady to Alleppey (Houseboat Experience)

Enjoy ride to Allepey known for its serene backwaters. Take traditiona houseboat and cruise through backwaters of Kerela where you can explore narrow canals and local villages along the backwaters. Enjoy an overnight stay on the houseboat with all meals included.



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Day 6: Alleppey to Varkala

Drive to Varkala, coastal town known for its cliffs and beaches. Visit Janardana Swami Temple which is 2000 year old temple and Sivagiri Mutt, a pilgrimage center founded by the social reformer Sree Narayana Guru.



Day 7: Varkala to Kovalam & Departure from Trivandrum

After breakfast, drive to Kovalam, a famous beach destination. Visit lighthouse beach alongwith hawa beach perfect for sunbathing. Explore Samudra Beach which is a tranquil spot for relaxation and later drive to Trivandrum. In Trivandrum visit Padmanabhaswamy Temple and Napier Museum known for its art and natural history exhibits. Transfer to Trivandrum International Airport or railway station for your onward journey.



Days and visits are on a tentative itinerary basis and can be customised as per the requirments