



Tour Name : Kochi to Goa - The Malabar Coast

Duration ; 08 Nights / 09 Days

About the tour:

The Southern part of the coast from Goa to Kanya Kumari is called Malabar Coast. This part of the coast is not as rocky as the Konkan Coast. All along the coast sand bars have been formed by the sea-waves. The sea waves bring sand with them and deposit it along the coast. These sand bars prevent the water of the small streams from going to the sea. As a result backwaters or lagoons have been formed along this shore. This picturesque strip of coast is peppered with picture-postcard beaches, fishing villages, magnificent ruined forts and temples.

Outline Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive Cochin

On arrival at Cochin airport assistance and transfer to hotel.

Later city tour of Cochin historical city monument. Prime monuments include St. Francis Church (the first European church built in India), The Paradeshi Synagogue (the oldest of the commonwealth), the Mattancherry Palace (built by Portuguese and gifted to Kochi Maharaja). Activities include harbor cruises through the backwaters, Kathakali (A classic Kerala Drama) and Kalaripayattu shows (Keralan Martial Art) at local theaters. Overnight at hotel.

Day 02: Cochin - Day Cruise in the Backwaters Canals at Alleppey (60km/ 1hr one way)

Breakfast at hotel drive to Alleppey a backwater town. The backwaters here are serene and beautiful. Alleppey is referred to as the Venice of the East, due to canals, backwaters, and lagoons. Boats are the main mode of transportation here. You can see a lot of boats around, Shikara boats, small motor boats, passenger boats, cargo boat, and houseboats. Alleppey leads in coconut fiber production and makes different products out of coconut fiber like that of floor mats, coir ropes, handicrafts and a lot more.

Board a houseboat from here and enjoy the cruise through the enchanting backwaters. Houseboat comprises double/ twin bed room, with attached bathrooms, running water, and a lounge area in which to relax and enjoy the sights on the shore. Start sail through scenic backwaters, passing through one of the few areas in the world where farming is done below sea level.

After 4hr cruise and lunch on board enjoy 1hr shikara ride (kanoy boat) in the narrow backwaters.

Evening back to Cochin. Overnight at hotel.

Day 03: Cochin - Guruvayoor - Kozhikode (190km/ 4hr)

Breakfast at hotel drive to Kozhikode enroute visit Guruvayoor Temple a pilgrimage town. It's known for centuries-old, red-roofed Guruvayur Temple, where Hindu devotees make offerings

of fruit, spices or coins, often equivalent to their own weight. Nearby, Mammiyur Mahadeva Temple contains shrines to the deities Vishnu and Shiva. South of town, St. Thomas Church is believed to have been established by the apostle St. Thomas in 52 AD.

Arrive Kozhikode (Calicut) the land of Zamorins, a prominent city in the Malabar and check in at hotel. Kozhikode is a coastal city, it was a significant spice trade center and is close to Kappad Beach, where Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama landed in 1498. The central Kozhikode Beach, overlooked by an old lighthouse, is a popular spot for watching the sunset. Inland, tree-lined Mananchira Square, with its musical fountain, surrounds the massive Mananchira Tank, an artificial pond. The city has some of the known martial art houses where you can witness an authentic form of Kalaripayattu (Martial art from Kerala). A few Kilometres away from the town is Beypore, where Arabian Dhows are still made of wood for the sheiks of the Arabian world. Overnight at hotel.

Day 04: Kozhikode - Thalassery - Kannur - Bekal - Mangalore (250km/ 5hr)

Breakfast at hotel drive to Mangalore enroute visit Thalassery, Kannur & Bekal.

Thalassery one of the strategic centers of the British India, there have been several Anglo-Indian wars fought at Thalassery. The Thalassery Fort that overlooks the sea stands as a mute witness to all these wars fought.

Further drive to Kannur and visit 16th-century St. Angelo Fort, once occupied by European colonial forces, show the city's significant role in the spice trade. Housed in a former palace, the Arakkal Museum highlights Kerala's one Muslim royal family.

The Historic Bekal fort appears to emerge from the sea. Almost three quarters of its exterior is in contact with water. Bekal fort was not an administrative centre and doesn't include any palace or mansion. An important feature is the water-tank, magazine and the flight of steps leading to an observation tower built by Tipu Sultan. Standing at the centre of the fort, this offers views of the coastline and the towns of Kanhangad, Pallikkara, Bekal, Kottikkulam, and Uduma. Its solid construction resembles the Thalassery Fort and the St. Angelo Fort at Kannur built by the Dutch.

Continue drive to Mangalore check in at hotel. Visit the Marvel of Mangalore St. Aloysius Chapel located at the St. Aloysius College. The interior of the chapel is completely hand

painted by Italian Jesuit Antonio Moscheni in 1899. The doors and windows of the chapel are closed as part of preserving the paintings, and photography is prohibited. Overnight at hotel.

Day 05: Mangalore - Udupi - Gokarna (235km/ 5hr)

Breakfast at hotel drive to Gokarna enroute visit Udupi.

Udupi known for its Hindu temples, including the huge, 13th-century Sri Krishna Temple, which houses a statue of Lord Krishna and attracts many pilgrims. Nearby, the ancient Anantheshwara Temple is dedicated to the god Shiva. The Corporation Bank Heritage Museum features coins dating from 400 BC, plus stamps and displays about India's banking industry.

Continue drive to Gokarna the holy temple town on the west coast of India and check in at hotel. The Mahabaleshwar temple is a pilgrim center and visiting Gokarna is considered holy for Hindus. Gokarna beach is a hippy paradise. Overnight at hotel.

Day 06: Gokarna - Karwar - Goa (235km/ 5hr)

Breakfast at hotel drive to Goa enroute visit Karwar a port city in the South Indian state of Karnataka. It's known for beaches like Rabindranath Tagore Beach, with dive spots, and black-sand Tilmati Beach to the north. The INS Chapal (K94) Warship Museum, in a former missile boat, has artifacts and videos on the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971. The hilltop Sadashivgad Fort has a temple dedicated to the goddess Durga, plus views of the Kali River and Arabian Sea.

Continue drive to Goa a popular tropical beach destination in India on the Arabian sea coast. The whole of the Konkan coast has almost the same weather and climate. The monsoons are torrential in Goa and the shores are filled with coconut groves and sandy beaches. Until 1961, Goa was a colony of Portugal and an Indo-Portuguese cultural element is very much evident here. On one side you see a lot of crowded beaches, bars, discotheque, pubs and restaurants, which is the most happening part of Goa. But on the other side, South Goa is pristine, calms, rustic, agrarian, and nature oriented. Food is awesome in Goa, the Vindaloos, Cafreals, are some of the lipsmacking masalas in which meat and vegetables are cooked. Goan pork sausages are like hanging beads, you can see them if you get a chance to visit the markets.

Goan fish curry rice, Rava fried fish, Kaju Feni & Limca, Kokum & Bibinca are all authentic to Goa. There is much more in Goa than sun, sand and sea. Overnight at hotel.

Day 07: Goa

Breakfast at hotel full day city tour of Goa. Visit Basilica of Bom Jesus A World Heritage Site. The Basilica of Bom Jesus is famous for the preserved mortal remains of St. Francis Xavier. Se Cathedral dedicated to St. Catherine of Alexandria is largest church in Asia with giant bells and exquisite architecture. Church of St. Francis of Assisi built during 1517-1521 AD a stunning and charming building, architecture has a combination of Hindu and Christian elements. Church of St Augustine Ruins 46 meter high tower, built in 1602 with the combined efforts of 12 Augustinians. They also built a convent besides the church. Church of Marry Immaculate Conception one of the most famous landmarks of Goa. This church is supposed to be one of the earliest churches to be constructed in Goa. A walk through Fontainhas, A Colourful Portuguese Colony for an eccentric experience. The state was once a Portuguese colony and still has many beautiful reminiscent of the Portuguese era. One of such places is located in the capital city of Panjim. Fontainhas area, near Ourem Creek in Panjim, has the Latin quarters of the Portuguese colonists. The Hindu Brahmins of Mala area co-exist here with the Indian Christians. Though most of these colourful houses in this Portuguese Colony are converted into heritage hotels and cafes, many houses can still be seen inhabited by the Goan Christians. You can enjoy the view of the colourful quarters from the beautiful terrace café of the hotel. The heritage hotel has also preserved some of the rosewood furniture of the bygone era and some of the century-old whisky bottles. The heritage building is thus a must-see place for any heritage lover.

Rest time to relax on the beach. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08: Goa

Breakfast at hotel. Visit South Goa temples and drive thru few famous beaches.

Sri Bhagawati Temple supposed to be over 500 years old and is dedicated to Goddess Ashtabhuj. The temple is constructed in a grand style and the entrance is flanked by two statues of elephants. Shri Shantadurga Temple dedicated to the Goddess known as Shantadurga who is known to be a peaceful form of Goddess Durga. The temple is

constructed beautifully and is located amidst scenic landscapes. Shri Mangesh Temple this beautiful temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. The lovely temple attracts lots of devotees and the architecture of the temple follows every norm of the traditional Hindu architectural style.

After sightseeing hopp of to some beautifull beaches. Rest time free and easy to relax. Overnight at hotel.

Day 09: Goa - Departure (flight)

Breakfast at hotel. As per flight schedule transfer to airport to board flight for onward destination.

Price details:

Price using 3 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020										
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)			
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person		₹212,676	€ 2,836	\$3,272	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person		₹139,772	€ 1,864	\$2,150	₹109,993	€ 1,467	\$1,692	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person		₹118,461	€ 1,579	\$1,822	₹110,852	€ 1,478	\$1,705	₹84,098	€ 1,121	\$1,294
4 person		₹114,037	€ 1,520	\$1,754	₹105,322	€ 1,404	\$1,620	₹79,674	€ 1,062	\$1,226
5 person		₹104,603	€ 1,395	\$1,609	₹93,529	€ 1,247	\$1,439	₹70,240	€ 937	\$1,081
6 person		₹104,147	€ 1,389	\$1,602	₹92,960	€ 1,239	\$1,430	₹69,784	€ 930	\$1,074
7 person		₹98,821	€ 1,318	\$1,520	₹86,303	€ 1,151	\$1,328	₹64,459	€ 859	\$992
8 person		₹94,827	€ 1,264	\$1,459	₹81,310	€ 1,084	\$1,251	₹60,464	€ 806	\$930
Child 5-11yrs		₹17,088			€ 228			\$263		
Child below 5yrs		Free								
H B supplement		₹6,949			€ 93			\$107		
Additional night in Cochin		₹5,147	€ 69	\$79	₹2,574	€ 34	\$40	₹2,206	€ 29	\$34

Price using 4 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020										
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)			
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person		₹242,824	€ 3,238	\$3,736	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person		₹152,272	€ 2,030	\$2,343	₹109,993	€ 1,467	\$1,692	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person		₹130,961	€ 1,746	\$2,015	₹110,852	€ 1,478	\$1,705	₹100,324	€ 1,338	\$1,543
4 person		₹126,537	€ 1,687	\$1,947	₹105,322	€ 1,404	\$1,620	₹95,900	€ 1,279	\$1,475
5 person		₹117,103	€ 1,561	\$1,802	₹93,529	€ 1,247	\$1,439	₹86,466	€ 1,153	\$1,330
6 person		₹116,647	€ 1,555	\$1,795	₹92,960	€ 1,239	\$1,430	₹86,010	€ 1,147	\$1,323
7 person		₹111,321	€ 1,484	\$1,713	₹86,303	€ 1,151	\$1,328	₹80,684	€ 1,076	\$1,241
8 person		₹107,327	€ 1,431	\$1,651	₹81,310	€ 1,084	\$1,251	₹76,690	€ 1,023	\$1,180
Child 5-11yrs		₹30,471			€ 406			\$469		
Child below 5yrs		Free								
H B supplement		₹9,338			€ 125			\$144		
Additional night in Cochin		₹7,353	€ 98	\$113	₹4,044	€ 54	\$62	₹3,676	€ 49	\$57

Price using 5 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020										
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)			
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person	₹345,397	€ 4,605	\$5,314	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹210,618	€ 2,808	\$3,240	₹114,478	€ 1,526	\$1,761	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹184,821	€ 2,464	\$2,843	₹110,852	€ 1,478	\$1,705	₹136,672	€ 1,822	\$2,103	
4 person	₹180,397	€ 2,405	\$2,775	₹105,322	€ 1,404	\$1,620	₹132,248	€ 1,763	\$2,035	
5 person	₹170,963	€ 2,280	\$2,630	₹93,529	€ 1,247	\$1,439	₹122,814	€ 1,638	\$1,889	
6 person	₹170,507	€ 2,273	\$2,623	₹92,960	€ 1,239	\$1,430	₹122,358	€ 1,631	\$1,882	
7 person	₹165,182	€ 2,202	\$2,541	₹86,303	€ 1,151	\$1,328	₹117,032	€ 1,560	\$1,800	
8 person	₹161,188	€ 2,149	\$2,480	₹81,310	€ 1,084	\$1,251	₹113,038	€ 1,507	\$1,739	
Child 5-11yrs	₹42,088			€ 561			\$648			
Child below 5yrs	Free									
H B supplement	₹19,912			€ 265			\$306			
Additional night in Cochin	₹16,176	€ 216	\$249	₹8,088	€ 108	\$124	₹6,618	€ 88	\$102	

Note: Euro & USD prices are subject to change in case of any fluctuation in currency exchange rate. Please check the currency exchange rate of the day for exact price in your currency. In any case our INR price will remain unchanged and shall be treated as final price.

Included in price:

- Garland welcome and assistance at airport
- 8 Nights/ 9 Days accommodation in mentioned hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast at hotel.
- Day cruise in Alleppey includes lunch on board
- Bottled drinking water in car
- Private English speaking guide in each cities on sightseeing days.
- Private chauffer driven air-conditioned deluxe car for airport transfers, sightseeing & excursion as per program.
- 01 Time monument entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary.
- Applicable GST (Government taxes)

Not Included in price:

- Any air fare
- Camera charges at monuments
- Main Meals, Lunch or dinner unless mentioned
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Or anything not mentioned above.

Hotels used or similar in above price

Day	City	3* Hotels	4* Hotels	5* Hotels
1	Cochin	The Dune Hotel/ Abad Plaza	Casino Hotel/ The Avenue Regent	Xandari Harbour/ Le Meridien
2	Cochin	The Dune Hotel/ Abad Plaza	Casino Hotel/ The Avenue Regent	Xandari Harbour/ Le Meridien
3	Alleppey	ATDC Houseboat/ Dream Boats	ATDC Houseboat/ Dream Boats	Xandari Riverscapes/ Lakes & Lagoons/ Spice Route Premium
4	Kozhikode	Keys Hotel Malabar Gate/ Paramount Tower Hotel	Malabar Palace/ Copper Folia	The Raviz Calicut/ The Gateway Hotel Beach Road Calicut
5	Mangalore	Resort River Roost Resorts/	The Ocean Pearl/	The Gateway Hotel Old Port

		Treebo Trend Pappilon Palace	Goldfinch Mangalore	Rd Mangalore
6	Gokarna	Red Earth Gokarna/ Arthigamyia Resort & Spa	Kudle Beach View Resort & Spa/ Namaste Yoga Farm	SwaSwara/ Kahani Paradise
7	Goa	Varca Le Palm/ Lambana Resort	Lemon Tree Hotel Candolim/ The Chances Resort & Casino	Zuri Varca Goa White Sand Resort & Casino/ Alila Diwa Goa
8	Goa	Varca Le Palm/ Lambana Resort	Lemon Tree Hotel Candolim/ The Chances Resort & Casino	Zuri Varca Goa White Sand Resort & Casino/ Alila Diwa Goa
9	Departure			

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 7 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

Note: Written cancellation will accept on all working days, except Sunday, Any cancellation sent on Sunday's will be considered on next working day (Monday).

For the X-mas and New Year period from 20 Dec to 05 Jan the payment is non-refundable.

In case you cancel the trip after commencement, refund would be restricted to a limited amount only which too would depend on the amount that we would be able to recover from the hoteliers/ contractors we patronize. For unused hotel accommodation, chartered transportation & missed meals etc. we do not bear any responsibility to refund.

- Cancellation before 30 days – no cancellation fees only bank charges.
- Cancellation before 29 -15 days – 25% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 14 –7 days - 50% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 6 – 3 days - 75% of the invoice plus bank charges.

- Cancellation before 2 days – Now show 90% of the invoice.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

Please note that after the finalization of the Tour/ service Cost, if there are any Hike in entrance fees of monuments / museums, Taxes, fuel cost or guide charges – by Govt of India, the same would be charged as extra.

Agora Voyages act only in the capacity of agent for the hotels, airlines, transporters, railways & contractors providing other services & all exchange orders, receipts, contracts & tickets issued by us are issued subject to terms & conditions under which these services are provided by them.

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Our rates are based on the prevailing rates as negotiated by us with the hotels, airlines etc. Hotels and Airlines retain the right to modify the rates without notice. In case of such changes the rates quoted before the modification, can be changed by us according to the modifications by hotels or airlines. All hotel bookings are based on usual check in and check out time of the hotels until unless indicated in the itinerary.

We shall not be responsible for any delays & alterations in the program or expenses incurred – directly or indirectly – due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accident, breakdown of machinery or equipment's, breakdown of transport, weather, sickness, landslides, political closures or any untoward incidents.

We shall not be responsible for any loss, injury or damage to person, property, or otherwise in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services, resulting – directly or indirectly – from any act of GOD, dangers, fire, accident, breakdown in machinery or equipment, breakdown of transport, wars, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferages, epidemics, medical or custom department regulations, defaults, or any other causes beyond our control.

We do not have any insurance policy covering the expenses for accident, sickness, loss due to theft, or any other reasons. Visitors are advised to seek such insurance arrangements in their home country. All baggage's & personal property/s at all times are at the client's risk.

We will not be responsible for any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, road blocks, bad weather, etc.

Tipping

Tipping is not included in our price. Tipping is optional, and at times expected in travel trade. Obviously there is no limit to how much you can tip and some guests who enjoy and appreciate the services of Guides, driver and other crew will and have tipped much more than our average tipping

guideline of about \$10-15 per day.

Trip Comments

When you return from your trip, please share your experience with us. Any photos, suggestions will be appreciated. Although we try our best, Tourism is a trade, which cannot be perfect and there will always remain a room for improvement. Your comments (both criticism and compliments) are invaluable to us and we look forward to hearing from you, upon your return.