

# CLASSIC KERALA



10 NIGHTS  
FROM  
£1,895

*Discover the best of Kerala  
including Cochin, a Backwaters  
Cruise and time on the beach.*

Discover the highlights and relax on one of Kerala's best beaches on a short touring and beach holiday in Kerala.

This classic Kerala holiday begins with two nights in charming Cochin, including a sunset cruise and Kathakali dance show.

From laid-back, cultural Cochin head to Thekkady and experience the best of Kerala's nature and wildlife in Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, including a lake cruise.

From Thekkady head to Kumarakom on the shores of Lake Vembanad. Enjoy the natural setting and take an optional excursion to a bird sanctuary.

No trip to Kerala is complete without a backwaters cruise. The next day is spent on an overnight Houseboat Cruise along Kerala's scenic backwaters.

Finally transfer to Kovalam for 4 nights in a boutique hotel by one of the best beaches in Kerala.



### **Classic Kerala**

- Day 1: UK - Cochin
- Day 2: Cochin
- Day 3: Cochin
- Day 4: Thekkady
- Day 5: Thekkady
- Day 6: Kumarakom
- Day 7: Houseboat
- Day 8: Kovalam
- Day 9: Kovalam
- Day 10: Kovalam
- Day 11: Kovalam
- Day 12: Trivandrum - UK

# CLASSIC KERALA

## Day 1: UK - Cochin

Overnight flight from the UK to Cochin.

## Day 2: Cochin

On arrival at Cochin you will be met and transferred to your hotel with the afternoon at leisure.

In the evening enjoy a sunset motorboat cruise past Cochin's famous Chinese fishing nets.

Overnight: Cochin

Meals: Breakfast included

## Day 3: Cochin

After breakfast, enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour of Cochin covering the Dutch Palace, the Jewish Synagogue and St. Francis Church.

Enjoy the afternoon to relax or explore Cochin independently. In the evening enjoy a wonderful Kathakali dance show.

Overnight: Cochin

Meals: Breakfast included





*Cochin's famous fishing  
nets at sunset.*

Cochin was an important spice trading centre on the west coast of India from the 14th century onward, and maintained a trade network with Arab merchants from the pre-Islamic era...

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## Day 4: Thekaddy

After breakfast, drive to Thekkady, the land of unending chains of hills and spice scented plantations.

In the afternoon, visit the spice plantations and Kumily town.

Overnight: Thekaddy

Meals: Breakfast included



## Day 5: Thekaddy

Enjoy the morning at leisure or opt for an easy walk through the forest or for an elephant ride.

In the evening, take a boat safari on Lake Periyar. Lake Periyar is the only sanctuary in India offering boat safari.

Overnight: Thekaddy

Meals: Breakfast included





*Enjoy the best of Kerala on a  
Backwaters Cruise.*

During the cruise, it's possible to stop for a short walk through the nearby villages and enjoy local life. Meals are served on board.

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## Day 6: Kumarakom

After breakfast, drive to Kumarakom in Kerala's backwaters. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure or try an Ayurvedic Full Body Massage at the resort.

Overnight: Kumarakom  
Meals: Breakfast included

## Day 7: Backwaters

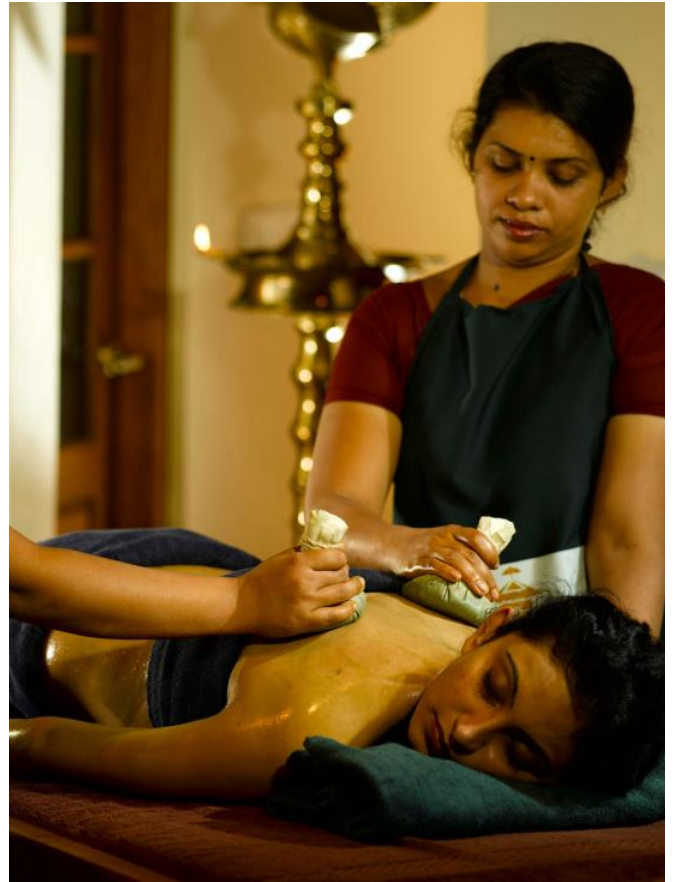
In the morning, take an optional visit to the nearby Bird Sanctuary or relax in the tranquil surroundings.

Just after midday check into a Houseboat for an overnight night cruise towards Alleppey.

Alleppey has large networks of canals and is the centre for backwater cruises in Kerala.

During the cruise, it's possible to stop for a short walk through the nearby villages and enjoy local life. Meals are served on board.

Overnight: On Board  
Meals: All Meals included



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## Day 8: Kovalam



Arrive in Alleppey around 9:30 am and after a relaxing breakfast on board proceed to Kovalam.

En-route, visit the attractions in Trivandrum, a city built over seven hills.

Visit the Padmanabhaswamy Swamy Temple, the Puthen Maliga Museum (Horse Palace), Napier Museum, and the Sree Chitra Art Gallery.

Overnight: Kovalam

Meals: Breakfast included

## Days 9 - 11: Kovalam



Enjoy time at leisure in your boutique hotel by the beach in Kovalam.

There are other beach options for this part of the trip so just ask us if you prefer to stay in a different beach destination.

Overnight: Kovalam

Meals: Breakfast included



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## Day 12: Trivandrum - UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

## Day 13: UK

Arrive back in the UK (or on day 12 depending on flight schedule).



A Journey Into Kerala

# Discover God's Own Country

The state of Kerala in the South west of India on the tropical Malabar coast is one of the most picturesque regions of India offering great Indian Ocean beaches, a sophisticated culture, back-water canals and lakes and traditional plantations growing exotic spices.

Kerala offers a variety of attractions, including serene beaches, tranquil stretches of emerald backwaters, lush hill stations and exotic wildlife.

Waterfalls, sprawling tea plantations and paddy fields, Ayurvedic spa treatments, cultural monuments and an exotic cuisine all add to the delights of a Kerala holiday.

Kerala's history is closely linked with its commerce, which until recently revolved

around the spice trade. Celebrated as the Spice Coast of India, Kerala played host to traders from across the world including Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Chinese, Portuguese, Dutch, French and the British, almost all of whom have left an imprint on this land in some form or the other.

This Classic Kerala itinerary encompasses relaxing days by the beach, time in historic and atmospheric Fort Cochin, a backwater cruise through Kerala's scenic backwaters and some cultural activities such as the famous Kathakali dance.

This Kerala journey is entirely tailor made, with your own private driver and guide. Things can be adjusted as you wish to suit your budget and interests so just let us know your preferences.

December to February is generally considered the best time of year to visit Kerala, with lower temperatures and generally settled weather. February to May sees high temperatures and humidity. June to September is the main 'monsoon' season with higher rainfall, with the lighter North West monsoon continuing until December.

A visa is required for all UK passport holders travelling to India. These can be obtained easily via an online application. We can assist by providing details.

A holiday to Kerala can easily be combined with a stop in Dubai or an onward trip to Sri Lanka or the Maldives.



Kerala is divided into three geographical regions: Highlands, which slope down from the Western Ghats onto the Midlands of undulating hills and valleys into an unbroken coastline with many picturesque backwaters, interconnected with canals and rivers. The Western Ghats are nowhere more than 120 km from the sea.

Kerala is one of India's most progressive states in terms of social welfare and quality of life.

The State boasts of one of India's highest literacy rates, highest life expectancy and lowest child mortality rates. The literacy rate for women is one of the highest in all of Asia.



# EXTEND YOUR TRIP



DELHI, AGRA, JAIPUR

## ADD ON THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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5 nights from  
£745 pp

Discover the best of northern India on this short tour including Delhi, Jaipur and Agra - India's so called 'Golden Triangle'.

Begin in the bustling market area of Old Delhi before exploring the great monuments of India's capital city.

From Delhi board the train to Agra and see the Taj Mahal, the great Moghul monument to love.

Complete your 'Golden Triangle' Tour of India with 2 nights in the Pink City of Jaipur.

This tour or iconic northern India makes a great combination with a tour of Kerala.

# EXTEND YOUR TRIP



INDIAN OCEAN EXTENSION

## ADD ON THE MALDIVES

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3 nights from  
£445 pp

With its coral fringed lagoons and palm fringed white sand beaches, like so many specks of turquoise, green and white in the vast expanse of the Indian Ocean, The Maldives offers the blue print for a romantic beach holiday.

A Maldives extension to this Kerala trip can offer the ultimate in barefoot luxury, a romantic boutique hideaway or a luxury over-water villa, with the turquoise lagoon as your own private pool.

The Maldives makes a simple and very attractive add-on to this Kerala holiday - just ask us how.

# DATES & PRICES

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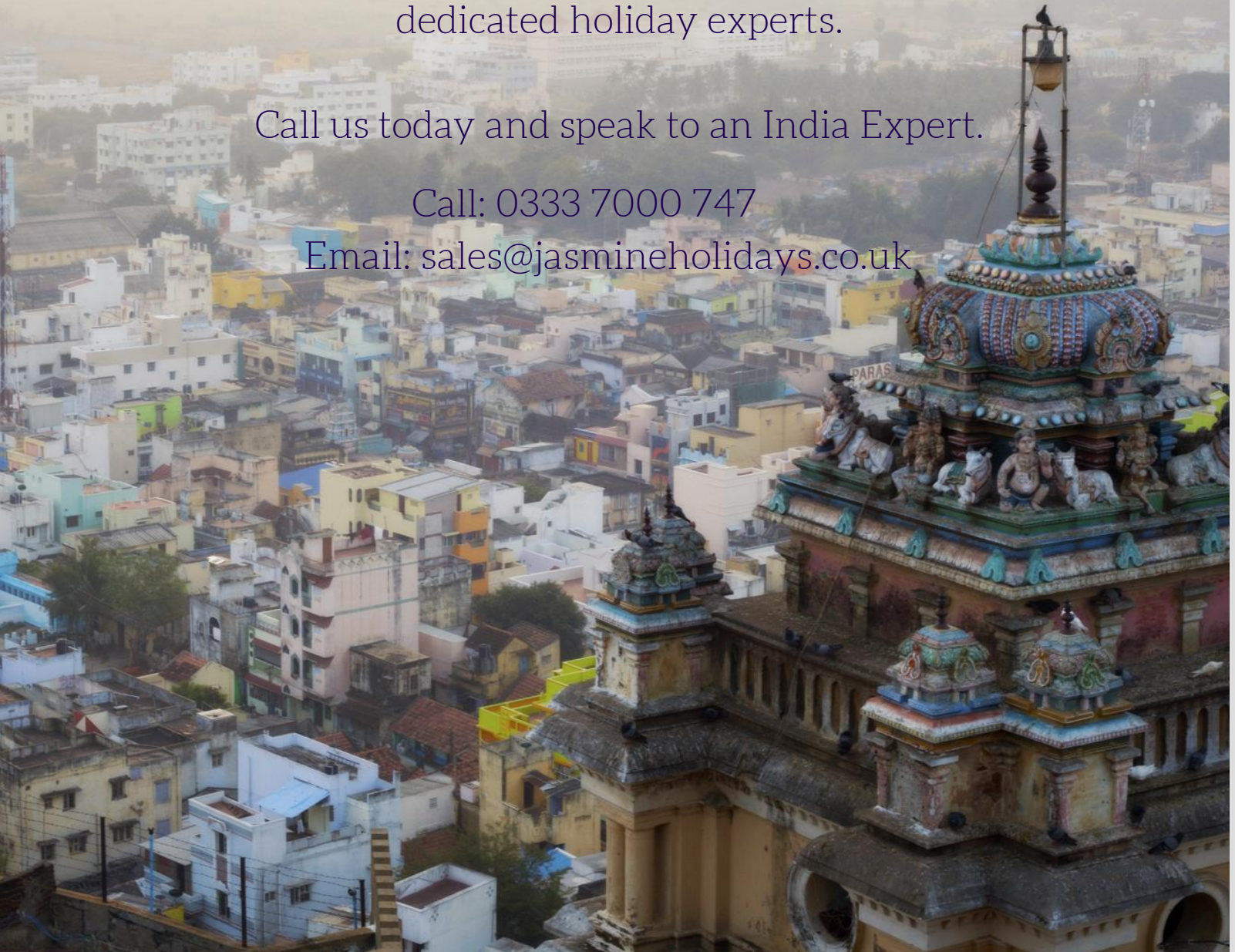
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