

**BHARAT DARSHAN
-KOCHI GROUP**

- ⦿ A kick starter
- ⦿ Almost a chartered plane
- ⦿ Landing at Kochi
- ⦿ Kochi is a beautiful place
- ⦿ The Extra Luggage
- ⦿ Breakfast at Marriot

- The Kochi Airport experiment of Solar Energy
- The New Kochi Airport -A unique experiment in PPP model
- Meeting with the MD of the Airport
- Checking in at 'Radisson' in Kochi-Pairing and sharing

The decision on fund management

The group was big but ONE

An observation that the district and state
authorities should have been informed

The Cruise in Ernakulam

The Kochin Port

The Kochin Naval Yard

The Chinese Fishing Nets

The Drezzer

The waves of the Arabian Sea

LU LU, a big shopping Mall

- ◉ Even a bus is not big enough
- ◉ Night stay at Radisson Kochi
- ◉ Leaving for Thiruvananthapuram-A new Bus
- ◉ The Alleppy experiment in tourism
- ◉ Cruises in backwaters
- ◉ Riverside huts cum shops
- ◉ Apprehension of tourism in India going the southeast Asia way
- ◉ The search of a vegetarian road side reataurant

- ⦿ Houses and shops all along the road
- ⦿ What would the roads in our states look like in the next few years
- ⦿ Reaching Thiruvananthapuram
- ⦿ Evening at Kovalam beach, the speed boat rides
- ⦿ The grand 'Mascot' stay
- ⦿ Darshan At Lord Padmanabh temple- baring minimum to Lungis- the 'exposure' literally.

- ◉ The traffic congestion
- ◉ Reaching IMG, Our DG is a great human being.
- ◉ A session on Sustainable tourism
- ◉ A visit for VLE- the balloon bursts
- ◉ Kovalam beach again, speed boat rides, taking the Arabian sea waves head on, the beach tourism - preference for foreign tourists
- ◉ Stay at Mascot
- ◉ Starting early for Kanyakumari with packed breakfast

- ◉ A roadside tea and coffee shop gets big business
- ◉ Reaching Kanyakumari, A ferry to Vivekanand rock.
- ◉ The district authorities should have been informed
- ◉ Imitating Vivekanand
- ◉ The diversity within the group
- ◉ Darshan at Kanyakumari temple
- ◉ Leaving for Rameswaram
- ◉ The seaside road, tapping wind energy
- ◉ A narrow escape from the pond water tea.
- ◉ Lunch in a roadside restaurant in Tutikorin

- ◉ A restaurant run by the ladies.
- ◉ Happy birthday at Ramnad
- ◉ Reaching Rameswaram The Tamilnadu hotel- one of the best locations not fully utilised
- ◉ Trying for a reasonably good access to Lord Ramaswamy
- ◉ Samudra Snan and 'Shahi' darshan.
- ◉ Washing clean of the sins 22 times.
- ◉ Visit to a Sage's hermitage. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial

- ◉ Leaving for Madurai
- ◉ The old Hindi Movie songs
- ◉ Reaching 'Astoria' Madurai and Lunch
- ◉ Menakshi Amman temple Darshan
- ◉ The Passport and Dollars heat
- ◉ All is well that ends well
- ◉ Leaving for Colombo

TAKE HOME

- ◉ Intensive in-group camaraderie
- ◉ Perfect time management
- ◉ Financial management
- ◉ A Cultural theatre on wheels
- ◉ Coordinating with administration on our own
- ◉ Understanding anagement of large religious places
- ◉ Inspiring women power
- ◉ Success stories of PPP in Kochi
- ◉ Importance of non conventional energy
- ◉ Exploring rich South Indian culture
- ◉ Prospects of Tourism

WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER

- ◉ Size of the group should be small
- ◉ Planning should be done much in advance
- ◉ More academic input beforehand
- ◉ Proper coordination and prior intimation to the district authorities
- ◉ The experience of the group should be taken into account while designing the tour program
- ◉ More exposure to the best practices of the area.
- ◉ Customized accommodation and dining facilities