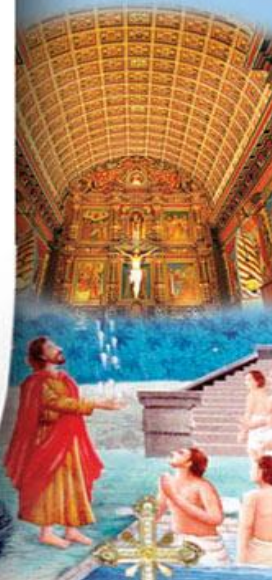




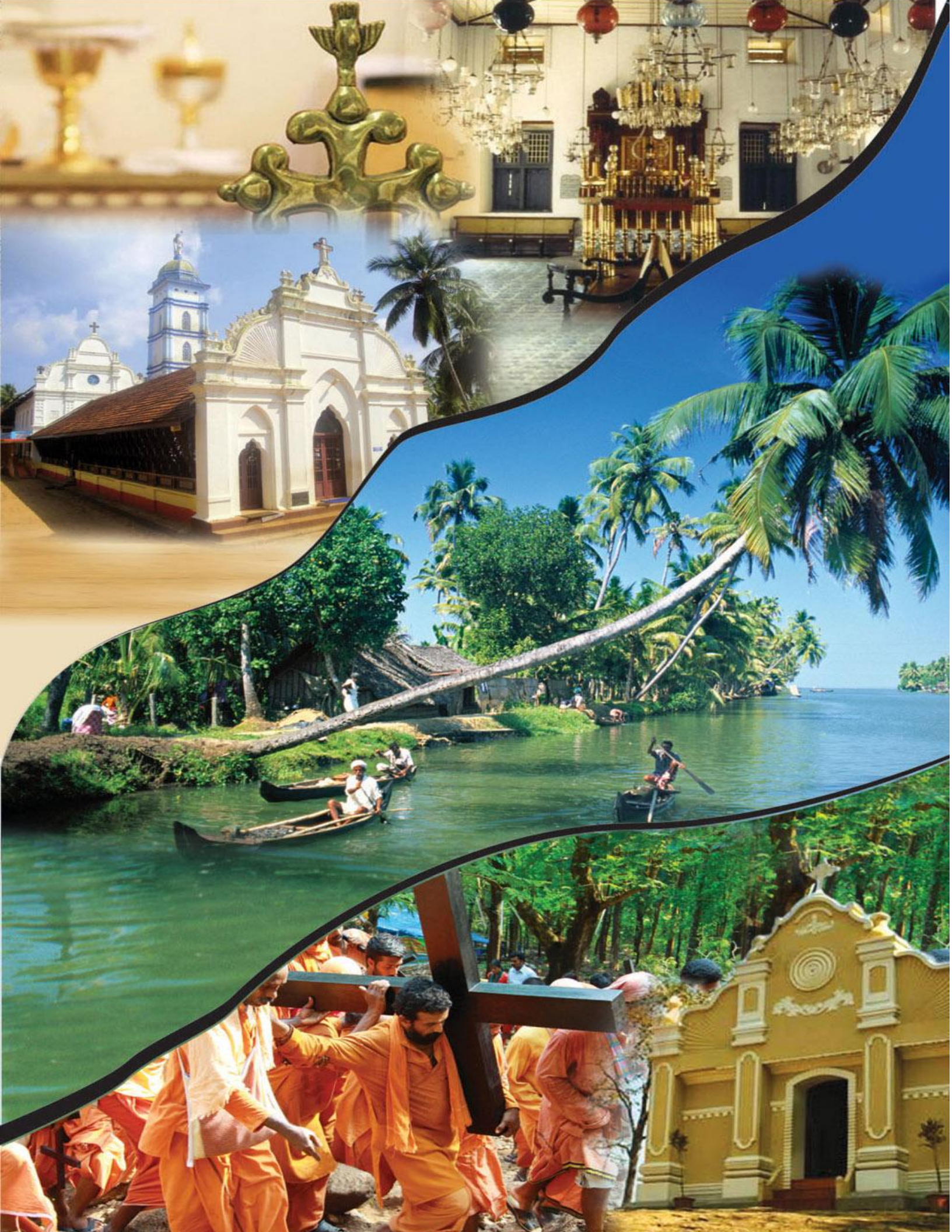
ROUTE TO THE ROOTS

in the foot steps of St. Thomas



A journey to unravel the richness of
God's Own Country -
Kerala, India





Vision

Route to the Roots intends to attract visitors from within and outside India to come and see the tangible and intangible evidence of the heritage of the Thomas Christians in India by introducing the rich history, traditions and identity of the Syro-Malabar Church and the culture and folklore of Christians in Kerala, which will create a love for the Mother Church among the faithful.

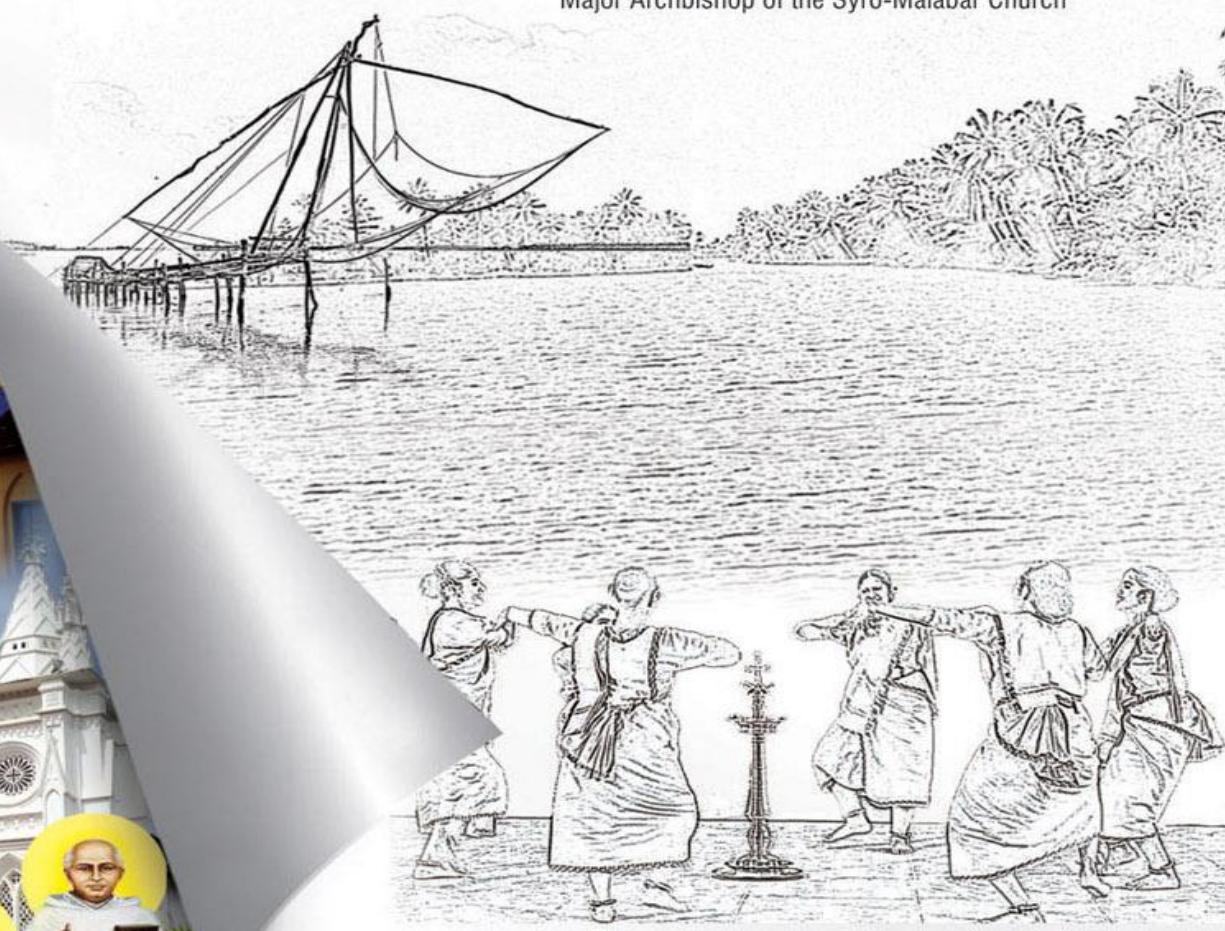
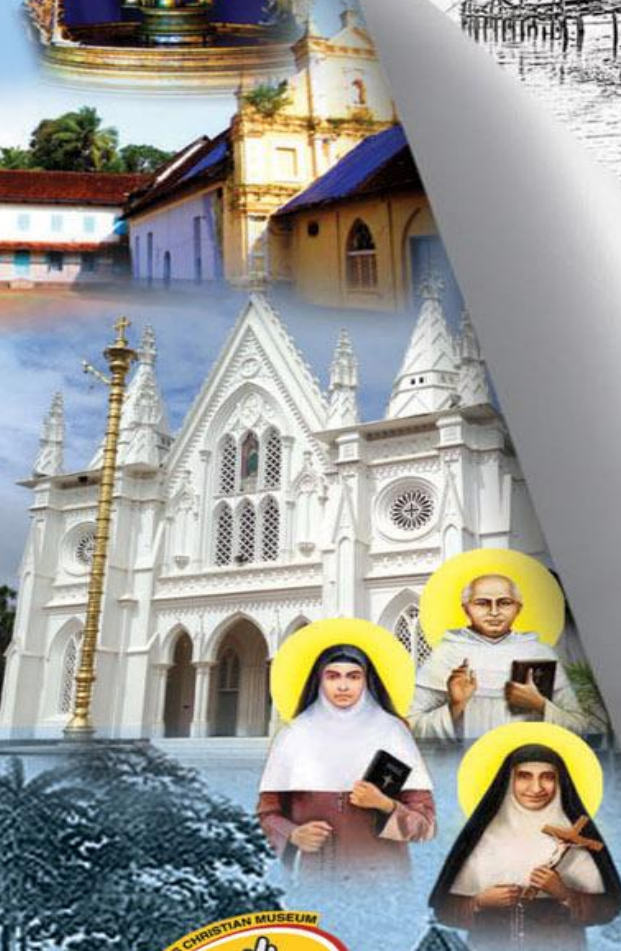
Mission

- Organize conducted journeys for pilgrims/tourists from outside India, natives, youth, faith formators, parishioners, etc. to walk alike the Way of St Thomas and experience the rich cultural heritage of Kerala
- Arrange pilgrimages to the cradle of Christianity in Kerala; help the participants to experience the roots of Marthoma Nasranigal - visits to ancient churches, sanctuaries and tombs of saints, pilgrim centres
- Lead the participants to see and admire/enjoy the Keralan and Christian art forms like Margam Kali, Puthen Pana, Ramban songs, Chavittunadakam, Kathakali, Oottam Thullal, and Thiruvathira
- Foster a deep understanding of the importance of the religious life of Christian families, and the meaning of festivals/Perunnals/Feasts
- Invite participants to touch and taste the Syrian Christian cuisine, lifestyle, traditions, and culture, which are unique, yet highly influenced by the culture in Kerala, India
- Provide the opportunity to visit the St Thomas Christian Museum, Mount St Thomas, Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church
- Introduce the participants to the rich milieu of Oriental and Latin Churches in Kerala
- Impart and foster an in-depth understanding of the Syro-Malabar spirituality, liturgy, and saints
- Experience the harmonious living together of different churches and religions as one of God's own people
- Guide the participants from different parts of the world to enjoy the beauty, mystery, and mesmerizing sights that God's own country offers to the tourists



The Route to the Roots is a creative vision and mission of the St. Thomas Christian Museum. And it is operated by Magi Holidays. It offers a great opportunity to visit the historical places of Christianity in Kerala and relish the richness of the religious and cultural patrimony of God's own country blessed by St. Thomas the Apostle of India.

Cardinal George Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church



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