

# Malabar Delights

Tropical warmth slows the pace of life from the rush and hubub.

A houseboat in Vembanad Lake

**A** breathtaking vista of silent valleys clothed in the richest green. High in the backdrop of the western ghats are tea plantations, whilst down on the coast nestle palm-fringed beaches. Experience all the highlights of this region that can really be called God's own country.



Kathakali dancer



Tea garden in Munnar



Inscription at the Paradesi Synagogue, Kochi

## ITINERARY

- DAY 01** Arrive Kochi and stay overnight.
- DAY 02** Day tour of Kochi and overnight stay.
- DAY 03** Drive to Munnar and stay overnight.
- DAY 04** Day at leisure in Munnar and overnight stay.
- DAY 05** Drive to Periyar and stay overnight.
- DAY 06** Boat cruise on Periyar Lake. Overnight in Periyar.
- DAY 07** Drive to Kumarakom visiting a tea factory en route. Overnight in Kumarakom.
- DAY 08** Embark on overnight deluxe houseboat cruise on Vembanad Lake and proceed to Alappuzha.
- DAY 09** Disembark Alappuzha, drive to Kovalam for overnight stay.
- DAY 10 to 12** Day free in Kovalam and overnight stay.
- DAY 13** Transfer to Thiruvananthapuram to board flight for onward destination.

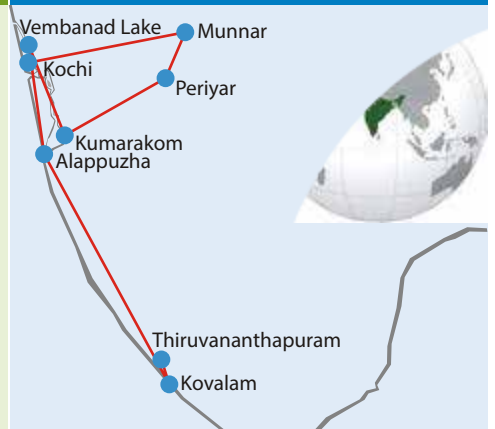
## WHAT, WHEN, WHERE

**Best time to travel**  
September to April.

**Distances**  
Kochi - Munnar: 127km/79miles  
Munnar - Periyar: 47km/29miles  
Periyar - Kumarakom: 110km/69miles  
Kumarakom - Vembanad Lake: 59km/36miles  
Vembanad Lake - Alappuzha: 59km/36miles  
Alappuzha - Kovalam: 159km/99miles  
Kovalam - Thiruvananthapuram: 11km/7miles

**Weather**  
Temperatures vary little throughout the year with average highs between 29° C (82° F) and 33° (91° F) along the coast. It is significantly cooler in the Kerala highlands, hill stations and the higher Western Ghats.

## LOCATION MAP



## TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Our private, tailor-made journeys offer complete freedom of choice. The itineraries shown are designed to give you a flavour of what is possible and can be customised to suit your preferences. Prices vary according to selection of accommodation and season.