

BIKE HIKE & KAYAK IN KERALA

Handcrafted Tour

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DAY 01: KOCHI

Arrive at Kochi airport. Meet and greet upon arrival with Warm Welcome garlanding with fresh marigold flowers and transfer to hotel for check in. Stay Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 02: THATTEKKAD

After breakfast, you will begin cycling towards the foothills of the Western Ghats and the lowland forests of Thattekkad. You will cycle approximately 55 kms, through a countryside that evolves from towns to rubber plantations, paddy fields and spice gardens. You will be cycling till the lowland forests at Thattekkad, on the banks of the Periyar River, the longest river in Kerala. You will be staying at the secluded Hornbill Camp, which is a birder's paradise and is located on the riverside, surrounded by coconut groves and spice plantations. The Hornbill Camp, where you will be staying has large airy cottage tents with comfortable beds and en-suite bath. Your night will be echoing with the peaceful sounds of the forest, allowing you to rest after a day of cycling.

DAY 03: MUNNAR

Today, after breakfast, you will set off again, along the Periyar riverbank, through the dense low altitude forests of Neriyanagalam. These are the forests where reed is extracted for manufacture of traditional household items like baskets and mats. The scenery slowly changes from dense forests to large rubber estates, small farms of spices like pepper and cardamom and finally tea estates. You will lunch at Adimali and cycle the rest of the way to the hills of Munnar or take a lift in the vehicle that is accompanying you. Munnar is a popular summer resort these days and is home to some of the world's highest tea plantations. The view is filled with forests, redwood trees and mountain peaks, making it an ideal holiday destination. Your stay at Munnar will be in a family owned estate bungalow, and it will bring you some well deserved rest after the day's gruelling cycling.

DAY 04: CAMP

Today, your adventure will be a trek through the highest areas of the Western Ghats near Munnar home to diverse wildlife. Your trek will begin at an altitude of 1500m, and will gradually walk upto 2600m, accompanied by guides and porters. You will pass through the high altitude rain forests of this region, the Sholas (high altitude cloud forests). The Sholas interspersed with grasslands are typical of this area. The wildlife includes elephants, the endangered Nilgiri Tahr, the sambar deer and the sloth bear. After a good trek, you will set up camp at an altitude of around 2200m.

DAY 05: SURYANELLI

After a field breakfast, you will start early in the morning and head towards Meesapulimala, the second highest peak in the Western Ghats. Your trekking path will take you through the typical Sholas and grasslands, with flowing mountain streams. Once you reach the peak, you can take a well deserved break and feast on the breathtaking view. The world's highest tea estate, Kolukkumalai, is visible from here. This trek gives you the great opportunity of moving through routes that are off most tourist trails. You will continue and complete your trek by descending to the camp at Suryanelli.

DAY 06: PERIYAR TIGER RESERVE

Today, you get to hop on your cycles again! You will cycle around the Anaerangal Lake – literally meaning 'the lake where the elephants come down'. The cycling route is along meandering mountain roads that have a host of forests and estates of cardamom and other spices. The presence of the numerous cardamom estates have given these hills the name, the Cardamom Hills. Your destination is the Periyar Tiger Reserve, where you will check into an eco lodge. This famous wildlife reserve has large herds of Asiatic elephants, the Indian Bison, as well as Tigers. There are also over 330 species of birds, including the majestic Great Hornbill. You will also get the opportunity to interact with the locals and observe their lifestyles, before retiring for the day after the long cycling day of over 80 Kms.

DAY 07: PERIYAR TIGER RESERVE

The Mannans are among the oldest indigenous group of people to inhabit the Periyar Tiger Reserve. As late as the 1940s, they lived in the remotest areas of the Tiger Reserve. Their lifestyles were simple, and they made their living by fishing and cultivating a few crops. Today, they are the main conservators of the forest. You will get to walk and talk with them, as they will help you discover the tropical rain forests and wildlife. You will also gain some insight into their interesting way of life.

DAY 08: VAGAMON

The ninth day of your adventure holiday in India sees the hill town of Vagamon as your next destination. Today is a full day cycling journey, over a beautiful mountainous countryside of forests, small villages, tea estates and spice plantations.

DAY 09: ALLEPPEY

Today you will be riding all the way down to the plains and ride on the flat roads towards Kerala famed backwaters. Here a cruise has been arranged for you on the rice boat. It is a luxurious way to see the backwaters and the life by the backwater countryside. You will explore the villages along this region, cruise past ancient temples, paddy fields, lagoons and lakes. Your overnight stay will be on the rice boat itself, which is quite luxurious as it is air-conditioned and has an en-suite bath and toilet.

DAY 10: KAYAKING THROUGH THE BACKWATERS

You will be starting your kayaking adventure today. You will paddle through the famed backwaters, exploring the lagoons and the lakes. The vast expanse of water, the friendly people, and their lifestyles which you get to experience up close is bound to create memories to remember. You will settle into the backwater villa, which is a small cozy family owned resort in the midst of the backwaters!

DAY 11: DEPART

This day marks the end of the Bike, Hike and Kayak in Kerala tour and you will be transported to the airport, with fond memories of your exciting activity holiday in India.

COME AND DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF BIKE HIKE & KAYAK IN KERALA

This rural cycling and backwater kayaking in Kerala is a multi activity adventure for those in search of an active short holiday in Kerala & for those who enjoy the flavour of rural Kerala. The highlights of the tour are the back road cycling and the thrill of kayaking through the tropical maze of the backwater waterways of Kerala!

Tour Highlight

- ★ Cycling towards the foothills of the Western Ghats
- ★ Trek through the highest areas of the Western Ghats
- ★ Cycling around the Anaerangal Lake – literally meaning 'the lake where the elephants come down'
- ★ Kayaking through the backwaters



Our Special

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