



## Schedule

### Day 1

Arrival/Registration	2.00 pm
Introduction	3.00 pm
Refreshment	5.00 pm
Dinner	8.00 pm
Camp Fire	8.30 pm

### Days 2

Morning Tea	6.30 am
SAFARI (Hired vehicle; at extra cost of Rs. 200/pax. Minimum 4 pax)	6.30-8.00 am
Breakfast	8.00 am
Guided Trekking (Optional)	9.00 am
Lunch	1.00 pm
Guided River Walk	3.00-5.00 pm
Refreshment	5.00 pm
Dinner	8.00 pm
Camp Fire	8.30 pm

### Days 3

Morning Tea/Light Snaks	6.00 am
Bird Watching	6.30 am
Breakfast	9.00 am
Guided Trekking (Optional)	10.30 am
Cycling	10.30 am
Lunch	12.45 pm
Check Out	1.00 pm

### For booking, contact:

Divisional Manager, Trivandrum: 8289821100  
 Manager, Aripa: 8289821101  
 Email: [arippa@kfdcecotourism.com](mailto:arippa@kfdcecotourism.com)  
 Stay programmes can be booked online at  
<https://arippa.kfdcecotourism.com/>

## \* Myristica Swamp

Myristica swamp is a freshwater swamp forest in India that are home to many unique plants and animals, and are important for maintaining water flow and storing carbon. Myristica swamps are found in the Western Ghats and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. They were once widespread across the Konkan coast but are now a threatened ecosystem that is shrinking and becoming fragmented. Myristica swamps are characterized by trees with large roots that protrude from the waterlogged soil. These roots are called stilt roots or knee roots, and they help the trees adapt to being flooded. Myristica swamps are home to many life forms, including the kotiger dancing frog. They also help maintain perennial stream flow and store carbon. Myristica swamps are millions of years old and are made up of old-growth trees.



## Tips to make the trip total

- Pay heed to your guides
- Avoid bright colours & perfumes
- Keep Silence
- Avoid Smoking
- You can carry Cameras & Binoculars

LOCATION MAP

## Floriculture Centre

The KFDC Floriculture Centre in Munnar is a must-visit destination for nature lovers and gardening enthusiasts. Located on the outskirts of the town, the centre is spread over an area of 2 acres and is home to a wide variety of flowers, plants, and trees. The centre offers visitors a chance to explore the beautiful gardens and learn about different species of flora. The serene surroundings and the beautiful flowers make it a perfect spot for photography enthusiasts as well. Visitors to Meesappulimala must report to the floriculture centre for trek arrangements.



## vanopahar Ecoshop

A gift from evergreen forests of God's Own Country

Visit our Ecoshops, "Vanopahar", located at all KFDC Ecotourism centres, to purchase organic and wild-life friendly souvenirs. Products include:



## KERALA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.

(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)

Regd. Office: 'AARANYAKOM', KARAPUZHA, KOTTAYAM- 686 003. KERALA, INDIA  
 Tel: 0481-2582640. Fax: 0481-2581338.  
 Office: 0481-2581204, 2581205 | Mob: 82898 21000.  
 E-mail: [md\\_kfdcktm@yahoo.co.in](mailto:md_kfdcktm@yahoo.co.in) | [www.kfdcecotourism.com](http://www.kfdcecotourism.com)

## Aripa Eco Tourism

Escape to Wilderness

50 Glorious Years



KERALA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.



**Arippa** is a beautiful, wooded upland in the Western Ghats along the Trivandrum-Shencottah State highway. 52 kms from Thiruvananthapuram city, the virgin land offers an ideal place for nature lovers in the midst of a forest environment. Known for its variety of birds and wildlife, Arippa is a popular destination for bird watchers.



## ACTIVITIES

### Trekking, Bird Watching

A keen naturalist can see more than 200 species of birds and more than 100 species of butterflies occupying different habitats of tropical evergreen and deciduous forests. Common birds include, the Great black woodpecker, Southern trogon, Malabar grey hornbills, Warblers, Fly catchers and Babblers of different varieties. The local/tribal youth, with an aptitude for bird spotting and adventure activities, will accompany guests for trekking. The \*Myristica swamp at Sasthannada is a rare forest patch, preserved for its uniqueness. Habitat to hundreds of rare plant and animal species, this kind of wilderness is seen in the tropical ever green forest below 300 mts. Trekking to Myristica swamp is a rare opportunity to see various associations of Myristica species with specialized morphological characteristics.



## ACCOMMODATION

Those desirous of sharing the quietness of the jungle can stay back in the forest in their rooms or in specially provided huts.

**Jyothismathy Bungalow:** A small and beautiful inspection bungalow of Kerala Forest Development Corporation situated atop a small hill provides a unique ambience for nature lovers, with quiet and serene setting. Constructed in 1981, the guest house has 3 airconditioned rooms, with double occupancy. It serves as a perfect halting space for the visitors enroute to other eco-tourism centers like Thenmala, Ponmudi, Kallar, Mankayam, Kudukkathupara, Konni, etc.

**SankiliHuts:** 6 air-conditioned eco-cottages, set in a serene forest environment, with garden setting. Great for get-togethers, family gatherings, etc.

**SankiliTents:** Well-maintained eco-friendly tent-stay, with forest view and wildlife sightings for the adventurer in you.



## PROGRAMMES

### 1. Day Programme

- Check-in at 7.00 am
- 2-4 Hours Trekking and Birdwatching
- Seasonal Steam Bath
- Visit to Myristica Swamps
- Vydooryakunnu Climb



## 2. Short Stay Programme

### Day 1

Check-in/Registration	5.30 pm
Dinner	8.30 pm
Camp Fire	8.30 pm

### Days 2

Morning Tea	6.30 am
Guided Bird Watching/Trekking (1km)	6.30-8.00 am
Brakefast	8.30-9.00 am
Check-out	10.00 am

## 3. One-Night Stay Programme

### Day 1

Check-in/Registration	2.00 pm
Introduction	3.00 pm
Evening Tea	5.00 pm
Dinner	8.00 pm
Camp Fire	8.30 pm

### Days 2

Morning Tea	6.30 am
Guided Bird Watching/Trekking (1km)	6.30-8.00 am
Brakefast	8.00 am
Trekking (8km)	8.30am-12.00 pm
Lunch	1.00 pm

## 4. Two-Nights Stay Programme

The two nights stay programme includes breakfast, dinner and lunch for 2 nights, 3 days; bird watching, trekking, campfire and stay in AC room

## Duration of Stay Programme

- Check in-2 pm
- Overnight stay for 2 days
- Check-out on 3<sup>rd</sup> day at 1 pm

**Activities:** Forest Stay (Jyothismathy Bungalow/ Sankily Mansion), Guided Trekking, Birdwatching, Campfire

**Food:** Breakfast, Lunch (Veg meals), evening refreshments and dinner (non-veg)

## Accommodation

- Jyothishmathi Bungalow- 10 pax (6+4)
- Sankily Mansion- 15 pax (10+5)
- Total- 25 pax

