

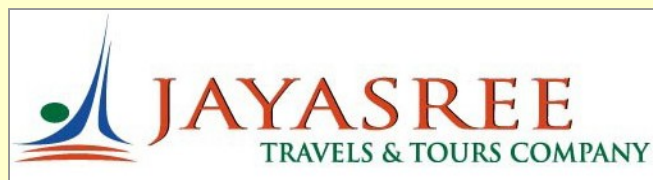
# TRIANGULAR ELEMENTS

(12 nights / 13 days)

Delhi, Agra, Jipur, Delhi  
Kochi, Thekkady, Kumarakom,  
House Boat, Kovalam

*A combination of the South & North of India  
and includes important elements of India Tourism.  
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## Tour Itinerary

### **Day 01: ARRIVAL - KOCHI**

Arrival at Kochi International Airport. Meet, greet and assist at the airport, and transfer to hotel / resort. Evening, visit the Kathakali centre for watching the Kathakali dance. Overnight at the hotel / resort.

### **Day 02: KOCHI**



Morning - proceed for the sightseeing of Kochi city, which takes you to Mattanchery Dutch Palace\*, St. Francis Church (the oldest European church in India), the Chinese fishing nets - living symbols of centuries old Chinese influence along the coast and the Spice Market, taking in views of Kochi's quaint harbour. Overnight at the hotel / resort.

\*Closed on Friday and Public Holidays

### **Day 03: KOCHI - THEKKADY**

Morning – departure for Thekkady by road. On arrival check in at the hotel / resort. Evening - depart to Periyar wildlife sanctuary and enjoy a boat ride on the Lake. Then visit the Kumily spice market. Overnight at the hotel / resort.



### **Day 04: THEKKADY - KUMARAKOM**

Morning - proceed for the plantation visit and later drive to Kumarakom. Afternoon check in at the hotel / resort. Overnight at the hotel / resort.

### **Day 05: KUMARAKOM - ALAPPUZHA**



Afternoon check in at the Houseboat for a day cruise and proceed to Alappuzha. Take a journey through the scenic backwaters with typical Kerala meals served on board. It is an incredibly different experience to cruise in the backwaters on houseboats absorbing the beauty of Kerala villages. The scenery flashes up vivid contrasts of breathtaking greens and deep blues. A journey through the curving and winding backwaters of Kerala is an experience of returning to nature. The fully furnished Houseboat takes

one to a fascinating cruise at a leisurely and relaxing pace. Evening check out from the houseboat and transfer to hotel / resort in Alappuzha.

### **Day 06: ALAPPUZHA – THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - KOVALAM**

After breakfast, transfer to Kovalam, the world-renowned beach of Kerala situated 16 km south of Thiruvananthapuram and is one of the best beaches in India. On account of its natural location, it affords facilities for safe sea bath. A rocky promontory jutting into the sea renders the beach safe for sea bathing even in rough weather.





Afternoon, you will be whisked off for a city tour of Thiruvananthapuram; the capital of Kerala and it is a city with a blend of both ancient and modern architecture. You will be visiting Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the Palace Museum, Napier Museum, the Art Gallery and the Handicraft Institute. Later proceed to Alappuzha. Late afternoon arrival at Alappuzha and evening at leisure. Overnight at the hotel / resort.

#### **Day 07: THIRUVANANTHAPURAM – DELHI (by Air)**

Morning proceed to Thiruvananthapuram Airport in time to check in for flight to Delhi. Meeting and assistance on arrival at Delhi Airport and transfer to the hotel for overnight stay.

#### **Day 08: DELHI - AGRA**

Morning - sightseeing of New Delhi. Visit the 12th century Qutab Minar, gracefully hand-carved for its entire height of 234ft, and the iron pillar, which has withstood the ravages of time and not rusted even after 1500 years. Visit the mausoleum of emperor Humayun - a forerunner of the Mughal style of architecture and the imposing modern Lakshminarayan temple. Drive past the India Gate (war memorial dedicated to the lives laid down by the Indian soldiers), the President's residence (formerly the Viceroy's Palace), Parliament House and the Secretariat buildings, - an interesting blend of the Victorian and 20th century architecture. Later drive to Agra. 204 Kms. Away & 4-5 hours drive. On arrival, check in at the hotel resort and overnight.



#### **Day 09: AGRA**

Morning - sightseeing tour of Agra. Start by visiting Agra Fort. In Fort visit the Diwan-E-Am (House of commons), mosques within Fort and royal pavilions like Macchi Bhavan, Shah Jahani Mahal & others. Several of the buildings are made of pure marble with beautiful carvings. To cool off the rooms, the walls are hollow and filled with running water. The balconies of these pavilions offer clear view of Tajmahal & Yamuna river flowing next to it. Later drive on to world famous Taj Mahal built by Shah Jahan in 1653 in memory of his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. This architectural marvel is a perfectly proportioned masterpiece fashioned from white marble that stands testimony to the skill of 20,000 craftsmen brought together from Persia, Turkey, France and Italy and who took 17 years to complete this ' Love Poem in Marble'. (Friday closed). Overnight at the hotel.



### Day 10: AGRA - JAIPUR

Morning - Leave Agra by road for Jaipur en route visiting Fatehpur Sikri - 221 Kms. & 5-6 hours drive. Located 40 Km from Agra, the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri was built by Emperor Akbar in 1569, in honour of the great Saint Sheikh Salim Chisti who blessed Akbar and prophesized the birth of three sons to the heiress Emperor. Akbar used Fatehpur Sikri as his capital and the city was occupied for 14 years but slowly became deserted and ruined after Akbar left the city. Scarcity of water was the prime factor for the abandonment of this beautiful city. Visit the remarkably well preserved, graceful buildings within the 'Ghost City' including the Jama Masjid, tomb of Salim Chisti, Panch Mahal Palace and other palaces that speak of the grandeur and splendour of the Mughal empire at the height of its power. Later continue the drive to Jaipur. On arrival, check in at hotel and overnight.



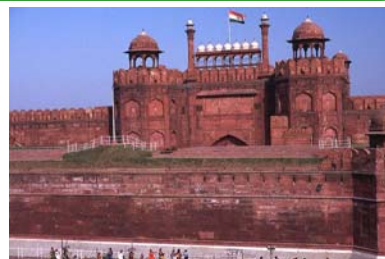
### Day 11: JAIPUR

Morning - excursion to Amber fort. Amber is a classic, romantic Rajasthani Fort Palace. The rugged, time-ravaged walls of the Fort may not look beautiful from outside, but the interior is a virtual paradise. Miniatures painted on the walls depict hunting and war scenes, apart from festivals. Precious stones and mirrors are embedded into the plaster. Inside the Jag Mandir is the famed Sheesh Mahal - a room with all the four walls and ceiling completely embedded with glittering mirror pieces, which were specially imported from Belgium during that period. En route to Amber Fort, you will have a brief photography stop at Hawa Mahal - the Palace of Winds.

Afternoon - sightseeing tour of the city visiting Maharaja's City Palace, the former Royal residence, and part of it converted into a museum. A small portion is still used by the Royal family of Jaipur. Built in the style of a fortified campus, the palace covers almost one-seventh in area of the city. One of the major attractions in the museum is the portion known as Armoury Museum housing an impressive array of weaponry-pistols, blunderbusses, flintlocks, swords, rifles and daggers. The royal families of Jaipur once used most of these weapons. Later visit the Jantar Mantar, which is the largest stone and marble crafted observatory in the world. Situated near the gate of the city palace, the observatory has 17 large instruments, many of them still in working condition. Overnight at the hotel.

### Day 12: JAIPUR - DELHI

Morning - drive back to Delhi. 265 Kms & 5 hours drive. Afternoon visit Old Delhi. Visit the Raj Ghat (memorial to Mahatma Gandhi), Jama Masjid, - The largest mosque in India. Drive past Chandi Chowk, once an imperial avenue of Mughal Royalty, which today is the busiest commercial area of the city. Walk through Chandni Chowk to savour the ambience of an oriental bazaar. Overnight at the hotel.



### Day 13: DELHI

Transfer to Delhi Airport for your return flight.

#### **Highlights of the package:**

Meet, greet and assist at the airport, Welcome drink upon arrival, Accommodation on twin sharing basis with breakfast, Private car with driver at disposal for entire trip, Flexibility to choose arrival and departure points.

#### **Excludes:**

Airfares or any related taxes, Expenses of personal nature