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TRAVELLER PROMOTION

★ BEKAL, KERALA – THE CLASSIC ESCAPE

Create timeless memories as you unwind on a Kerala houseboat together. Set sail on the Kettuvallam Cruise and drift along the sleepy Kappil River, taking in the unspoiled scenery of the "real" Kerala as you go. Or walk through the quaint town of Bekal, where rich red soil, vivid blue waterfalls and lush tropical greenery create the ultimate south Indian palette. For gourmands, there's a visit to the nearby Uduma Fishing Village, with Chef Valentine as your escort. He'll help you select the finest, freshest fish, throw together the ingredients of your choice and create a tailor-made meal—right before your eyes. Dine by the candlelight at the hotel's signature Pavilion for a feast of Kerala romance.

For reservations call +91 467 661 6612

★ KOVALAM, KERALA – THE QUINTESSENTIAL QUEST

Honeymooners and lovers take note; this destination presents a side of Kerala that will captivate your every sense. Take a backwater cruise to Pooram, a unique spot where lake, river and sea meet land—it's an unforgettable sight. Or spend a day living as a villager, visiting a local coir workshop, a village market, a Kalaripayattu class and a traditional handicraft workshop. Be a guest in a traditional Kerala home and savour a fresh, home-cooked meal, before ending the day fishing on Vellayani Lake at sunset. The romance and simplicity of rustic life will stay with you long after you check out.

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★ DAL VIEW, SRINAGAR – THE SCINTILLATING SIGHTS

The ultimate way to experience sunset in Srinagar is to take a Shikara ride on the mesmeric Dal Lake. Let yourself be surrounded by the myriad lotus flowers that float on these blue waters, and watch as they become illuminated at dusk. Ride past the floating gardens, where fruits and vegetables seem to grow on the surface of the lake—you can even experience walking on the floating garden if you dare! Share a cup of traditional sweet herbal Kehwa at the Vivanta by Taj's atmospheric tea lounge as you take in the views of the legendary Char Chinar from afar.

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★ FISHERMAN'S COVE, CHENNAI – THE GREAT CATCH

Picture this: an open catamaran that allows you to explore the natural wonders of the Bay of Bengal together, along with the supremely romantic Fisherman's Cove. Lounge on the deck of this traditional wooden craft, and you may even find yourself escorted out to sea by a pod of dolphins. Make the experience even more unforgettable by diving off the catamaran in the middle of the ocean to swim among these magical sea creatures. Fisherman's Cove is also home to thousands of rare Olive Ridley Turtles, which come ashore to lay their eggs from December to March. It's an experience that will be seventh heaven for nature lovers.

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