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Customized Shore Excursion Cochin & Kerala, India

*Prepared especially for Janine Kuhn, party of 2
March 14 - 17, 2012*

Itinerary:

MARCH 13TH, 2012 ARRIVAL COCHIN (CHECK IN TIME 1200 HRS)

In the morning pick up from port and transfer to the hotel. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel. After quick wash and change you will meet for a short tour briefing and begin your half day city tour of Cochin. Places to visit include...

- Dutch Palace at Mattancherry. *(Friday Closed)*
- The Jewish Synagogue at the heart of what is locally called the Jew Town. *(Friday & Saturday Closed)*
- The St. Francis Church, the oldest European church in India.
- The Santa Cruz Basilica, originally built in 1557 by the Portuguese.
- Drive past the Chinese fishing nets which are huge cantilevered nets believed to have been brought to Kochi by Chinese traders.
- In the evening see a Kathakkali dance drama which is a must while in Cochin.

After having visit, return back to the hotel.
Overnight at the hotel. (TEA BUNGALOW)



MARCH 14TH, 2012 COCHIN / PERIYAR
DISTANCE: 93 MILES DRIVING TIME: 03 HRS



After breakfast commence drive to Periyar. **Periyar is South India's most popular wildlife sanctuary** the park encompasses a 26 sq km artificial lake, created by the British in 1895 to provide water to Madurai, and spreads into Tamil Nadu. It is **home to Bison, Antelopes, Sambar, Wild Boar, Monkeys, Langur, a wide variety of birds, and some 7500 elephants**. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel. After quick wash and change have visit, places to visit include...

- *Spice Plantation tour.*

After having visit, return back to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel. (SHALIMAR SPICE GARDEN) **(B)**

MARCH 15TH, 2012 PERIYAR

After breakfast, have a visit...

- *Bamboo Rafting - Have a full day program of **Bamboo Rafting**. This is a dawn to dusk range **hiking and rafting programme through some of the richest forest tracts of Periyar Tiger Reserve**.*

Starting at 8 am from the boat landing, **a mosaic of habitats will be traversed before the party gets into rafts** made of bamboos. The forests are rich in bird life and arboreal animals like giant **langur, squirrel and Nilgiri**. The rafting is for about three hours and one gets a panoramic view of forest-clad hills reflected on the lake. Animals like **elephant, gaur and sambar are sighted keeping close to the edges of the lake**. The team hitchhikes back to the boat landing by about 4 pm. Tea, snacks and packed lunch will be served en route.



After having visit, return back to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel. (SHALIMAR SPICE GARDEN) **(B)**

MARCH 16TH, 2012 PERIYAR / KUMARAKOM

DISTANCE: 72 MILES DRIVING TIME: 02 HRS 30 MINS

After breakfast commence drive to Kumarakom. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel.

- *Rest of the day is free for relax at beach.*

Overnight at the hotel. (ZURI KUMARAKOM RESORTS AND SPA) **(B)**

MARCH 17TH, 2012 KUMARAKOM / HOUSEBOAT / COCHIN DEPARTURE

DISTANCE: 34 MILES DRIVING TIME: 01 AND ½ HRS

After breakfast check out from hotel & board the day cruise for lunch...

- *Day cruise on houseboat for 03 – 04 hrs with lunch.*

Pick up from Jetty point in Alleppey and commence drive to Cochin. On arrival, you will be transfer to the port in Cochin to board the cruise for onward destination. **(B, L)**



END OF TOUR SERVICES

Note: *Tour and Tour Information are subject to change.*

Meals Provided: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner

Key to tour - Items listed in:

Red: The first time in new city/location. Also important tour notes

Blue: Touring Information (also flight/train information if applicable)

Green: Accommodation information

Bold: City names, main tour sites, events

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This Cochin Shore Experience is Available for Only:

| MINIMUM PAYING PAX / VEHICLE USED | PER PERSON PRICE IN US DOLLAR ON TWIN SHARING BASIS. |
|---|---|
| 02 PAX / AC TOYOTA INNOVA | At least two people already going |
| 03 - 04 PAX / AC TOYOTA INNOVA | US \$1,150 PER PERSON |
| 05 - 09 PAX / AC TEMPO TRAVELER | US \$1,090 PER PERSON |
| 10 - 12 PAX / AC MINI COACH | US \$1,045 PER PERSON |
| SINGLE SUPPLEMENT | US \$475 PER PERSON |
| SUPPLEMENT FOR MEALS | |
| ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT FOR HAVING LUNCHESES AT GOOD LOCAL RESTAURANT | US \$60 PER PERSON (03 TOTAL LUNCHESES) (ON FIXED MENU / BUFFET BASIS) |
| ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT FOR HAVING DINNERS AT THE HOTELS IN WHICH THE CAPTIONED CLIENTS ARE STAYING | US \$85 PER PERSON (04 TOTAL DINNERS) (ON FIXED MENU / BUFFET BASIS) |
| LIH SERVICES *** | |
| LIH SERVICES | US \$75 PER PERSON |

THE ABOVE PRICE INCLUDES:

Hotels mentioned below or similar on Bed & Breakfast Basis:

| CITY | HOTEL | ROOM CATEGORY | | MEAL PLAN |
|-----------|---|---------------------------|----|-----------|
| Cochin | Tea Bungalow www.teabungalow.in | Heritage Room | 01 | BB |
| Periyar | Shalimar Spice Garden www.amritara.co.in | Elegant Room | 02 | BB |
| Kumarakom | Zuri Kumarakom Resort & Spa www.thezurihotels.com | Superior Lagoon View Room | 01 | BB |

TRANSPORTATION:

- Complete transportation by an AC Toyota Innova / AC Tempo Traveler and AC Mini Coach as per the case which includes port transfers, hotel transfers, all sector drives and sightseeing as per the program.
- In Cochin, pick up and drop from port + 01 half city tour is included.
- Vehicle at client's disposal from March 14th, 2012 Cochin / Periyar till March 16th, 2012 drop at hotel in Kumarakom.
- Pick up from jetty point in Alleppey and drop at port in Cochin is included.
- One time monument entrance fees during the sightseeing as per the above program are included.
- Services of Local English Speaking Guide during the sightseeing in Cochin only are included.

FEW EXCURSIONS ARE ALSO INCLUDED

- Kathak Kali dance show in a local theatre in Cochin is included.
- Spice Plantation tour in Periyar is included.
- Full day Bamboo rafting activity in Periyar is included.
- Houseboat cruise including lunch for 03 - 04 hours.

IMPORTANT POINTS FOR BAMBOO RAFTING ACTIVITY IN PERIYAR:

- Visitors who are medically fit and aged between 15 - 65 are advised to take the tour. Visitors should be serious nature lovers willing to sacrifice some of the luxuries and comforts of a hotel.
- Location : Thekkady
- Duration : 8 - 9 hrs
- 20 Persons in 2 Groups per day
- Trekking & Rafting from 08:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Rafting 3 hrs. Followed by Trekking 6 hrs.
- Tour ends at 04:00 PM & drop at Boat Landing Point
- Minimum 2 person
- Group sizes vary from 10-20 persons

***** THE LUXURY SERVICES INCLUDES (LIH)**

- All clients would be given the traditional tilak welcome on arrival in India with a garland of roses.
- Hand towels would be in the car for them to freshen up while travelling from one city to the other.
- **A mobile phone with an Indian number will be given during the trip to stay in touch with your near & dear ones and to call up in case of any emergency. This number will be emailed to you two weeks prior to clients' arrival in India.**
- Magazines and daily newspapers would be available for them everyday to browse through while they drive to the next destination.
- Each of these clients will have their personal stationary sets with their names printed on hand made paper.
- Each of them will have with them postcards depicting India, with stamps already on them.
- Maps would be provided with the route clearly marked out for the reference of the clients.
- A specially designed Indian notebook to pen down day's memories.
- Fresh fruits, Mineral water, we would provide soft drinks for the duration of the drives.
- Special gifts at each city.

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THE ABOVE PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Any expenses of personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephones / fax calls etc.
- Any tips to drivers, hotel staff.
- Any local airfares, Visa fee or airport taxes, camera fees.
- **ANY EXPENSES CAUSED BY REASONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL SUCH AS TRAIN – FLIGHT DELAYS / CANCELLATION / RESCHEDULING, ETC AND ANY OTHER SITUATIONS RELATED TO ROAD BLOCKS, ACCIDENTS, MEDICAL EVACUATION AND NATURAL CALAMITIES.**
- Any camera fees.
- Any airfares.
- Any expenses apart from the ones above.

THE PRICE IS SUBJECT TO BE REVISED IF ANY ADDITIONAL TAXES OR HIKE ARE INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

This is not a reservation. Prices not guaranteed until tour is reserved and flights are purchased. Availability and fares are subject to change prior to reservation.

We can also provide travel insurance and other services if needed.

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