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## THE BEST OF KERALA AND TAMIL NADU

12 days/11 nights

*Awesomely vast, anciently exotic, divinely colourful – India is a mesmerizing portrait of sheer beauty and diversity. Holidays in India are full of surprises and delights designed to enthrall. Come and explore just a part of this enchanting country – discover the charms of the South.*

*Exotic Temples in Tamil Nadu, the French colonial Heritage town of Pondicherry, fabulous Mansions, a wildlife sanctuary visited by boat, lush green hill stations, the back waters of Kerala by traditional Kettuvallam (rice houseboats), and exotic coral islands ..... all have a charm of their own.*

## ITINERARY

### Day 1

### Chennai-Mamallapuram

Reception and welcome at Chennai airport and transfer to your hotel at Mamallapuram.

### Day 2

### Mamallapuram-Chennai/Mamallapuram

Free morning. Spend the afternoon visiting Chennai.

### Day 3

### Mamallapuram-Kanchipuram-Pondicherry

This morning visit Mamallapuram & Kanchipuram and drive on to Pondicherry.

### Day 4

### Pondicherry-Tanjore 231kms – 4½hrs

Visit Pondicherry. Later drive to Tanjore.

### Day 5

### Tanjore-Chettinad-Madurai 210kms – 5hrs

On to Madurai today, enroute visiting the fabulous Chettiar Mansions.

### Day 6

### Madurai

Visit the Lotus shaped Madurai, once the seat of Tamil learning.

### Day 7

### Madurai-Periyar 186 kms – 4hrs

Drive up into the hills to Periyar and enjoy an afternoon boat cruise on Periyar Lake to see the wildlife in the sanctuary.

### Day 8

### Periyar

Free day to relax and enjoy your thatched cottage set in the heart of the Cardamom hills.

### Day 9

### Periyar-Kumarakom

A breathtakingly beautiful sanctuary on the banks of Vembanad Lake.

### Day 10

### Kumarakom-Houseboat

Spend a peaceful day on board a Kettuvallam houseboat today,

**Day 11**

**Alleppey-Cochin**

On to Cochin, visiting the city this afternoon.

**Day 12**

**Cochin**

Transfer to the airport in time for your flight.