

Magnificent India: A Journey Through south India

Journey through ancient temples, misty tea hills, spice-laden forests, and serene backwaters — from the bustle of Mumbai to the soulful landscapes of Kerala.

Day 1: Landing in Mumbai- Arrival Day

November 11: Wednesday

Meet upon arrival at Mumbai airport & transfer to Hotel

First evening welcome reception.

(Room from 12:00 noon)

Overnight at hotel

Mumbai

Formerly known as **Bombay**, the city officially adopted the name **Mumbai** in 1995, honoring the local goddess Mumbadevi and its Marathi heritage. Once a collection of seven islands that grew into one of India's most important port cities under British rule, Mumbai is now the country's financial and cultural capital, where colonial landmarks blend with a vibrant modern metropolis.

- Dinner
- Spend the night at the Trident Nariman Point

 **2 Contributors**





Day 2:

Mumbai- Elephanta caves

November 12: Thursday

After breakfast, we will explore India's financial capital and dive straight into its layered history. From the iconic Gateway of India, board a ferry to the ancient **Elephanta Caves** — UNESCO-listed rock-cut temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, carved between 450–750 AD. The centerpiece is a breathtaking three-headed Shiva bust, 5 meters tall, hewn from a single rock. Return back to the base board the toy train to reach the jetty.

Elephanta Caves

UNESCO rock-cut temples with magnificent Shiva sculptures

Gateway of India

Indo-Saracenic archway built in 1911, Mumbai's defining landmark

Afternoon Mumbai City tour

Re board the motor launch for journey back to the Gateway of India and continue with half-day city tour, Marine Drive, Dhobi Ghat, Crawford Market & Jain Temple.

After a full day of sight seeing - we will go back to the hotel for dinner.

- Breakfast/Dinner
- *Spend the night at the Trident Nariman Point*



Mumbai to Munnar

FROM THE ENERGY OF THE CITY ———— TO THE PEACE OF THE HILLS

Day 3: Mumbai to Munnar

November 13: Friday (**Flight + Surface: 120 Kms/4 hours**)

After breakfast we will drive to the airport to board a morning flight to Kochi. Meet upon arrival at Kochi airport and straight drive to Munnar and check-in at hotel

Spend the evening walking around and exploring our surroundings.

Munnar

Nestled 1,600 meters (5,250 ft) above sea level, Munnar is Kerala's famous hill station, known for its rolling tea plantations, misty mountains, and scenic landscapes. Once the British summer retreat, it is also home to **Anamudi**, the highest peak in South India, and the rare **Neelakurinji** flower, which blooms once every 12 years (next bloom: **2030**).

- Breakfast/Dinner
- *Spend the night at the Scenic - IHCL SeleQtions*



Day 4: Munnar

November 14: Saturday

On this beautiful Saturday morning, Wake up to the peaceful beauty of Munnar, where mist-covered hills, endless tea plantations, and cool mountain air create a magical start to the day. Enjoy a refreshing morning surrounded by nature as the first light reveals the breathtaking landscapes of Kerala's hill country.

Letchmi Hills Trek

After breakfast, set out on a scenic **2–3 hour trek** through Munnar's beautiful landscapes. The trail winds through lush tea plantations, rolling grasslands, rocky slopes, shola forests, and fragrant coffee and cardamom plantations. Enjoy refreshments along the way before completing the trek, where vehicles will be waiting for the return journey to Munnar.

Lockhart Tea Factory & Plantations

In the afternoon, visit the historic **Lockhart Tea Factory**, established in **1936**, and discover the heritage of Munnar's tea industry, which dates back to **1879**. Explore traditional tea-making methods and learn about the production of black, green, and white teas while viewing vintage plantation equipment at the tea museum.

- Breakfast/Dinner
- *Spend the night at the Scenic - IHCL SeleQtions*

Day 5:

Munnar to Madurai

November 15: Sunday **160 Kms/4.5 Hours**

After breakfast, we will drive to our next destination.

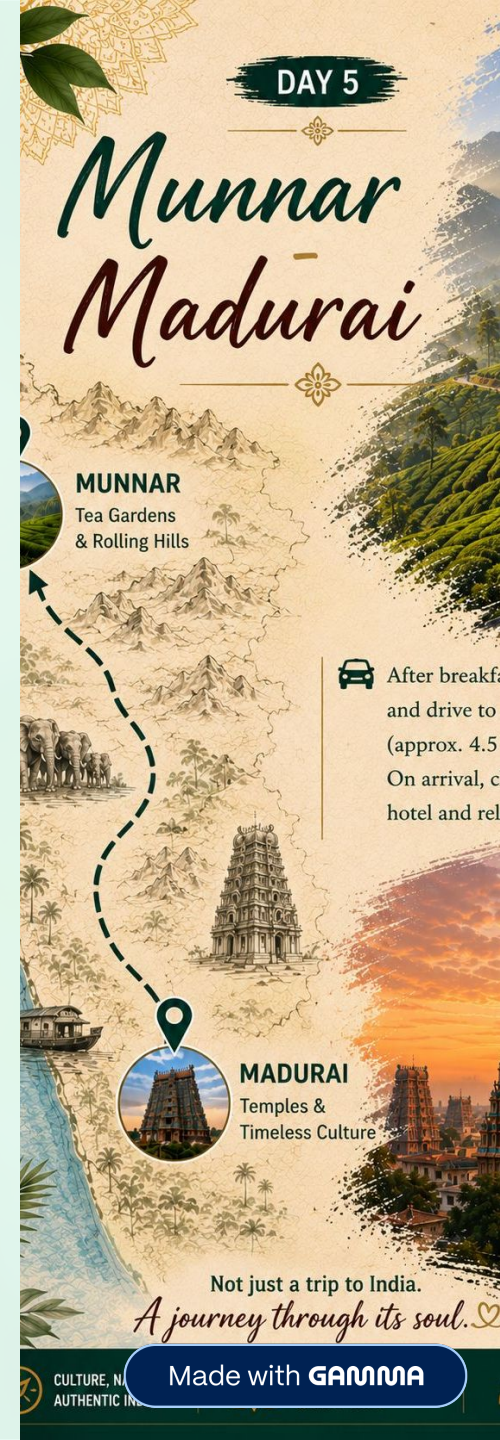
Madurai

One of South India's oldest cities, Madurai is the cultural heart of Tamil Nadu. Madurai, a flourishing market town since at least the 2nd century BCE, the center of power for many dynasties, and a seat of divinity from time immemorial, The magnificent **Meenakshi Temple** — with 11 towering gopurams, the Hall of Thousand Pillars, and musical pillars — is a masterpiece of Pandyan architecture. End the day witnessing the evening **Pooja ceremony**.

After check in at the hotel

Enjoy “**Once upon a Madurai**” walking tour (1600-1900 Hours)

- Breakfast/Dinner
- *Spend the night at the The Gateway Pasumalai*



Day 6:

Madurai

November 16: Munday

Madurai city tour

After breakfast proceed for sightseeing tour of Madurai. Madurai has a recorded history dating back to the 6th century BC, has been a seat of learning and is the center from which the Tamil language developed. It is a lively place with big bazaars, shops, street stalls and shrines. On a city tour visit the Thirumalai Nayak Mahal built in 1523 and the Gandhi Museum, housed in a 300-year-old palace and dedicated to promoting the Mahatma's teachings.

Meenakshi Temple

11 gopurams, sacred Golden Lotus Tank & Hall of Thousand Pillars

Thirumalai Nayak Mahal

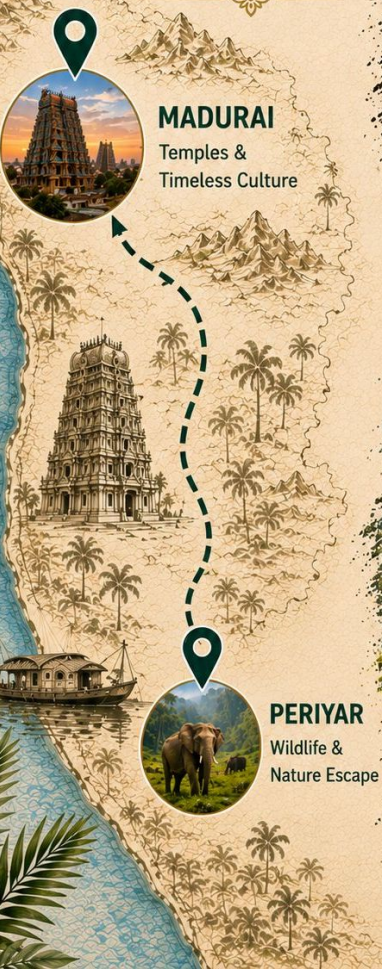
Grand 16th-century palace built in 1523, a marvel of Indo-Saracenic style

- Breakfast/Dinner
- Spend the night at the The Gateway Pasumalai



DAY 7

Madurai - Periyar



MADURAI

Temples &
Timeless Culture

PERIYAR

Wildlife &
Nature Escape

Day 7: Madurai to Periyar (Thekkady)

November 17: Tuesday **145 Kms/4 Hours**

After breakfast we will drive to

Thekkady & Periyar

Located in the lush **Western Ghats of Kerala**, Thekkady is home to the renowned **Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary**, established in 1950 and later declared a tiger reserve in 1978. Surrounded by misty hills, evergreen forests, and the peaceful Periyar Lake, the region is rich in wildlife, including elephants, tigers, and exotic bird species. Known also for its historic spice plantations, Thekkady offers a perfect blend of nature, culture, and Kerala's traditional heritage. Thekkady

Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary Boat Ride

In the late afternoon, enjoy a scenic boat ride through **Periyar Tiger Reserve** in Thekkady. Spread across 777 sq. km, this protected sanctuary is renowned for its rich biodiversity, lush forests, and diverse wildlife. Cruise along the tranquil lake while taking in the natural beauty of one of Kerala's most treasured wilderness areas.

- Breakfast/Dinner
- *spend the night at the Spice Village hotel*



Day 8: Periyar (Thekkady)

November 18: Wednesday

Cumbum Market, Spice Plantation & Kalaripayattu

After breakfast, visit **Cumbum market** on the Kerala–Tamil Nadu border, enjoying a scenic drive through plantations of cardamom, pepper, coffee, and local farms. Meet farmers, explore fresh regional produce, and experience the flavors that make Kerala cuisine unique.

Return to Thekkady for a **spice plantation visit** with a naturalist, followed by a traditional **Travancore-style lunch** at a local family home prepared with fresh market ingredients.

Kalaripayattu Performance

In the evening, experience a spectacular **Kalaripayattu** performance, Kerala's ancient martial art and one of the world's oldest fighting traditions. Combining graceful movements, acrobatics, traditional weapons, and remarkable skill, this captivating performance offers a fascinating glimpse into Kerala's rich cultural heritage.

- Breakfast/Lunch, Dinner
- *spend the night at the Spice Village hotel*

Day 9: Periyar to Kumarakom:

November 19: Thursday **125 Kms/4 Hours**

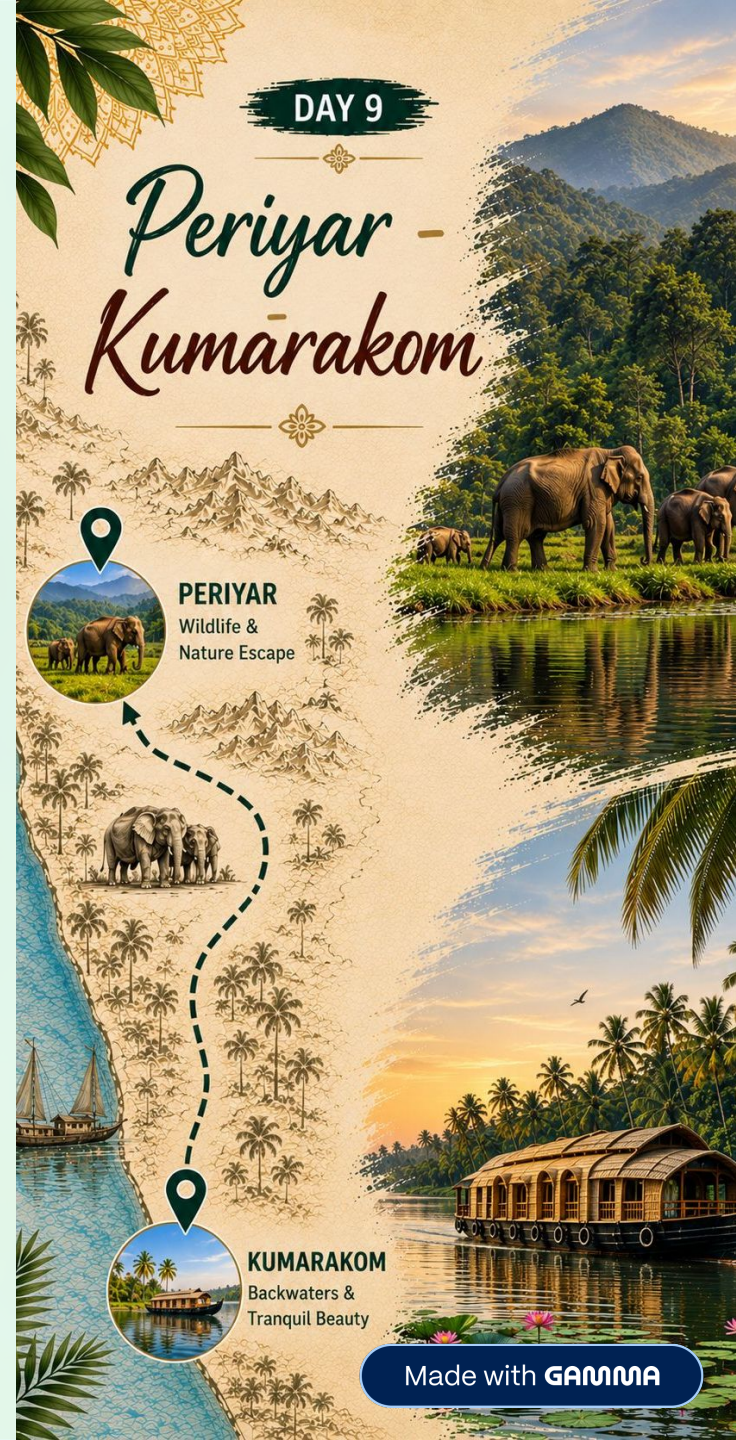
Kumarakom

Set along the tranquil shores of **Vembanad Lake** in Kerala, Kumarakom is a peaceful backwater destination known for its lush landscapes, coconut groves, and serene waterways. Once a quiet village, it has become one of Kerala's most beautiful retreats, offering a glimpse into traditional village life. With its scenic lagoons, rich birdlife, and relaxing houseboat experiences, Kumarakom is a perfect place to unwind and enjoy the natural beauty of Kerala.

A bit of fun and relaxation

Ayurvedic massage + sunset Shikara ride on Vembanad Lake
later - Dinner at the hotel.

- Breakfast/Dinner
- *Spend the night at the Kumarakom Lake Resort*





Day 10:

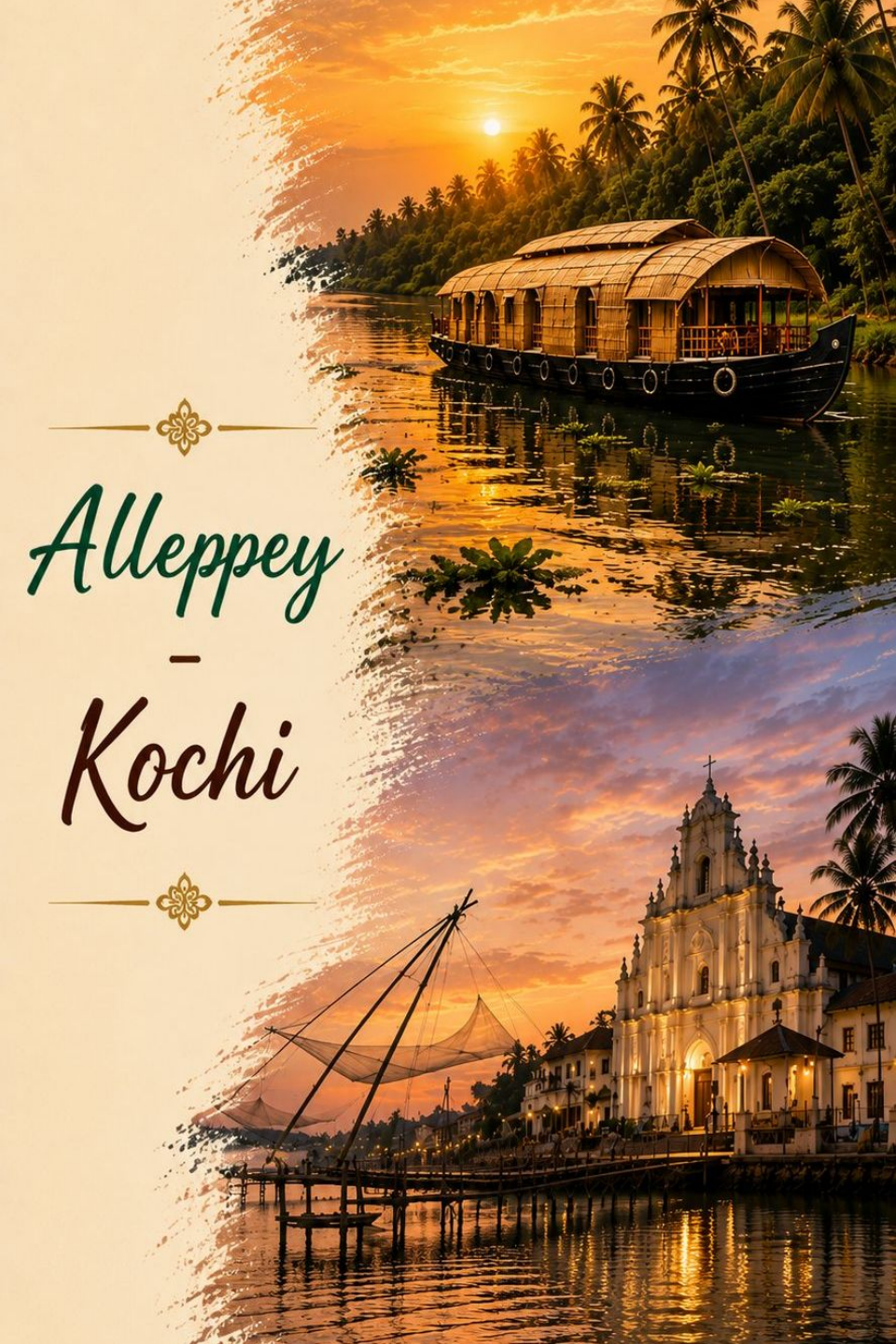
Kumarakom to Alleppey, Boat House

November 20: Friday **40 Kms/1 Hours**

After breakfast check-out and transfer to Alleppey and check-in at your houseboat.

A sundeck where you can laze on wicker chairs as you watch the world go by. The houseboat comes complete with a full time chef to cook you the catch of the day or whatever else that might catch your fancy and attendant always at your beck and call. Your houseboat carries you slowly down palm-hung waterways, past backwater settlements of thatched and tiled cottages, bright with cartons and hibiscus. You set your own pace: stopping where you like, resting when you like, and indulging yourself with the freshest of foods bought from the farmers and fishermen on the banks of the backwaters. When night falls, and the stars thrust silver spears into the dark waters.

- Breakfast/Lunch, Dinner and overnight at houseboat
- *Spend the night at A/C Deluxe houseboat*



Alleppey — Kochi

Day 11: Alleppey to Kochi

November 21: Saturday **75 Kms/02 Hours**

After breakfast

disembark your houseboat and drive to Kochi.

Kochi

Known as the "**Queen of the Arabian Sea**," Kochi has been an important trading port for over 600 years, attracting merchants from Arabia, China, Europe, and beyond. The city's rich history is reflected in its blend of Portuguese, Dutch, and British colonial architecture, ancient spice markets, and diverse cultural heritage. Today, Kochi is a vibrant coastal city where history, culture, and modern life come together. It became a major international port after a natural harbor formed around **1341**, making it an important center for the spice trade.

- Breakfast/Dinner
- *Spend the night at* Forte Kochi



Day 12: Kochi

November 22: Sunday

A day in Kochi

The spirit of Portuguese, Dutch, and British explorers lingers in **Fort Kochi's** narrow streets. Vasco da Gama was buried here in St. Francis Church. Explore the **Mattancherry Dutch Palace**, the 1568 Jewish Synagogue with hand-painted Chinese tiles, and the iconic **Chinese fishing nets** along the harbor.

Mattancherry & Fort Kochi

Explore the historic **Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Palace)**, renowned for its royal artifacts and beautiful murals depicting scenes from Hindu mythology. Visit the **Paradesi Synagogue**, built in **1568**, one of the oldest synagogues in the Commonwealth, famous for its hand-painted Chinese tiles and elegant chandeliers. End your tour at Kochi's iconic **Chinese fishing nets**, a timeless symbol of the city's maritime heritage.

In the evening

In the evening, experience a captivating **Kathakali** performance, Kerala's iconic classical dance-drama. Featuring elaborate costumes, vibrant makeup, and expressive storytelling inspired by the *Ramayana*, *Mahabharata*, and other ancient epics, this unforgettable performance offers a glimpse into Kerala's rich cultural heritage.

- Breakfast/Dinner
- *spend the night at* Forte Kochi



Day 13: A Flight back home

November 23: Monday

DEPARTURE KOCHI

After breakfast transfer to airport to board onward flight

Breakfast

THE ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MAY VARY IN THE ORDER YOU VISIT

HOTELS AS LISTED OR SIMILAR

- Breakfast

Your Journey Details



A 13 day

comprehensive, unique journey exploring the highlights of Kerala India.



7 Destinations

Including Mumbai, Munnar, Madurai, Periyar, Kumarakom, Allappi and Kochi.



12 Nights

In exclusive premium luxury accommodations as listed in the itinerary.

- **Including:-** All hotels, transportation in a private luxurious bus, meals as listed - breakfast & dinner daily, a domestic flight, portorage in India covering 2 pieces of luggage at airports & hotels, entrance fees to all venues listed in the itinerary, Boat & rickshaw ride, Ayurvedic massage, cultural and traditional experiences, a local English speaking expert tour guide and a Hebrew/English speaking tour leader.
- Price per person sharing a double room - 4,299 USD
- Additional price for a single room - 2,199 USD
- Meet and great at the airport included.
- **International flights, visa to India and travel insurance are not included.**

Meals not listed in the itinerary; drinks as taken; International flights to & from Mumbai India; visa to India, gratuity (tips). and travel insurance highly recommended.

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Your journey begins on November 11, 2026, and concludes on November 23, 2026.

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Terms and conditions:

In order to participate on the tour without incident IT IS ENTIRELY YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO

A - Book/secure your flights 1) to be in Mumbai no later than November 11, 2026, and 2) Your return flight no earlier than November 23, 2026.

B – Provide us clear legible copies of your passport (open to validity page) with the registration

C -Provide us copies of your flight itinerary no later than October 10, 2026 (without these details we will not be obliged / able to provide the transfers as listed!!!)

CANCELLATION TERMS

The cancellation notice must be received through email. It will be effective on the date of receipt. Cancellation charges, per person, are based upon the date of cancellation:

- From Day 60-45: 25% of tour cost
- From Day 44-31: 50% of tour cost
- From Day 30-16: 75% of tour cost
- From Day 15 to 0: 100% of tour cost (*You get partial or full refunds on Transport, Guide, Entrance fees costs*). However these are the standard cancellation terms and we will try our best to get back as much refund as possible to you in case of genuine cancellation and this will be negotiated with various suppliers (mainly hotels) on a case to case basis and passed on to you.

Payment requirements:

DEPOSIT

To secure confirmed reservations for hotels and flights we will require a 25% deposit upfront. Next 25% payment to be made 60 days prior to arrival and final balance payments have to be paid 35 days prior to client arrival.

Registration Requirement:

Full Name as in passport: _____

Date of birth: _____

Passport number: _____

International Flight number: _____

PASSPORT PLEASE SEND COPY OF PICTURE PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT(S)

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