



## Southern Serenity Tour February 2027



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**Tour Name:** Southern Serenity Tour February 2027

**Dates:** Saturday, 13th February – Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2027

**Destinations:** Kochi, Munnar, Periyar, Alleppey/Houseboat, Trivandrum

**Nights:** 12 Nights / 13 Days

### Tour Overview

Join Jacqui & Shimon on an exciting adventure through the enchanting landscapes of Southern India.

Our journey begins in the city of Fort Kochi, an enclave, where the tapestry of history, art and culture converge with the echoes of ancient trade. We explore its laneways, markets, boutique shops, experience centuries old local practices, colonial architecture and fusion of cultures.

From here, the journey ascends to the misty hills of Munnar, famous for its rolling tea plantations and serene viewpoints. It is here we take part in an immersive tea-plucking experience alongside local workers and share a traditional dining experience with plantation owners.

We then traverse the beautiful western ghats to Periyar wildlife sanctuary. We immerse ourselves in the aromatic richness of the Spice Plantations, uncovering the medicinal wonders of cardamom, pepper and cloves unveiling the distinctive flavours that distinguish Kerala cuisine. We will visit local markets to buy produce, source from the organic gardens and with our private chef immerse in an interactive culinary cooking experience. Nature walks, boating and yoga complement our stay.

We continue the journey through the renowned Kerala backwaters, where we spend two nights on Premium Houseboats. We immerse ourselves in village life, visiting a local school, church and community. Canoe through the backwaters and unwind on our private houseboats with chefs and crews ensuring an all-inclusive experience.

We then take a scenic train ride to Trivandrum, watching the vibrant tapestry of local life unfold outside your window, before arriving at a stunning cliff-top resort overlooking the coastal shores. Immerse yourself in the region's rich heritage with a visit to the Padmanabha Swamy Temple, and culminating your journey with our farewell dinner.

Woven throughout this tour is a unique blend of yoga, meditation and mindfulness personally facilitated by Jacqui & Shimon



## Highlights of the Tour

- Experience a cultural tuk-tuk & guided walking tour to experience the beautiful colonial architecture, churches, galleries and confluence cultures in the enclave of Fort Kochi.
- Wander the narrow laneways and bazaars of Jew Town, visiting the Synagogue and delighting in artisans' wares and hand-made incense at a local perfumery.
- Witness sunset over Cochin Harbour on an evening Sunset Cruise.
- Journey through the southern tea plantations, take part in an immersive tea-plucking experience alongside local workers, and share a traditional dining experience with plantation owners
- Visit a Spice Plantation with a guided walk through aromatic pepper, cardamom, and clove gardens, followed by tea and local snacks at the Plantation House.
- Visit local vegetable markets to select fresh ingredients, then join our Chef for an interactive cooking session showcasing the culinary art Kerala cuisine and its aromatic spices.
- Enjoy an immersive nature walk amongst evergreen forest trails.
- Cruise the waters on an afternoon Boat Ride in Periyar National Park.
- Spend two tranquil nights meandering the beautiful backwaters of Kerala in your own private houseboats. We explore the local canals and village life of these communities.
- Take a scenic train journey to Trivandrum, watching the tapestry of local life unfold outside your window, before arriving at a beautiful cliff-top resort overlooking the coastal shores.
- Explore the Padmanabha Swamy Temple, renowned for its intricate architecture and deep spiritual heritage, followed by a leisurely walk through the local markets.

## Tour Inclusions

- 12 Nights Premium Accommodation or similar, including 02 Nights Premium Houseboats
- 12 Daily Breakfasts
- 06 Lunches
- 08 Dinners
- All sightseeing as per the program with Private Driver & Air-Conditioned Coach.
- Airconditioned Train Alleppey to Trivandrum.
- English Speaking Escort Guide.
- Entrance fee to the monuments as per the program & applicable taxes.
- Group Airport transfers within the included package dates.

## Tour Exclusions

- International Airfares.
- Applicable Visa.
- Expenses of personal nature such as gratuities, drinks, telephone calls, camera fees, laundry, or any other items.
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance which is mandatory for this tour.

Pricing Options	Per person
Price per person occupying a Twin Room or Double Room	\$ 6,895.00 pp
Price per person occupying a Single Room: Single Supplement: \$2,060.00	\$ 8,955.00

