



22 February 2018:

New Delhi (1 night in Delhi)

Overnight in Delhi where we will all meet.

23 February 2018:

Delhi to Agra via private coach (1 night in Agra)

Following breakfast, we will drive in a private coach to Agra, which takes approximately 3 hours from our hotel at Delhi. We will visit the Red Fort, an imposing red sand stone fortification that was the stronghold of the Mughals. It was from the Red Fort that the Mughals ruled and controlled the empire for many centuries. There will be time and guidance/suggestions for both lunch and dinner. Evening free.

24 February 2018:

**Agra to Delhi via private coach, then fly from Delhi to Cochin
(2 nights in Cochin)**

Experience the Taj Mahal at sunrise! (Approximately 6:00am) We will check out of our hotel at 8:00am as we head to Delhi Airport by private, air-conditioned bus (drive will take 4-5 hrs and boxed breakfasts will be provided.) Our flight to Cochin will depart out of Delhi at 4:05pm.

Upon arrival at the Cochin airport, we will be met by our private driver and transferred to our boutique hotel. There will be time and guidance/suggestions for both lunch and dinner. Evening free.

25 February 2018:

Cochin

Following breakfast, we will embark on a sightseeing tour of Cochin! Cochin entices with a rich cultural legacy and has been a key trading post throughout the centuries. We will visit the Jewish Synagogue which dates back to the 13th century and stroll the streets nearby where houses out of the 17th century Dutch and traditional Kerala styles stand tall. We'll pay a visit to St. Francis Church - the oldest European Church in India – and marvel at its antiquities. We will then venture to the Portuguese Cemetery to visit the Vasco Di Gama burial site.

We will then attend an evening performance of the world-renowned Kathakali dancers, Kerala's highly evolved classical form of dance, drama and music dating back 400 years! Enjoy the eccentric dress of the performers and the way they color themselves with products collected from natural resources. There will be time and guidance/suggestions for both lunch and dinner. Rest and relax overnight in Cochin.

26 February 2018:**Alleppey Lakes and Lagoon Houseboat (Overnight on Houseboat!)**

Following breakfast we will check out of our Cochin hotel, and journey to Alleppey, the scenic town popularly known for its outstanding backwaters, beach and lush natural beauty (drive approximately 2 hrs). Arrive at our houseboat and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure cruising over the picturesque backwaters. Sit back and enjoy the beautiful views, vast stretches of the fields, swaying coconut trees and traditional villages, unchanged for centuries. Enjoy Lunch, evening tea and coffee with snacks and delicious dinner on the houseboat. Rest peacefully overnight on the Lakes and Lagoon Houseboat. (all meals included on this day)

27 & 28 February 2018:**Cherthala (2 nights)**

Enjoy breakfast, followed by check out. We will journey (approximately 45-minute drive) to our award-winning Ayurvedic resort. This lovely Ayurvedic Spa overlooks the backwaters and has a luxurious treatment center that offers traditional Ayurvedic treatments. Our days here will be devoted to restoration, with optional daily treatments (typically two a day). Optional: You will begin with a personal one-on-one consultation with an Ayurvedic doctor who will determine your 'dosha' and then suggest a protocol of treatments and dietary recommendations to bring balance and purification. During your free time you can relax by the pool or explore nearby villages and temples.

01 March 2018:**Departure Day**

Morning breakfast, followed by hotel check outs and departure for Cochin international flights home or north to Delhi. Our adventure concludes here...

*****Itinerary is subject to minor changes*****