## Weekend in Allepey

## Saturday Night

Commencing from home in a Weekend night in Kochiveli Express by darkness. Grasping the deep wind & hearing songs with a treasured one nearby makes the twilight a bliss. With that comfort, that night ended with irregular sleep to arise early to appear at Allepey Station.

## **Artistic Sunday**

At 5 a.m. we arrived at Allepey. Reviving in the station hotel, we were impatiently waiting to see the Sunrise. We walked nearly 500m to view the seacoast. Walking through a small straight street in the early morning, looking at lonely roads, railway tracks & few passengers with small talks. That felt like the time should stop for some time to admire Nature. Before heading near the ocean, some teenagers were playing cricket on a routine Sunday morning. As well as we saw other migrants who had an alike vision as we had. Holding each other's hand & looking at the sun rising, we felt our love deeply. Playing in the water. Making our feets wet & untidy. (Most of the girls know that their guys simply see the beach as water & feel good, they have nothing more than that in it, but we can admire the beauty of the ocean & endlessness when we are standing together with lots of dreams & wishes to be fulfilled in the future). We enjoyed the cold breeze & the voice of the waves which was telling us that, "this will never end & we can be together forever, making us feel inseparable". Also playing Hide & Seek in the water inside the water was thrilling though it was risky. Resting on the beach, with turtles circling us from everywhere. Love of my life collected small seashells which symbolised for me as a token of love. Without wanting to come from there, we started as the sun was brighter by 8.30 as the day had started to begin. Had chai & vada (which was deep fried in coconut oil tasted genuine) in a nearby teastall. I felt like drinking another cup of chai. Returning from there, had breakfast in the station hotel. We ate appam. (Traditional Food) very delicious. Then check out at 11.

Booked auto & wandered around the village. Went to Green Aura Resort. Room was high-grade. All rooms were built traditionally. Also, we can see the lamps & other items in that resort which attracts people. Swing is available where we can spend time with children. He cherished more than me. Had fun. Got ready by 3. We drank Coffee.

Booking a cab, we went to Ambalpuzha Krishna temple. As we reached earlier than opening time, we killed time in Buying earrings. He also gifted me something very special. Spent time together. Talked. Took pics. We had pleasant darshan. Felt spiritual. Divinity (Nature) performs certain actions which appear like a miracle.

Once again proceeded to the beach. This time there were people all-around. Enjoyed sunset. He eats Non-vegetarian, so he tasted fried fish which was hot & spicy. By his face reactions, I felt mouth-watering. I couldn't resist myself & tried a sample of it. There was something special in it. For the first time, I came to know it only then. (People must not miss tasting that food). It's seen everywhere as it is surrounded by ocean.

He is a food lover, we had Roti's to ease our hunger. We bought Nendram (Banana) chips which are famous in karical, a place away from Alleppey. Also, they sell other spicy chips & Halwa sweet. (People can take home).

We went to backwaters and stayed in a Boat House in the night. We felt like we were floating in the water, when we sat outside & watched the moon together. These cannot be mentioned in words alone, it must be felt.

## **Never Ending Memories**

The next day we woke up at 6.30. Submerged. Dressed up. Packed. Started by 11. As we had planned, we started to Chotanikare temple. On the way, we observed three Elephants and the greenery was eye-catching. We might have heard about the very powerful temple. He had less interest but agreed to come with me. We had good darshan just before the closure of the temple. Finally, we took the bus & returned home with a lot of gratifying memories.

We all know that Allepey is famous for beaches, boathouses, spicy food. One must go at least once in a lifetime to feel the greenery & nature's beauty. Though I am not a beach lover, I felt this beach is more connected to all the couples who need a space for themselves.