



7 Days / 6 Nights Kerala Eco Tours (K003)

Cochin/Periyar/Chinnar/Munnar/Cochin airport

About this tour:

The rainforests of Kerala, punctuated by streams and rivers, make an ideal habitat for a wide variety of flora and fauna. This trip covers tropical evergreen forests, semi evergreen forests, moist deciduous grasslands, shola, high rolling plateaus, dry thorny scrubs, ravines, rugged peaks and rain shadow regions. Various accommodation options, ranging from plantations to riverside resorts, wilderness camps to jungle lodges, and tree houses to eco lodges, are offered.

Day One (Cochin)

Check into a small hotel in Fort Cochin upon arrival. Spend the day at leisure, exploring the city on your own. In the afternoon, go for sightseeing that covers the beach, Jew Town, Old Synagogue, and Dutch Palace. In the evening, watch a Kathakali dance performance at a theatre.

Day Two (Cochin-Periyar)

We drive to Periyar, passing through spice and rubber plantations, and stopping en route at a farm house for lunch. Upon arrival in Periyar, check in to the hotel and relax for the rest of the day.



Day Three (Periyar)

Start the day with a nature trek and bamboo rafting in the biggest protected sanctuary area of Kerala. 63 species of mammals and 323 species of birds can be found here. This activity is subject to availability.

Day Four (Periyar-Chinnar)

Embark on an early morning drive to Chinnar Wildlife sanctuary, located in the rain shadow regions of the High Ranges in the Southern Western Ghats. Open throughout the year, this wildlife sanctuary is famous for wildlife sightings, made easy by its dry deciduous forests. The rocky patches of the undulating terrain add to the sanctuary's scenic splendour. Walk around in this forest at your leisure before retiring for the night in a jungle hut.

Day Five (Chinnar)

Morning activities in Chinnar include trekking and a river trail that takes you through thorny scrub forests, dry deciduous forests, high altitude sholas and wet grasslands. Then, spend the night in a tree house / machan.

Day Six (Chinnar-Munnar)

Embark on the drive to Munnar, where the misty cool hills are covered in vast acres of tea plantations. Visit the tea garden, Tea Museum or just relax with a cup of tea while enjoying the view of the mountains.



Day Seven (Munnar-Cochin airport)

Transfer to Cochin airport to board your onward flight.

How responsible is this tour?

Environmentally: Cochin history walks are basically green in nature, as you walk or hire a bicycle, leaving less of a carbon footprint. Accommodations chosen are small and local, thus creating less impact on the environment. Building materials are sourced locally; concrete is not used. We also request our guests to minimise use of plastic by reusing the same plastic bottle for drinking.

Socially and Economically: In Periyar and Chinnar, the eco-tourist programmes and accommodations are operated by local community members of the Eco Development Committees (EDCs) who receive all profits and benefits directly. Trekking assistants and guides were mostly poachers, and the entire programme in Periyar was designed to rehabilitate them. As one of India's most unique programs in Eco Tourism, this tour supports mainly those people who live on the fringes of the forest as trackers, guides and interpreters, taking care of its resources and wildlife, and providing them with a decent livelihood and dignity.

Sustainable income through responsible tourism ensures increasing interest amongst local community members, which in turn supports conservation of wildlife and forest resources. Poaching, forest fires and illicit liquor brewing in forest areas have been reported by our assistants and trackers, and successfully handled by the authorities.

