



## Route to the Roots

### Day: 1

Location: COCHIN AIRPORT - ST THOMAS MUSEUM - KATHAKALI

Description: Arrival at Cochin International Airport. Transfer to hotel, proceed to The Syro-Malabar Archiepiscopal Curia at Mount St. Thomas, Kakkanad.. Visit the impressive St. Thomas Christian Museum. . In the evening enjoy Kathakali Show (timing will be 5.00 to 6.00 ) Overnight stay in Cochin.

### Day: 2

Location: ST EUPHRASIA TOMB - GURUVAYUR - KODUNGALLUR - PARAVUR

Description: After breakfast, drive to Thrissur to visit the Tomb of St. Euphrasia. visit the Elephant Camp of Punnathurkotta. Enjoy traditional Kerala meals - Ela Sadya ( 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm) . Then drive to Palayur ( 10 minutes drive) to visit the first church build by St. Thomas in AD 52. On the way back to Cochin, visit Kodungallur church and later visit the famous Kottakavu Church. In the evening your chef will introduce you to Kerala Spices and will conduct a session on Syrian Christian cooking in Kerala. Drive to your hotel for overnight stay.

### Day: 3

Location: KUMBALANGI - FORT COCHIN

Description: After breakfast, proceed for village tour in Kumbalangy where you will have boat riding, crab farm visit, see coir yarn making, see coconut leaves weaving, agriculture farm visit and watching Chinese fishing nets etc. After lunch, proceed for sightseeing tour visiting the Mattancherry Dutch Palace -Jewish Synagogue . Also visit St. Francis Church -Indo-Portuguese Museum and Santa Cruz Basilica. Drive back to your hotel for overnight stay.

### Day: 4

Location: MANNANAM - BHARANANGANAM - THEKKADY

Description: Drive to Mannanam to visit the Tomb of St. Elias Chavara and then continue to Bharanamganam to visit the Tomb of St. Alphonsa. Lunch at Pala Olive Hotels and drive to Thekkady and check into your hotel.

### Day: 5

Location: PERIYAR

Description: Enjoy your breakfast and Spice plantation visit at 9.00 am and later Elephant ride. Drive back to the hotel for Lunch and later at 2.30 pm, proceed for boating in Periyar Lake. Later proceed for a ride on the Elephant in the supervision of an experienced mahout. Spice Plantation visit, Trekking, Bamboo Rafting etc can be arranged as per need. Enjoy a Kalaripayattu Show in the evening. Overnight stay is at your resort.

### Day: 6

Location: NILACKAL - NIRANAM

Description: Drive to Nilackal to visit the church build by St. Thomas. Then drive to Niranam and visit the church. Lunch at Thiruvalla and continue to Alleppey and check into the hotel. Overnight stay in Hotel.

Day: 7

Location: ALEPPEY

Description: After breakfast from the hotel, check out from the hotel and enjoy a Chavittunadakam Show. Then also listen to the melodious Puthenpana. Check in to your House Boat and cruise through the Vembanad Lake. Lunch, evening tea and dinner will be served on board. Overnight stay is in the House Boat.

Day: 8

Location: KOKKAMANGALAM - MALAYATTOR

Description: Check out from the house boat after breakfast and drive to Kokkamangalam to visit the Church. Later drive to Malayattoor. Lunch at hotel in Angamali. Drive to Cochin and check into your hotel. Certificate ceremony will be conducted after dinner.

Day: 9

Location: COCHIN

Description: After breakfast, checkout from the hotel and proceed to the airport for overnight stay.