



*Indian Summer House*

## **Day Trip Experiences**

In order to enhance your stay with us, we have crafted these wonderful Day Trip experiences from The Indian Summer House





## Some of the Day Trips we can arrange for you

- Fort Kochi Day Tour
- Houseboat Twilight Cruise
- Munnar Tea Plantations
- Cultural Performance
- Sailing, Kayaking & Boating at private Sailing Club
- Theerthapada Tharavadu Tour
- Thommankuthu Waterfalls
- Iringole Temple
- LuLu Mall Kochi
- Wonderla Water Park
- Thattekad Bird Sanctuary
- Cycling, Kayaking & Bird Watching
- Wildlife Experience
- Chokramudi Mountain Climb & Overnight Camp

\*Extra charges may apply

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# Fort Kochi Day Tour

We love Fort Kochi and visit here whenever we can. The architecture here is heavily influenced by European architecture and consists of fine houses built by rich traders from the British era. The Dutch cottages are a sight to behold. And Fort Kochi has become a unique arts precinct for India where the Biennale is held.

Our friends Ella and Bejoy will meet you for coffee and introduce you to this wonderful place where they live.

They will also introduce you to a local registered guide who will provide some historical context to the must-visit places here including the beautiful Saint Francis Church, the Chinese Fishing Nets, Fort Cochin beach, Jewish Synagogue, Dutch Palace and Museum, Jew Street, Vasco House, Princess Street. If it's washing day we can pass by the Dhobi where there are acres of sheets drying in the open air. Maybe our pappadom lady will be preparing her pappadom's for her local clients. Or for a spice sensation step back in time at Kaycee Corporation Indian Drugs Merchants...these are some of the local haunts.

Then it's time for lunch either at Fort House (beautiful Kerala food located on the water) OR for a western-style lunch at either David Hall or Kashi (my favourites). Following lunch, shopping at Cult Modern, Anohki, Fab India, Aambal Clothing, Via Kerala and Cinnamon which are all within a stroll of each other before meeting for chai at Tea Pot Café and depart.

If shopping is not your thing no problems we will mix it up –plenty to see and do here.

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# Houseboat Twilight Tour

Alleppey is a district of immense natural beauty. Caressed by the Arabian Sea in the west and a vast network of lakes, lagoons and freshwater rivers crisscrossing it, this backwater country shelters some unique animals and birdlife. By virtue of its proximity to the sea, the town has always enjoyed an exclusive place in the maritime history of Kerala. Famous for its boat races, beaches, marine products and coir industry, the singularity of this land is the region called Kuttanad – a land of lush paddy fields referred to as the ‘Rice Bowl of Kerala’ and one of the few places in the world where farming is done below sea level.

This one-time prosperous trading and fishing centre is today a world-renowned backwater tourist destination.

## Itinerary

We leave at noon with a light packed lunch to be taken in your car for the 2.5 hour journey to your houseboat.

We will pick up the houseboat and our friends from Cathay Tours will travel the narrow waterways, offer stops along the way or canoe trips or fishing adventures while meandering through the backwaters. Enjoy traditional afternoon tea and relax, relax, relax.

Meanwhile, the onboard chef will be preparing you an early dinner before we head home around 7pm.



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# Munnar Tea Plantations

7.00am – Depart Indian Summer House after a light breakfast before heading to the hills of Munnar

Your day will include some or all of the following and maybe more:

- Coffee break at Edassery's Farmyard
- View of the magnificent Periyar River
- Cheerapparra Waterfalls
- Soft trek through the tea and spice plantations of Munnar
- Viewing of the 1910 Gothic Christ Church
- The Tea Museum
- The famous Nilgiri Goats of Munnar
- Market stalls of Munnar town
- Fancy shop to purchase tea
- Visit the Spice gardens where local Ayurveda students will introduce you to the many remedies of the herbs and spices grown in the hills

4.00pm – We leave Munnar and head home with a short restroom break on the way

Our Chef will send a bunch of picnic snacks and drinks with you for the trek and during your journey rather than stop at a restaurant.





## Cycling, Kayaking & Bird Watching

Hornbill Camp: Here you can enjoy a variety of activities including cycling, kayaking on the river and a journey into the bird sanctuary across the river. There is a chance to see wild elephants in the evenings. They can provide lunch and snacks. This is just 45mins from Indian Summer House and the activities are dependent upon your request and the timing will vary accordingly. Price quoted for full day.



## Thettekad Bird Sanctuary

Kerala is home to over 150 migratory birds from the latter part of October through to March/April. Thattekad Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary is very close to us and they have excellent guided tours. This is an early morning tour just 30mins from Indian Summer House. You will have a guide and we will provide tea and snacks.



## Wonderla Water Park

Formerly known as Vegaland this is just a 30min drive from Indian Summer House and you will be thrown into a totally fun day out on the many water rides throughout the park. As a family we have spent hours at this place just enjoying the coolness of the water, watching people and having a break from the heat!



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## Wildlife Experiences

For the best wildlife tours, we usually engage the services of Benny from Kerala Geographic Wildlife Tours. Everyone loves Benny and he knows all the great spots. We suggest overnight tours with him however he has designed a one day tour especially for us. It's not for the faint-hearted as we leave at 6am and get back in the dark!



## Thommankuthu Waterfalls

Thommankuthu Waterfalls is a 45-minute drive from Indian Summer House. It's a short stroll or for the more adventurous you can take a guided 5km walk further up the river to see many more waterfalls. At some times of the year, they will allow you to swim in the ponds. If you take the longer hike we will send a picnic lunch with you.



## Iringole Temple

Iringole Temple is located in the middle of a small forest. It is a lovely short trip and walk. We can combine this with a visit to a historical home, which is just nearby, and a ginger-lime soda at the entrance. This tour can be in the morning or afternoon and is only a short trip. Maximum 3 hours.



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# LuLu Mall Kochi

By introducing over 52 brands for the very first time to Kerala, Lulu Mall has changed the way people shop in Kerala. Currently home to 176 operations outlet, the mall has achieved 92% occupancy. Lulu Mall, a division of the much famed Lulu Group headquartered in Abu Dhabi, UAE, is one of the largest as well as the first of its kind in India. The Group with its flagship retail chain of LULU hypermarkets and supermarkets has operations spread over 31 countries. Lulu Group has been ranked third in the prestigious "Forbes Top 100 companies" making an impact in the Arab world.

There are some great Indian Stores here:

- Hypermarket: to check out the local food scene.
- Fab India: Clothing and homewares –you will find something you like here for yourself or a gift.
- John's: Leading umbrella maker established in Kerala 70 years ago now leading India brand.
- Spices India: Great gifts of spices, soaps and oils.
- LuLu Celebrate: Looking for a Sari–try here. Have a price in mind before you walk in.
- Plus another 172 outlets and Ice Skating and Cinemas etc etc



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# Sailing, Kayaking & Boating at Private Sailing Club

Treat yourself to the grandstand view of Lake Vembanad, one of the largest lakes in the country at this Private Sailing Club. This makes it one of the best locations to let your hair down and raise the sails. Laze away an afternoon on this secluded private retreat.

We leave Indian Summer House in time to reach the Sailing Club House for lunch at 1:00pm. The breeze picks up around 2.30 pm so we can raise the sails for those experienced sailors. If you are not a sailor there are kayaks or we can arrange a short boat cruise around the lake or a cycle through the local neighbourhood. Otherwise, grab a book or magazine and enjoy the breeze off the lake on your hammock.

The breeze tapers around 4.30 and after a lime soda we can head home or if you have energy drop in at LuLu Mall for some shopping!

Price: Includes lunch and transport

Plus: Kayaking

Sailing:	Rs700per person for 30 minutes
Speed Boat Cruise	Rs1500per boat for 30 minutes
Beverages	Rs7000 up to 10 persons 30 minutes
	At your own expense

11:30am Depart Indian Summer House

1:00pm Arrive at The Sailing Club in time for lunch and activities

5:00pm Depart Sailing Club to arrive home in time for drinks by the pool!





# Chokramudi Mountain Climb & Overnight Camp

## Day 1

Leave Indian Summer House by 8am. Drive to Munnar (2-3hours).

Have a short walk through the tea plantation area to see tea plucking etc. Enjoy a visit to a spice planter's village near Tahr Mountain Camp. After a welcome drink, you will be guided for a walk through the spice farms like cardamom, pepper, ginger, turmeric, clove and crops like cocoa, tapioca, colocasium, elephant foot yam etc to see seasonal activities on the farm. Enjoy a traditional banana leaf lunch from a planter's house.

Start your hiking through cardamom forest, grassland etc to Tahr Mountain Camp. The trek gives ample scope to explore birds and wayside flowers. Check in to the camp in the afternoon then after an evening tea and snacks you can continue the trek to the north end of the adjourned forest or grassland to enjoy a view of the sunset in Sun-moon valley. Or laze around the camp enjoying some gourmet goodies prepared by our chef in your picnic basket. Overnight at the camp with a campfire dinner prepared by your guide.

## Day 2

Wake up to the call of whistling thrush. Enjoy your tea watching the sunrise. After breakfast prepare for a long hike to the climax point of West Ridge Mountain- Chokkanmudi, with packed mini-lunch. The trek is through undulated terrain (1/3 slanting) with high grassland and shola forest patches. The climb is from the west side of the ridge, climb to the peak and finishes at Lock heart gap in its east side.

## FAQ

**What do I need to bring?** A small backpack enough for your personal belongings for a night stay, plus one bottle of water. In cooler months some warm clothes (tracksuit pants and polar fleece) – you should be able to carry this.

**What's the weather like?** (In the camp area) Nov -Feb is usually dry with coolish nights and moderately hot days. At night 6-10C if the sky is clear. During the day 15-18C.

**What is the camping equipment like?** We will provide a dome tent, sleeping bag, mattress, sheets, pillows etc. There are toilets and showers at the campsite.

**What are the meals?** Dinner: Chappathy or Paratha (made of wheat) or Puttu (made of rice) chicken curry, vegetable curry, fruits. Breakfast: Bread and omelette, fruits or south Indian breakfast like Appam and curry. Packed lunch: Chappathy or bread, banana, orange, egg, biscuit, one tetra pack juice. Water: 2lts of water per person per day.





## Prices

Fort Kochi Half Day Tour	Rs3000 pp (plus transport)
Houseboat Twilight Tour	Rs3000 pp (plus transport)
Munnar Tea Plantation Tour	Rs3000 pp (plus transport)
Cycling, Kayaking & Bird Watching	Rs3000 pp (plus transport)
Thetttekad Bird Sanctuary	Rs1500 pp (plus transport)
Wonderla Water Park	Rs250 pp (plus transport + entrance fees)
Wildlife Experiences	On Application
Thommankuthu Waterfalls	Rs1500 pp (plus transport)
Iringole Temple	Rs1500 pp (plus transport)
LuLu Mall Kochi	Rs250 pp (plus transport)
Sailing, Kayaking & Boating at Private Sailing Club	Rs2000 pp (plus transport & activities)
Chokramudi Mountain Climb & Overnight Camp	On Application