

# Discover KERALA

with Chef Joe Thottungal

March 07 - 21, 2014



Cochin | Munnar | Periyar | Kumarakom | Alleppey | Kovalam



## Tour Intro

This unique 15-days journey begins in Kochi the hub of South India from where we explore the famous Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. Add an exciting overnight cruising the Backwaters of Kerala before ending at the Ayurvedic and beautiful beaches of Kovalam. This tour gives you the opportunity of seeing and experiencing South India through the eyes of the popular Joe Thottungal owner of Coconut Lagoon restaurant in Ottawa. You will learn and taste a range of delicious Kerala cuisines along with the secret recipes of Chef Joe. Tour includes visits to the bustling local spice and produce markets, cooking classes including joining a local family for traditional meal, see a Kerala wedding feast, enjoy the spectacular Kathakali dance and a lot more.

## Brief Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

- Mar 07, 2014:** Depart Canada for India
- Mar 08, 2014:** Arrive Cochin - Tea Bungalow
- Mar 09, 2014:** Cooking Class at the famous Nimmy Paul, tour spice market. Sunset cruise (B, L)
- Mar 10, 2014:** 1 Hour Yoga. Tour Cochin including Synagogue. PM View Kathakali dance over dinner (B, D)
- Mar 11, 2014:** Scenic drive to the enchanting hill station of Munnar - Mountain Club Resort (B)
- Mar 12, 2014:** Munnar tour including Tea Museum and Eravikulam National Park (B, D)
- Mar 13, 2014:** Countryside drive to wildlife reserve of Periyar (Thekkady). Witness Kalaripayattu show - Elephant Court (B, D)
- Mar 14, 2014:** Guided Jungle Walk at Periyar. PM cruise (B)
- Mar 15, 2014:** Morning free at Periyar. PM visit Kerala Spice Garden (B, L)
- Mar 16, 2014:** Scenic drive to Kumarakom. PM Gala mock South Indian wedding festival with Kerala feast - Whispering Palms (B, D)
- Mar 17, 2014:** Drive to Allepy - private house boat cruise the backwaters - Deluxe House Boat (B, L, D)
- Mar 18, 2014:** Drive to Beach resort of Kovalam - Turtle On the Beach (B)
- Mar 19, 2014:** Day free. Optional Ayurvedic treatments (B)
- Mar 20, 2014:** Day free. Optional Ayurvedic treatments. Farewell Dinner. (B, D)
- Mar 21, 2014:** Transfer to Trivandrum for flight back home. Arrival Canada March 21st.

### Tour Cost:

**\$4295<sup>CAD</sup>** per person  
including airfare from Ottawa  
(taxes extra approx \$440)

### Escorted Tour Cost also Includes:

- 12 nights hotel accommodation in India
- 01 night overnight deluxe houseboat
- 21 meals
- Jungle walk at Periyar & Cruise
- Cooking session and home visit
- Kathakali dance



**BESTWAY**  
TOURS & SAFARIS

Small group cultural tours since 1978

206-8678 Greenall Ave., Burnaby BC V5J 3M6

telephone: **1-800-663-0844**

email: **bestway@bestway.com** web: **www.bestway.com**

