

COCHIN & MUMBAI

Discover the coast of southwestern India, experience Cochin's rich cultural history and explore Kerala's network of canals and lagoons to glimpse life along the river. Travel to Mumbai, India's largest city, to learn of its storied past and visit the Elephanta Caves, an ancient Hindu worship site.



Kathakali dance performance, Cochin



Fishing nets silhouette, Cochin

Day 1 - Cochin

After your excursion in Delhi, transfer to the airport for your flight to Cochin, a city set along the Malabar Coast of India and the capital of the state of Kerala. Upon arrival, meet your Viking Representative and transfer to your hotel. Once you have settled into your room, enjoy free time to begin your exploration of Cochin before having dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 2 - Cochin

Enjoy breakfast before setting out to explore Cochin by motor coach. See the *Cheena vala* fishing nets along the coast and pass St. Francis, one of India's oldest European churches. Walk through the historic Fort Cochin district to immerse yourself in the city's storied past. Next, drive to Alappuzha, where you will board a boat for a ride through its network of waterways. As you sail, enjoy a light lunch as you take in local life, watching houseboats and fishermen along the shore. (B, L)



Santa Cruz Basilica interior, Cochin

Day 3 - Cochin

After breakfast at your hotel, drive to Fort Cochin. Visit the Mattancherry Palace, a historic landmark constructed by the Portuguese in 1545 as a gift to the Kingdom of Cochin. See the Paradesi Synagogue, one of the oldest of its kind in India, and the Santa Cruz Cathedral, its facade a blend of Indo-European and Gothic architectural styles. Spend time exploring on your own before enjoying a Kathakali dance performance this evening and having dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)



Laundry hanging outdoors, Mumbai

Day 4 - Mumbai

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Mumbai. Upon arrival, head to a restaurant for lunch before exploring this bustling city. Stop at Dhobi Ghat, the world's largest open-air laundry, for a look at Mumbai's working-class local life. Then visit the Gandhi house, Mahatma Gandhi's headquarters from 1917-1934, before driving through the government district. See the Victoria Railway Station, a UNESCO Site, before arriving at your hotel. Enjoy an evening at your leisure. (B, L)



Gateway of India, Mumbai

Day 5 - Mumbai

Enjoy breakfast before walking from your hotel to the Gateway of India, a monument built to commemorate the arrival of British Royalty. Here, board a charter boat to cross the harbor and visit the Elephanta Caves, an ancient Hindu place of worship and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk past carvings and reliefs that depict Hindu scripture, in addition to Buddhist stupa mounds. After, return to Mumbai by boat where you will enjoy lunch before having time to explore the city on your own. (B, L)

Day 6 - Mumbai

Check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Your Accommodations



Taj Mahal Tower, Mumbai

TAJ MAHAL TOWER, MUMBAI

Situated on the waterfront, the Taj Mahal Tower enjoys an ideal location that overlooks both the Arabian Sea and the bustling city of Mumbai. Guest can enjoy rooms that seamlessly blend contemporary furnishings with Indian flair, relax by the outdoor pool or delight in an array of international cuisine at any of the 9 on-site restaurants.

TAJ MALABAR RESORT & SPA

Set on Willingdon Island, the Taj Malabar Resort & Spa is an urban oasis amid the bustle of Cochin. Guests can enjoy well-appointed rooms furnished with local textiles and crafts, and relax poolside, overlooking the sea. Four on-site restaurants serve a wide range of international cuisine and tastefully crafted cocktails.

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED:

- 3 hotel nights in Cochin; 2 hotel nights in Mumbai (as shown or similar)
- 9 meals: 4 Breakfasts (B); 3 Lunches (L); 2 Dinners
- 5 guided tours: Cochin & the Waterways of Kerala; Old Cochin; Cultural Dance Performance; Panoramic Mumbai; Elephanta Caves by Boat
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- Economy class flight from Delhi to Cochin and from Cochin to Mumbai
- All Transfers

NOTE:

Optional Shore Excursions: a selection of additional excursions may be available to enhance your extension experience. Optional excursions will be bookable in MVJ when your cruise shore excursions open for sale.

Extension is not available on all departure dates; confirm availability & seasonal pricing when booking. Pricing may vary by departure or activity date. Activity order may vary. Accommodations are subject to change depending on availability; if advertised hotel is not available, a similar hotel will be confirmed. Any included flights are economy class. Luggage restrictions may apply on intra-country flights. Specific details will be provided once program is confirmed. Shore excursions are subject to change and may vary by departure.

The following meals are included for all days as listed: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner