

# GOLDEN TRIANGLE WITH GOA & KERALA

#### **Places Covered:**

2N Delhi- 1N Agra- 2N Jaipur- 3N Goa- 1N Cochin- 2N Mummar- 1N Thekkady- 1N Alleppey- 2N Kovalam

# **Description**

The **Golden Triangle with Goa and Kerala** is the combination of some of the best tourist destinations of India. While on this tour you would get a chance to explore Delhi. And excursions are scheduled for all major tourist hotspots. As you move further to the next leg of the journey in Agra. And visit Epitome of love, The Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Enjoy the tours to major tourist attractions in the pink city-Jaipur, covering the Amber fort, City Palace, Royal Observatory, the Hawa Mahal and Jal Mahal etc.

Towards the latter stages of the tour, visit pristine beaches of Goa which attracts the beach loves from all around the globe. At the final stage of the tour, you would get a chance to visit "God's Own Country"- Kerala. Visit the Tea plantations of Munnar, Periyar Wildlife Tiger Reserve on a jeep safari in Thekkady. Visit the bird sanctuary in Kumarakom. Cruise along the famous Vembanand lake of Alleppey.

When you book a trip to do the **Golden Triangle with Goa and Kerala** you gift yourself a gift. Walking barefoot on the beaches, and exploring the lush green landscapes. For a few days to relax.

**Note:** This is just a suggested itinerary indicative of what could be possible. We tailor holidays for your specific needs. Kindly <u>contact us</u> if you want modifications in this itinerary. So that we could tailor a holiday to suit your requirement for an unforgettable tour.

# **Itinerary**

#### Day 01: Arrival Delhi





On arrival at Delhi airport, meet our representative who will be there for your welcome and afterwards to drive you to the prebooked hotel in Delhi. Relax and overnight stay in Delhi.

## Day 02: Delhi

In the morning after breakfast, leave for a long tour through the capital city. Start with the Laxmi Narayan Temple and then proceed to India Gate- a cenotaph commemorating Indian martyrs, Parliament House, Rashtrapati Bhavan and Jama Masjid -India's largest mosque. Visit the Qutab Minar, historical, Humayun's Tomb, Purana Quila and Jantar Mantar observatory. Pay homage at Raj Ghat, Mahatma Gandhi's memorial. Later, witness the vivacious Light & Sound Show at Red Fort, a striking beauty in red sandstone. Return to hotel for overnight stay. Overnight stay in Delhi.

#### Day 03: Delhi to Agra

Morning after breakfast proceed for Agra. Enroute, halt at Sikandara to visit one of the finest creations of the Mughals; named as Sikandar, it is actually the mausoleum of the Great Mughal ruler, Akbar. After this, continue your journey to Agra. Upon your arrival at Agra, check in to the pre-booked hotel. Rest for a while and then you would be taken on the city tour of Agra. First in the list would be the Wonder Of The World, the Taj Mahal. In the latter half visit the majestic Agra Fort and Itmad-ud-Daula's tomb. Both of these structures hold great significance for the city's heritage. Evenings will be free for shopping. Overnight stay in Agra.

#### Day 04: Agra to Jaipur

In the morning after breakfast proceed to Jaipur popularly known as The Pink City. En-route, halt at the World Heritage Site of Fatehpur Sikri, city that was laid down by Mughal Emperor Akbar. Later continue journey to Jaipur. Upon your arrival at Jaipur, check in to the pre-booked hotel. Rest for a while following which you would be taken on a sightseeing tour of Hawa Mahal, City Palace and the Famous world heritage site – Jantar Mantar. In the evening, indulge in shopping at the vibrant local bazaars. Overnight stay in Jaipur.

#### Day 05: Jaipur sightseeing

Morning after breakfast you on a sightseeing tour of the magnificent Amber Fort a UNESCO world heritage site. You'll have an option to take a short elephant ride up to the fort (at your own cost). The rest of the day is free for you to explore the Pink City. Evening at leisure. Overnight stay in Jaipur.

#### Day 06: Jaipur to Goa

Morning after breakfast check out hotel and transfer to Jaipur airport to board the flight to Goa. Upon arrival check-in hotel. Rest of the day is free at leisure. During your free time you can go out for stroll at nearby beaches. Overnight stay in Goa.

#### Day 07: Goa

Post breakfast you go on an excursion to North Goa. There are a few beaches in North Goa which are very popular among tourists including Calangute beach, Baga Beach, Dona Paula and Miramar. You can stroll around these beaches and enjoy the special time with your loved one.





Also enjoy water sports activities like snorkeling, scuba diving, jet-skiing, and banana boat ride at your own cost. Also visit Fort Aguada and the ancient churches in Old Goa. The beautiful churches in Goa are a perfect amalgamation of Indian and Portuguese architecture. After that return to the resort and have a sumptuous dinner and stay overnight.

## Day 08: Goa

Start the day with a delicious breakfast and head towards the beaches of South Goa. Some of the popular attractions are the Santa Durga Temple, Colva Beach, and Mangeshi Temple. Take a long walk on the golden sand of Colva Beach on a moony evening. One can also enjoy the nightlife in Goa and relish the fascinating sightseeing of the dazzling places. One can also take part in water sports activities. Later return to the resort followed by dinner and overnight stay.

## Day 09: Goa to Cochin

Post breakfast, transfer to the domestic airport of Goa to board the flight to Cochin. Upon arrival at Cochin airport/ railway station, meet with our representative and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon city tour of Cochin to visit Dutch Palace (Built by the Portuguese), Jew Town, the 1568 Jewish Synagogue, spice market, where the air is filled with the pungent smell of spices, St. Francis Church and Chinese fishing nets. The evening holds a show of Kerala's most popular classical dance. Overnight stay at Cochin.

#### Day 10: Cochin to Munnar

Morning after breakfast you will be transferred to Munnar. Munnar is located at the confluence of 03 rivers as the very name signifies. The sprawling tea plantations and picturesque towns make Munnar a popular hill resort town in South India. Enroute visit Cheyyapra waterfalls, Valara waterfalls, Attukadu waterfalls, Spice plantations etc. On your arrival at Munnar you will be transferred to the hotel. . Evening at leisure. Overnight stay in Munnar.

#### Day 11: Munnar

In the morning after breakfast, start the sightseeing of Munnar visiting the tea plantations, Tea Museum, the Eravikulam National park home of the endangered Niligiri Thar (Ibex), followed by visit to the Mattupetty dam, the Kundala Lake and other scenic spots. Overnight stay at the Hotel.

#### Day 12: Munnar to Thekkady

Morning after breakfast transfer to Thekkady. Thekkady has one of the world's most fascinating natural wildlife reserves noted for its geography, diverse wildlife and scenic beauty. Arrive Thekkady and check-in at Hotel. Later afternoon boat ride on the Lake Periyar where one can have a unique experience of viewing wildlife at close quarters from the safety of a boat on the lake. The greatest attraction of Periyar, however are the herds of wild elephants that come down to play in the lake (Wild life viewing is always dependent on one's good fortune). Overnight stay at thekkady.

#### Day 13: Thekkady - Alleppey

We start off early for a boat ride at the Lake Periyar, head straight to Alleppey and on the way

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visit Kumarakom which is home to the rubber plantations and a beautiful bird sanctuary. Later proceed to Alleppey. Alappuzha or erstwhile Alleppey is a true splendour of Kerala. It is a tiny district of Kerala and looks like the place that has come straight from God's own paintbrush. Often deemed as the 'Venice of East' by many travellers, this backwater state is also home to diverse range of animals and birds. Alleppey is simply the most magical place on the earth. On your arrival, you will be transferred to the resort. Houseboat. If you opt for the House Boat which is world's major tourist attraction you can relax while the boat cruises through the narrow serene backwater canals of Alleppey. We can see here in breathing green, the village slumbers by the Vembanad Lake. On cruise scenery flashes up vivid contrasts of lush green and deep blues. As the boat glider along the gorgeous green of the fringed palms the ripples in the blue water blend in to little wavelets. Lunch, Evening Tea/ Coffee with snacks, dinner all are provided inside the houseboat. Overnight stay will provide on House Boat. **Note:** 

- The cruise commences at 1230 hrs with lunch served on board and continues till dusk. At dusk the boat will anchor in a wide waterway or lake for the night (The backwaters close to boat traffic at dusk as the fisherman lay their nets in the backwaters. Other boats are not allowed to ply in the backwaters after dusk. On the following day the cruise commences again after breakfast and the guest will be dropped at Alleppey by 0900Hrs. Overnight stay at Houseboat.
- Houseboat check in at 12Noon and cruises till 5PM, Boat will be anchored till 8AM and cruises till 9AM for checkout
- For A/C Houseboat, A/C will be operating from 9PM till 6AM only (All houseboat related inclusions are applicable only if the Itinerary is including Houseboat stay)
- Cruise Time: 6 hrs.
- Bed Rooms: 01, 02 or 03 Bedroom as per room occupancy
- Boarding @: 12.00 pm
- A/c will be operational from 09.00 PM to 06.00 AM with deluxe boats/ full time with premium boats.

#### Day 14: Alleppey - Kovalam

Morning after breakfast check out from the hotel/ houseboat and proceed to Kovalam. Kovalam is a beach town by the Arabian Sea in Thiruvananthapuram city, located around 16 km from the city center. Kovalam means a grove of coconut trees and true to its name the village offers an endless sight of coconut trees. It is also known as the paradise of the south. Upon arrival check in to hotel near the beach upon arrival. Day free to spend at leisure on the beach. Enjoy playing with the golden sands or take a swim in the shallow water. A soothing sunbath is a perfect option to unwind. The more adventurous ones can enjoy thrilling beach sports. An Ayurvedic massage can also be availed (optional). Evening transfer to hotel. Overnight stay at Kovalam.

## Day 15: Kovalam

After breakfast drive to Trivandrum, arrive Trivandrum and take city tour of Trivandrum. The main attraction is Padmanabhaswamy Temple, one of the 108 pilgrimage sites for the Vaishnavites. The exquisite carvings on its 400 pillars is notable. Evening transfer to hotel. Afternoon free for leisure on beaches. Overnight stay at Kovalam.



## Day 16: Kovalam to Trivandrum/ Cochin (Departure)

Morning after breakfast check out from the hotel and our representative will drop you at Trivandrum / cochin airport for onwards destination.

#### **Inclusions**

- Assistance on Arrival & Departure.
- Accommodation in well appointed hotels.
- All transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle.
- Meals as per plan in the hotels.
- Toll, parking, driver Bhatta, fuel, taxes etc.
- All applicable hotel taxes.

#### **Exclusions**

- Domestic/International airfare.
- Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips. Liquor & joy rides.
- Guide Charges & Entrance Fees other than the places mentioned.
- No flight is on hold yet, increase or decrease in flight rates is to be borne by the client.
- Any other item not specified in "Cost Includes"
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, which is directly payable on the spot).
- Travel Insurance.

#### Terms & Conditions

- Bookings are subject to availability with the hotel, train fare and airfare.
- Vehicle as per the itinerary Not on Disposal.
- Bluberry Holidays will provide alternate or similar category of hotel in case the hotel mentioned in program is not available.
- All cancellations & amendments will be done as per hotel policy.
- The package cannot be combined with any other offer.
- The guest must carry photo identification like Passport/Driving License/Voter ID Card IN ORIGINAL at the point of check in at the hotel.