

"Pre Congress Senators Kerala Tour"

24th Oct – 30th Oct 2018

Wednesday, 23rd Oct:

Arrive → Cochin

Please note delegates to book their flights arriving Cochin airport on 23rd Oct evening (anytime arriving after 1700 hrs until early morning of 24th Oct)

Upon reaching the hotel, check into your rooms.

Cochin or Kochi, a cosmopolitan city and the financial capital of Kerala is also a bustling commercial port, and one of the major tourist destinations in the country. Cochin has been drawing traders and explorers to its shores for over 600 years, mainly for the spice trade. Nowhere else in India could you find such an intriguing mix: giant fishing nets from China, a 400-year-old synagogue, ancient mosques, Portuguese houses and the crumbling remains of the British Raj.

On arrival at Cochin International airport, after clearing your immigration and customs, you will be met by our local representative and will transfer you to your hotel in Cochin.

Overnight in Cochin.

Thursday, 24th Oct:

Cochin

After breakfast at hotel, set out for sightseeing of Cochin.

Leave to Jew Street which is famous for the **Jewish Synagogue and Jew Town**. The synagogue, built in 1568, is magnificently decorated by Chinese tiles and Belgian chandeliers. Giant scrolls of the Old Testament can be found here. Thereafter visit the **Dutch Palace** in Mattancherry. (Jewish Synagogue - Open: 10.00 am – 12.00pm, 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Closed on Friday /Saturday & Jewish holidays) (Dutch Palace - Open: 10.00am – 5.00pm. Closed on Fridays).



Lunch at local restaurant.

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There after Free time in the **Jew Street**. It is fascinating & vibrant Narrow Street with many shops selling handicrafts, souvenirs, Antiques & Ethnic Garments. Later, transfer by Tuk Tuk to witness **Chinese Fishing Nets**.

Late evening witness a show of **Kathakali**, the traditional art form of Kerala at the cultural centre. Also witness the Kathakali make-up, which is the slow metamorphosis of mortals into immortal deities and demons. A lengthy affair, the process takes two-three hours to complete. Doing the facial using natural pigments like manayola, actors turn themselves into mythical being step-by-step. And as the brilliant head-gear fixed on their human heads, they become larger than life realities.

Dinner & Overnight in Cochin.

Friday, 25th Oct: Cochin ~ Thekkady (160 kms/04 Hrs 30 Mins)

After breakfast check out from the hotel and proceed to Thekkady.

On arrival, check into your hotel. Later Lunch at hotels restaurant.

Periyar (Thekkady) Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the well-maintained wildlife sanctuaries of South India and is spread out over an area of 777 sq Kms. The splendid artificial lake formed by the Mullaperiyar dam across the Periyar River adds to the charm of the park.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Dinner and Overnight in Thekkady.

Saturday, 26th Oct: Thekkady

Breakfast at the hotel and proceed for **Spice Plantation tour**.

This tour will introduce you to the numerous varieties of spices for which India is famous since ages. The guide will offer insight on the native spices, tea and coffee plantations of the region.

Lunch at spice plantation or local restaurant.

Rest of the day free for optional activities like ayurvedic massage, visit local market etc..

Dinner and Overnight in Thekkady.

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Sunday, 27th Oct: Thekkady – Kumarakom (140 Kms /04 Hrs)

After breakfast, we proceed to Kumarakom. On arrival at Kumarakom check in to the hotel.

Kumarakom is a sleepy little village on the banks of the "Vembanadu Lake." This place is known for its bird sanctuary later visit **bird sanctuary**.

In the evening we experience a sunset motor boat cruise on the Vembanda Lake.

Dinner and Overnight in Kumarakom.



Monday, 28th Oct: Kumarakom – Alleppey (33 Kms/1 Hrs)

This morning breakfast at the hotel, then check out from hotel and proceed to Alleppey.

On reaching Alleppey enjoy a **houseboat ride** on the majestic Vembanad lake. Cruise through narrow canals and experience the local life style of people residing on the banks of lake Vembanad. Also enjoy a traditional lunch.

Later transfer to your hotel.

Dinner and Overnight in Alleppey.



Tuesday, 29th Oct: Alleppey – Cochin (60 Kms/ 01 Hrs 30 Mins)

After breakfast at the hotel check out and proceed to Cochin.

On arrival at Cochin, check in at hotel.

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Free time for shopping

Dinner and Overnight in Cochin.

Wednesday, 30th Oct: Cochin → Goa (by Flight via Bangalore)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Cochin airport to board your flight to Goa via Bangalore.

Depart Cochin **0620 hrs** by **6E 269**
Arrive Chennai **0735 hrs**

Depart Chennai **1115 hrs** by **SG 3105**
Arrive Goa **1315 hrs**

On arrival at Goa airport, you will be welcomed by our local representative and will be transferred to your hotel.

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COST/TERMS & CONDITIONS

Name of the Tour: Pre Congress Senators Kerala Tour

Accommodation:

Sector	5 Star Hotels	Nights
Cochin	Casino or Similar	02
Thekkady	Mountain courtyard or Similar	02
Kumarakom	Laksong or Similar	01
Alleppey	Punnamada resort or Similar	01

Validity and rates:

Period	Per person cost on double or Twin occupancy
24 th Oct – 30 th Oct 2018	USD 509

Supplement cost for Single room occupancy	USD 199
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Package Includes:

- Accommodation in above mentioned hotels or similar on Full board basis (breakfast, Lunch and dinner) starting from breakfast on 24th Oct and ending with breakfast on 30th Oct.
- All transfers and sightseeing by A/C vehicles as per the itinerary.
- All entrance/ASI fees to sightseeing places and monuments as per the itinerary.
- Services of a GOITTO approved language speaking guide at sites of interest..
- Spice Plantation visit in Periyar.
- Alleppey house boat ride with Lunch.
- Airfare Cochin – Bangalore - Goa in economy class.
- Porterages at airports & hotels
- Services/Assistance of our local representatives at the airports.

Package Excludes:

- Govt applicable taxes extra
- Expenses of personal nature such as tips, laundry, telephone calls, etc
- Any other expenses unless other specifically mentioned under package includes.

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