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| **PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR COCHIN, GURUVAYOOR AND VEGALAND.** | | |
| **DAYS** | **PROGRAM** | **STATUS** |
| **DAY-1** | **Evening departure from Bangalore railway station to Cochin.** | **O/N Journey** |
| **DAY-2** | **Early morning arrival @ Cochin railway station.**  **Check-in rooms.**  **After breakfast, sightseeing of Cochin; visit:**  **Shipyard, St. Francis Church, Wellington Island, Boat cruise & Chinese fishing net.** | **Halt @ Cochin** |
| **DAY-3** | **After breakfast, visit Guruvayoor temple & back to Cochin.** | **Halt @ Cochin** |
| **DAY-4** | **After breakfast, visit Vegaland.**  **Drive to railway station & depart to Bangalore.** | **O/N Journey** |
| **DAY-5** | **Morning arrival @**  **Bangalore railway station.** | **Tour**  **concludes** |

**COCHIN:**

* **Shipyard:** Cochin Shipyard was **incorporated in 1972** as a Government of India company, with the **first phase of facilities** coming online **in 1982**. The yard has facilities to build vessels up to **1.1 million tons and repair vessels up to 1.25 million tons**, the **largest such facilities in India.** The **first ship** to roll out of the Cochin Shipyard was the **MV Rani Padmini in 1981**. The yard has delivered **two of India's largest double-hull Aframax tankers each of 95,000 DWT (Dead Weight Tonnage).** Recently it unveiled the **first range of indigenous aircraft carriers** for the Indian Navy the **Vikrant-class aircraft carriers.**
* **St. Francis church:** The St. Francis Church, well-known for its beautiful structural design has an **important place in history**. It is here that the famous explorer, **Vasco-da-Gama, was originally buried.** **His remains** would be taken back **14 years** later but to this day, **the exact spot is clearly marked**. The credit for its construction goes to the **Portuguese Franciscan Friars in 1503.** Originally made with **mud and wood,** it went under a lot of work with the **Portuguese, Dutch and the British.** The interiors have two **stepped pinnacles** crowning the top of the chancel roof. **History has left its imprint here, which is evident to this day.**
* **Wellington Island:** This **man-made Island**, named after a **former Viceroy,** is **among the biggest of its kind in India**. It is a major commercial center. It is also home to the **Kochi Naval Base of the Indian Navy, the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology and the Port of Kochi.** It handles **millions of tons** of freight every year. The island is connected to the mainland by the **Venduruthy Bridge.**
* **Wellington boat cruise:** A unique opportunity to experience the **beauty of Kerala Backwaters, flora and fauna**, Village life through **Shikara boat (Covered boat) and Country Boat (Open Canoe).**

**GURUVAYOOR:**

* **Guruvayoor:** Guruvayoor, the **abode of Lord Sree Guruvayoorappan (lord Krishna)**, is located 29 kms north west to the cultural capital of the 'God's own country', Kerala. The **central shrine** is believed to have been **rebuilt in 1638 A.D.** It consists **two Gopurams**. The entire area between these Gopurams is roofed with tiles and known as **Anapanthal.** At the centre of this is a **square shaped** pillared hall called **Nalambalam,** the outer wall of which is fixed with a **gallery of oil lamps.** The eastern side **Deepastambam is 24 feet in height** and has **thirteen circular receptacles** to hold the wicks. Of the other two at West Gopuram, one is in the **shape of a tree.** **Dwijasthamba** - It is a flag-staff, around **70 feet height, fully covered with gold.**

**VEGALAND:**

* **Vegaland:** It is situated on **top of a hill at Pallikkara**, and the park itself is spread over an area of **30 acres.** Veega Land Amusement Park (**re-branded as Wonderla in April 2011**) has more than **50 adventurous rides** which will make your head spin! From **water rides to other hair-raising rides**, this a must-go!