

## **ACTIVITIES IN PERIYAR.1**

### **The Program**

Spices have always been an important part of life in Kerala. Here the masters of Ayurveda, the science of life, discovered the use of spices for medicinal purposes. Spices also play an important role in the Kerala cuisine, ayurvedic medicine and cosmetics. Periyar is, due to its location in the lower mountains around 1000 meters above sea level, blessed with numerous types of spices. Consequently, the spice plantation tour is in one of the most important activities outside the reserve that a visitor can engage in. It is an opportunity to see why the Kerala cuisine is so different from most of the other Indian cuisines. The tour gives you a chance to enjoy cardamom, pepper, clove, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla and many other varieties of spices and medicinal plants.

### **Cooking demo with local family (lunch or dinner)**

This program gives an opportunity to interact with the members of the house and thus the tourists get acquainted with local customs.

House is situated 4 Km away from Periyar

Complimentary Spice plantation Tour include with this program

### **Elephant Ride**

Fell in the aroma of spices when you are on the majestic animal. You have different package options are there with elephant.

#### **Half an hour program**

Ride only

#### **One & half hour program**

Half an hour ride + Timber drag + Elephant bath & shower + Elephant feeding + Photo session + command and communication + Tea / Coffee etc...

### **Agricultural Farm Tour & Sight Seeing**

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This program is having a jeep drive for two hours through the panoramic view of Tamil Nadu and enjoys the sight seeing and one hour Spice plantation tour. On the way you can see some commercial plantations of Cardamom, Pepper, Coffee ....etc and you can see the processing of Cardamom. Spice plantation tour is in one of the most important activities outside the reserve that a visitor can engage in. It is an opportunity to see why the Kerala cuisine is so different from most of the other Indian cuisines. The tour gives you a chance to

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A guide will be there to accompany you to explain about the spices and about the area which you cover.

### **Sathram Jeep Safari.**

A treacherous safari about 40 km in an open jeep will be a wonderful experience. One can feel the fresh air and the beauty of the hill tops during this trip. Jeep safari starts early in the morning and you will be picked up from the hotel. The jeep is specially designed for the purpose of a safari which involves roads that are impossible for normal cars to handle. It can seat 5 people. We can make provisions to remove the hoods at the back of the Jeep; this makes it convenient to take photos at any time. During the safari, the Jeep shall pass through the border of Periyar Tiger reserve and chances of sighting wild animals and also jeep passes many beautiful places with stunning views. Just imagine a journey through the mystic hills of Parunthumpara; this will refresh your mind, body and soul. At the hill top, you will get a panoramic view of the surrounding villages of Parunthumpara. The cool breeze and the greenery will invigorate you and leave you rejuvenated. Touching the following forest points. Inside this we do cover the following places such as Parunthumpara., Mount, Sathram , Sabarimala View , Pullumedu view , Vallakadavu (Gateway of Gavi).

### **Gavi full day Jeep Safari**

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Spread across the beauty of Periyar Tiger Reserve, Gavi is a quiet, beautiful and pristine forest haven. It is at the eastern extreme of the Pathanamthitta District at 3400 ft above MSL. These evergreen forests are abundant with magnificent Wildlife including the tiger, elephants, leopards, bears, Indian gaur, sambar, barking & Mouse deers, lion tailed macaque, other varieties of monkeys, Nilgiri Marten and a lot more.

For the nature explorers Gavi offers the complete acquaintance with the flora around including Nageia Wallichinia (Podocarpus Wallichinia), a highly endemic species of the Gymnosperm family seen only around Gavi in the whole Western Ghats! If you are a bird-lover, the forests around Gavi are home to over 320 species of birds –the great Indian hornbills, sunbirds, woodpeckers, kingfishers and myriads of mynas, dongos, cuckoos and bulbuls-truly any birder's dream!

A 40 kilometer drive from Periyar, the road leading to the picturesque Gavi is blanketed by tea plantations. The two-hour jeep ride will take you past hills and valleys, tropical forests, sprawling grasslands, cascading waterfalls and cardamom plantations. Pamba Reservoir and a large tract of reserve forests, so chances of wildlife encounters with endangered species

like the Nilgiritahr and lion tailed macaque are big. Developed into an exclusive ecotourism project, Gavi is listed as one of the must-see places in India. Active involvement of tribal makes Gavi one of its kinds in the country.

**Program Details:-**

**Pick up from Hotel at 5.30 am and drop back at 4.00 pm**

**Package Includes:-**

**Full Day Jeep Tour**

**Breakfast at Gavi**

**Packed Lunch**

**Trek through Tea Plantation**

Explore the tea plantations on a soft trekking expedition and open up your gaze to the beauty of a place that has lost itself to Mother Nature's warm embrace! The Plantation is about 20 minutes drive from Periyar, one naturalist will accompany with you and he will explain about the process of how tea is grown, plucked and processed into what we consume as a hot beverage. The view of local ladies plucking tea leaves from estate in the region increases the fun element of this trek. This trek will provide maximum scenic beauty of this region and a great experience amidst the tea garden.

**Program Duration: 2 Hrs**

**Timing: 7.00 am to 9.00 pm or 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm**

**Program Includes Naturalist service and Trekking only.**