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THIS IS THE PLACE  
THIS IS KERALA

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# KERALA

Kerala is God's own country and home to some of the most tropical landscapes India has to offer. The Malabar Coast is situated at the southern most tip of South Western India and boasts some of the most beautiful, untouched coastline in the country.

## IT ALL STARTS WITH NAMASKKARAM

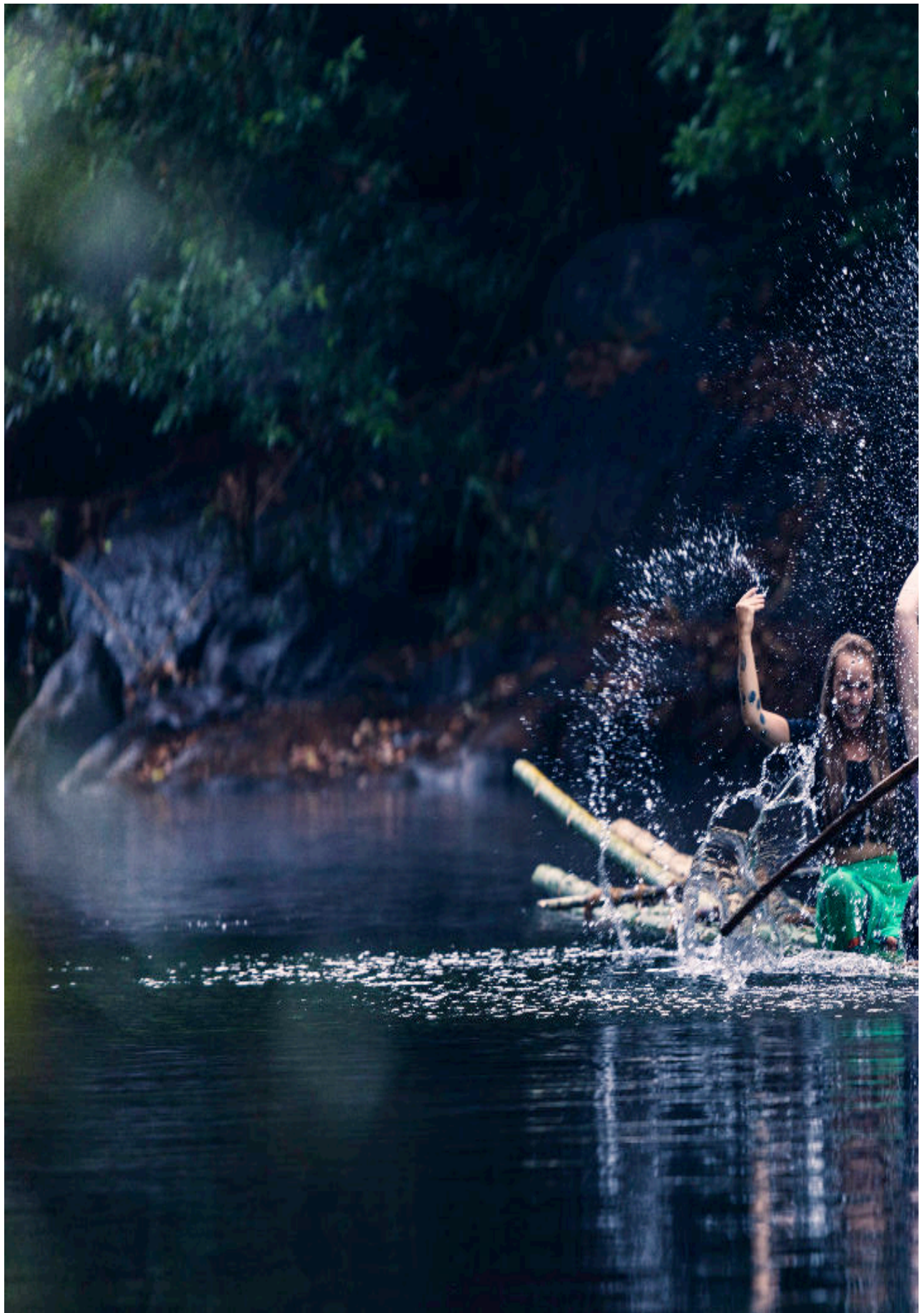
Close your eyes and picture palm-fringed golden beaches and rolling emerald hills. See yourself floating along the Backwaters, passing lush jungle, rice terraces, half-lost temples and colonial outposts: welcome Kerala – India's chill-out state.

Listed as one of the top 50 places to visit by National Geographic, this southwestern state is India at its most idyllic – where the frenetic non-stop animation of the subcontinent ebbs away slowly, to nearly a standstill.

Nicknamed 'God's Own Country' by the proud locals, Kerala's outstanding natural beauty has been whispered about around the globe for centuries. The story goes that passing sailors would be drawn its shores by wafts of exotic spices drifting out to sea. To this day, Kerala has exceptional biodiversity, with thriving marine life in the oceans, teeming wildlife in the Western Ghats and the perfect conditions for rice cultivation, mango and coconut trees.

The legendary Kerala backwaters remain Kerala's crown jewels. Over forty rivers and canals form the backwaters: snaking and crisscrossing lush tropical landscapes, occasionally meeting to form deep azure lagoons – scene that will bring out the landscape painter in anyone!













## Oberoi MV Vrinda

Soak up beautiful scenery and absorb local sights as you meander through the tranquil waterways of 'God's own country' on board this elegant vessel, cruising the picturesque canals and lakes.

The gentle lapping of the water and balmy breezes make this a relaxing and unforgettable experience. This modern river cruiser has just eight cabins, all of which are located on the lower deck with windows overlooking the water, have kingsize beds and butler service.

There's a restaurant which serves international, Indian and Keralan specialities. There's also bar where non-alcoholic drinks are served.

## Taj Hotels, Kerala

Taj, World's Strongest Hotel Brand\*, is an iconic hospitality brand from the Indian Hotels Company Limited. The brand continues to be one of the most revered and loved hospitality brands with a legacy of over 116 years of impeccable service and genuine warmth.

Embodying the spirit of "Tajness", authentic original palaces, landmark hotels, idyllic resorts and natural safari lodges interpret the tradition of hospitality in a refreshingly modern way to create unique experiences and lifelong memories.

- Taj Malabar Resort & Spa, Cochin
- Taj Bekal Resort & Spa, Bekal
- Taj Green Cove Resort & Spa, Kovalam



## Talayar Valley Bungalow, Munnar

Located 18km from Munnar, this serene plantation offers four beautiful, spacious suites and views of the mountains, waterfalls and, of course, the rolling fields of green.

The highlight is the tea workshop, in which you can learn how to cut, wither, ferment, curl, dry and tear tea leaves, and then put those leaves in your own tea.



## Parisons Plantation Experiences, Wayanad

Spread across no less than 4,025 acres in God's Own Country, Parisons offers two beautifully furnished bungalows, four bedrooms Cherakara (pictured) & the six-bedroom Talapoya.

The first has a wraparound verandah that offers spectacular forest and mountain vistas, while the second offers pool views. Outdoor activities include mountain cycling and walks around the plantation or up the hills (including a dip in the stream), while indoors, you can play board games or table tennis, pamper yourself with a steam bath or at the ayurveda spa.



## Banasura Hill Resort, Wayanad

Spread across 35 acres of verdant terrain and tucked away at an altitude of 3500 feet above sea level, Banasura Hill Resort is located in Wayanad, Kerala.

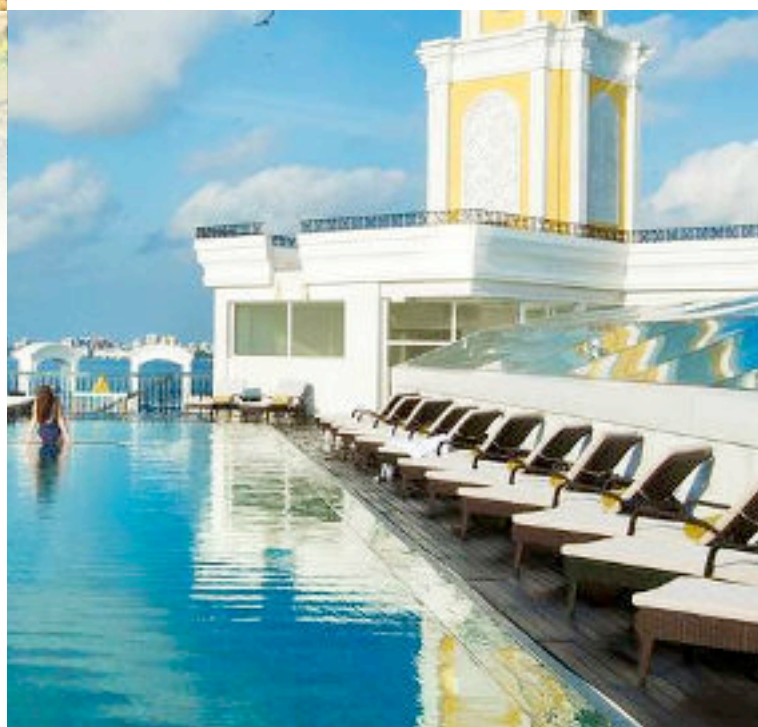
Constructed using mud excavated from the very site that it stands on, its unique rustic look offering the best in luxury and comfort is truly "Heaven made of Earth."

...experience the lush, elegant and serene hideout for a holiday to remember!

## Fragrant Nature, Cochin

This exquisite boutique hotel, is set within the former offices of the East India Company placing it right at the heart of the city's rich and varied heritage. It has only been open since 2015, however it has already become one of the most popular hotels in Cochin.

Centred around a beautiful and light-filled courtyard with its distinct colonial feel, the hotel really gives you a sense of place. One of the most popular spots is the roof-top pool and café, both of which have incredible views out over the harbour... there are few places we would rather retreat to following a day of city exploration.







## Malabar House, Cochin

For a true sense of place but a setting the perfect distance away from the hectic heart of the city, Cochin's Malabar House can't be beaten. With its Relais & Chateau status you know the service is going to be attentive, the cuisine outstanding and the style unique.

The hotel reflects the city's history with distinctly colonial buildings and North African-inspired interiors (although with a modern twist) and there is a charming courtyard where you will find the bijou swimming pool.

There's also the ayurvedic Purespa which specialises in a range of treatments that has emerged from an unlikely source – the ancient Keralan martial art of kalaripayattu.

## Kochi Marriott Hotel

Expect nothing less than the quintessential Marriott hospitality at this centrally located 5 star hotel in Kerala. This is a very modern hotel with spacious well equipped rooms, a lovely pool and all other amenities for a restful break. Its proximity to the hugely popular Lulu shopping mall is one of the highlights of this top rated hotel. In fact the hotel also provides a shuttle car to/from the mall for the convenience of the guests.



## The Trident Cochin

The lovely pool area, impeccable interiors and the ever smiling faces of each of the staff members are the first things you notice at this elegant 5 star hotel in Kerala located on Willingdon island.

Trident hospitality is sure to sweep you off your feet with every little thoughtful gesture.

Complimentary cooking classes and not-to-be-missed traditional massages offered by the in house spa add to the memorable experience of your stay here.



## Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty

Perched on the serene Bolgatty Island, Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty is a waterfront urban 5-star resort overlooking the backwaters of Vembanad Lake.

With its bold & compelling works of art and architecture, dramatic landscapes, opulent guest rooms and suites, exquisite dining destinations, and one of the largest event spaces in South India, our hotel is set to redefine living grandly in the city.

Live the perfect vacation dream on Kochi's maiden Nattika- a 2-bedroom luxury houseboat and a conference boat as you enjoy the breathtaking vistas of Vembanad Lake.



## Crowne Plaza Kochi

Crowne Plaza Kochi is ideally located on the NH 47 Bypass and provides easy access to the major business arenas, city centre and the widely acclaimed Fort Kochi. The hotel is just 33 kms away from the International Airport, 5 kms from the railway station and 8 kms from the major shopping malls in the city. The hotel has 269 spacious business rooms and suites with panoramic views of the backwaters and the city.

Our variety of authentic culinary outlets, extensive spa, leisure facilities, and well equipped meeting rooms for up to 900 all within a tranquil waterfront setting making Crowne Plaza Kochi the preferred International brand for business, leisure and events.

## Le Meridien Cochin

Style, comfort and sophistication blend effortlessly at Le Méridien Kochi. Our hotel is situated on a sprawling 18 acres, surrounded on each side by the calming Kochi backwaters.

You'll feel right at home in one of our resort's rooms or suites featuring deluxe bedding, a flat-screen TV, a mini-fridge and a coffee maker. Business travelers to Kochi will appreciate an ergonomic workspace.

We're Kerala's most celebrated destination for business and social events alike, with 60,000 square feet of exquisite banquet space, which can accommodate up to 5,000.







## Ramada Resort Cochin

Be inspired by one-of-a-kind luxury venues of Ramada Resort. The resort offers three conference & banquet facilities, in capacities ranging from 80 to 450 guests. The elaborate banquet menu complements the services on offer, to ensure that every event is a grand success. All the facilities are Wi-Fi and plug-n-play business enabled, which ensures the smooth conduct of corporate meets, conferences etc.

## The Lalit Resort & Spa Bekal

The LaLiT Resort & Spa Bekal is located in Kasaragod, Kerala and is surrounded by the river Nombili and has an internal lagoon overlooking a white sand beach. The resort operates 38 suites and includes a banquet hall which offers over 3,500 square feet of conference and banqueting space.

All of The LaLiT Resort & Spa Bekal's suites feature private jacuzzis. The resort includes a spa which is spread over 20,000 square feet. The resort offers recreational facilities and sports facilities for customers. The LaLiT Resort & Spa Bekal operates a multi-cuisine restaurant and a bar, Nombili.



## CGH Earth Experience Hotels

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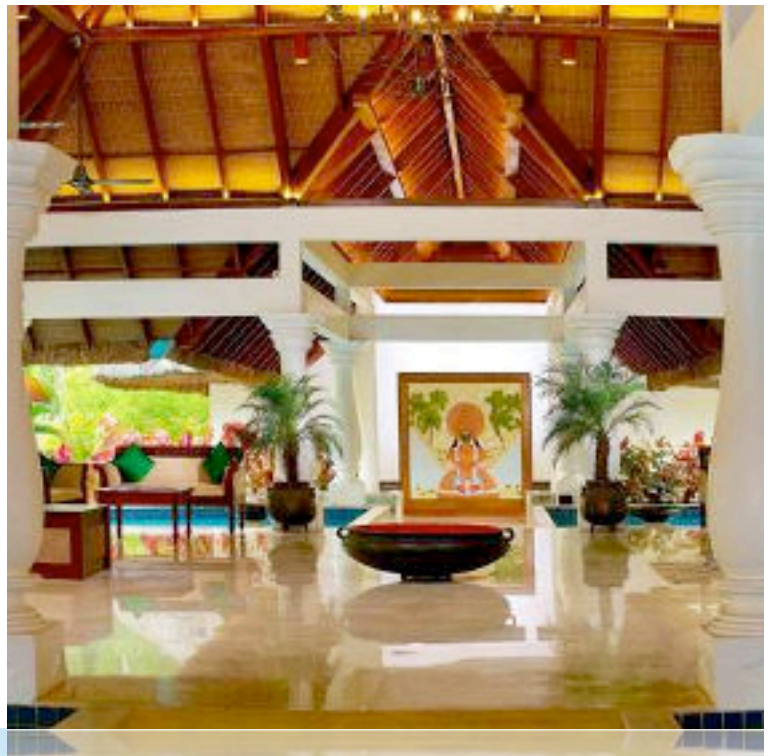
They are designed to sharpen your vision and heighten your understanding of the web of life around you as you get immersed in its warmth, colour, diversity and wisdom.

- Cochin
- Kumarakom.
- Munnar
- Marari
- Malayattoor
- Periyar
- Wayanad



## Carnoustie Ayurveda & Wellness Resort

While the majority of Southern India resorts feature spas that offer Ayurvedic treatments and alternative ancient practices, at the beautiful Carnoustie resort the focus is almost entirely on the wellbeing of the body and soul. Hidden away on the breathtaking Malabar Coast, this is the perfect place to retreat to following a lively Indian adventure. This is the place for some genuine 'me time'. The style is contemporary luxury, however there's a definite nod to the architecture, heritage and culture of the region, something that can be seen in the design of the thatched cottages. The Akund Deluxe Villas are scattered throughout the gardens and feature a private deck with a lily pond.



## Kumarakom Lake Resort

Water, water, everywhere. As you would expect from a resort at the heart of the Keralan backwaters, the focus here is on all things H<sub>2</sub>O, whether it's the freeform pool, the winding streams or the infinity pool which seems to merge into the lake itself. The choice of royalty – Prince Charles spent his 65th birthday here – the Kumarakom Lake Resort is typically Keralan in style with typical architecture and traditional local decor and artworks. You certainly won't forget what part of the world you're in. No Southern India hotel worth its salt would be without a spa, and in particular one that provides a wide range of Ayurvedic treatments.



## The Zuri Kumarakom, Kerala Resort & Spa

Offering breathtaking views of the serene backwaters of Kerala, The Zuri Kumarakom, Kerala Resort & Spa is situated on the shores of the Vembanad Lake, the longest backwater lake in Kerala. The fresh sea breeze, miles of serene backwaters and swaying coconut palms all welcome you to an unforgettable experience of luxury and peace. The dreamy state of Kerala, the southern tip of the Indian peninsula is often referred to as 'God's Own Country' due to its pristine natural beauty.







## Neeleshwar Hermitage, Kasaragod

With accommodation inspired by traditional fisherman's cottages, an off-the-beaten-track setting on Kerala's unspoilt Malabar coast and a focus on wellbeing, this is the ultimate retreat if you are truly looking to get away from it all.

Walk along the seemingly endless beach for miles and see only local fishermen landing their catch, enjoy cooking lessons with the resort's chef or relax under palms in the beautiful gardens or by the pool... you may even forget there's a world beyond your little slice of paradise.

## Windermere Estate, Munnar

Set on a 55-acre cardamom and coffee estate close to the town of Munnar, this welcoming boutique retreat is perfectly placed for relaxation. Spend time exploring the untamed and wild surroundings, perhaps looking for birds and butterflies during a guided plantation walk or admiring the spectacular views over the mountains and tea plantations from the viewpoint.

If you fancy venturing outside of the estate, there are a number of day trips available to guests. We definitely recommend a tour of Eravikulam National Park, or joining a jeep safari to the Kolukkumalai Tea Estate, renowned for being the world's highest tea plantation.



## Spice Tree, Munnar

Sitting in the Western Ghats, overlooking tea plantations and the Bison Valley below, this unique mountainside retreat is a beautifully remote escape. The focus here is on enjoying the complete tranquility, yet also getting to know the local area. Beyond the hotel, you can take part in plantation walks, tea factory visits and soft treks to the nearby dolmens – the sites of an ancient civilisation – while back at the Spice Tree there are cooking classes, yoga sessions and tea tastings which end with a delicious high tea.



## Chandy's Windy Woods

One of the top hotels in Kerala, this one bowls you over with breathtaking views of the mystical Munnar tea plantations which are just a stone's throw away. The luxurious and spacious rooms along with the artificial waterfall and in-house trekking make you want to spend your days. The chef not only takes personal interest in pampering your taste buds but also conducts interesting cooking classes for the food enthusiasts.



## Fragrant Nature Munnar

One of the top hotels in Kerala, Fragrant Munnar is the perfect blend of luxury and comfort in the lap of nature. Each tastefully decorated elegant room offers lovely views of the lush green mountains.

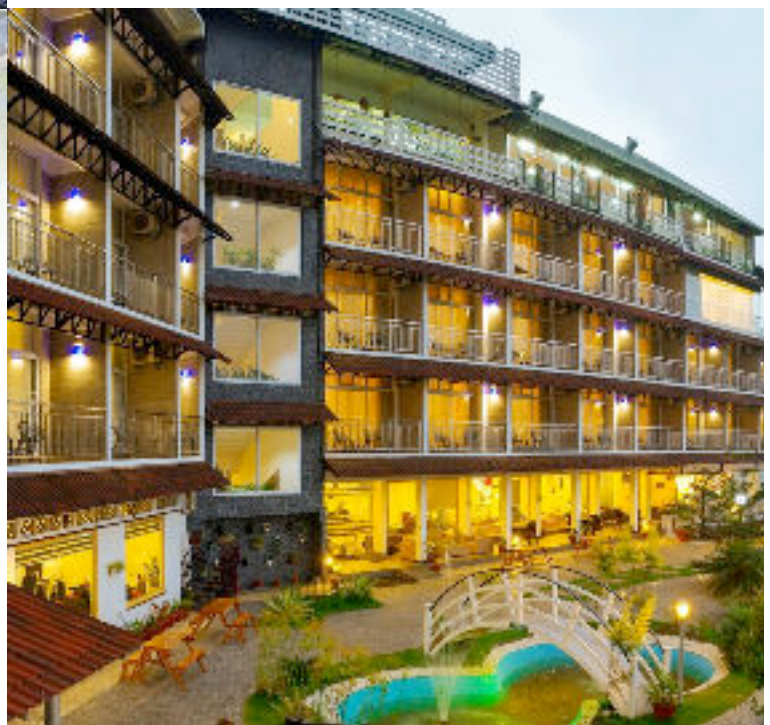
The in house cafe allows you to indulge in some decadent cakes while sipping awesome coffee or blissful cinnamon tea.

A restaurant with a view and a well-equipped gym are more reasons for Fragrant Nature being amongst the coveted Kerala hotels. They also organise delightful guided treks explaining the local flora and fauna of the region.

## The Panoramic Getaway

Offering two rooftop heated swimming pools separate for adults and families, two restaurants and a spa and wellness center, The Panoramic Getaway is located in scenic hill station of Munnar. Free high-speed WiFi is available in the property.

Each air-conditioned room here will provide you with a cable TV, a seating area and a balcony. Featuring a shower, private bathroom also comes with free toiletries and slippers. You can enjoy mountain view from the room.







## Amber Dale Luxury Hotel & Spa, Munnar

Featuring free WiFi and a restaurant. The hotel has a children's playground and fitness center. Free private parking is available on site. All rooms have a private bathroom with certain units offering spa bath, while others have free toiletries and a hairdryer. Certain rooms include a seating area for your convenience. You will find a kettle in the room. A flat-screen TV is offered.

## Blanket Hotel & Spa

Featuring free WiFi and a spa center, Blanket Hotel & Spa offers accommodations in Munnar. The hotel has an outdoor pool and views of the garden, and guests can enjoy a meal at the restaurant. Free private parking is available on site.

Every room at this hotel is air conditioned and features a flat-screen TV with cable channels. Some rooms include a seating area to relax in after a busy day. You will find a kettle in the room. Each room comes with a private bathroom equipped with a bath. For your comfort, you will find bathrobes, slippers and free toiletries.



## Elixir Hills Munnar

This relatively new entrant to the list of top rated Kerala hotels wins your heart from the moment you step in, with the tranquil ambience, their unique welcome drink and exceptionally caring staff. Located in a beautiful setting in the lap of nature, the luxurious property is surrounded by lush forests and waterfalls.

The presidential suite comes with a Jacuzzi and a lovely balcony with breathtaking views. You could enjoy a romantic candle light dinner or spend some relaxed moments in the wonderful coffee shop.



## Vythiri Resort, Wyanad

Those seeking a warm weather tea-themed retreat should head to the Vythiri Resort in Wyanad, Kerala. Boasting a tropical jungle setting, the resort offers traditional, rust-hued cottages, while its 150-acre property presents an immersive entry point into nature.

The on-site Ayurvedic spa and freshwater pool provide cooling relief, while those with an adventurous streak will want to explore the surrounding tea plantations of the Western Ghats, as well as the Neolithic Edakkal Caves.



## Ramada Alleppey

Located 2 hours drive away from the Cochin International Airport (82 km), Ramada Alleppey is a gorgeous 5-star classified resort hotel in the 'Venice of the East', Alleppey.

This comfortable and luxurious hotel sits overlooking the breathtaking backwaters of the Punnamada Lake.

Beautifully illuminated rooms with the view of the water body located in the front simply make your stay experience extremely soothing. The hotel features modern day amenities including pool, restaurant, bar and lounge, fitness center with a gym, and spa. The rooms feature a minibar.

## Xandari Resorts - Kerala

Xandari destinations are renowned for space and privacy - the experiences are meticulously designed to frame their natural settings. Each welcomes guests as if to the home of a close friend, instilling a sense of peace and belonging amid some of the most diverse natural and heritage landscapes.

- Xandari Harbour - Fort Kochi, Cochin
- Xandari Pearl, Marari Beach
- Xandari Riverscapes, Alleppey
- Xandari Cardamom County, Periyar



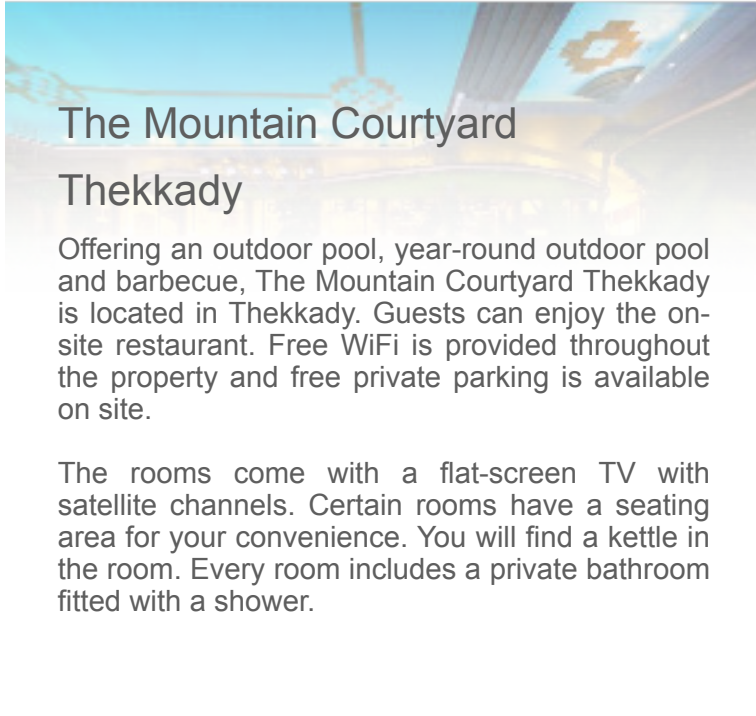




## The Gateway Hotel, Calicut

Featuring stylish rooms with over-sized windows and flat-screen TVs, this modern beach retreat is steps from Kozhikode Beach. It houses an outdoor pool with loungers, Ayurveda Wellness Center and fitness facilities. Free WiFi is available throughout the property.

A hearty buffet breakfast is served in the charming Italian-style coffee shop, Cape Comorin. Keralan and Asian favorites are on offer at Coral Reef while Logan's Lounge features chilled beer with pool views.



## The Mountain Courtyard Thekkady

Offering an outdoor pool, year-round outdoor pool and barbecue, The Mountain Courtyard Thekkady is located in Thekkady. Guests can enjoy the on-site restaurant. Free WiFi is provided throughout the property and free private parking is available on site.

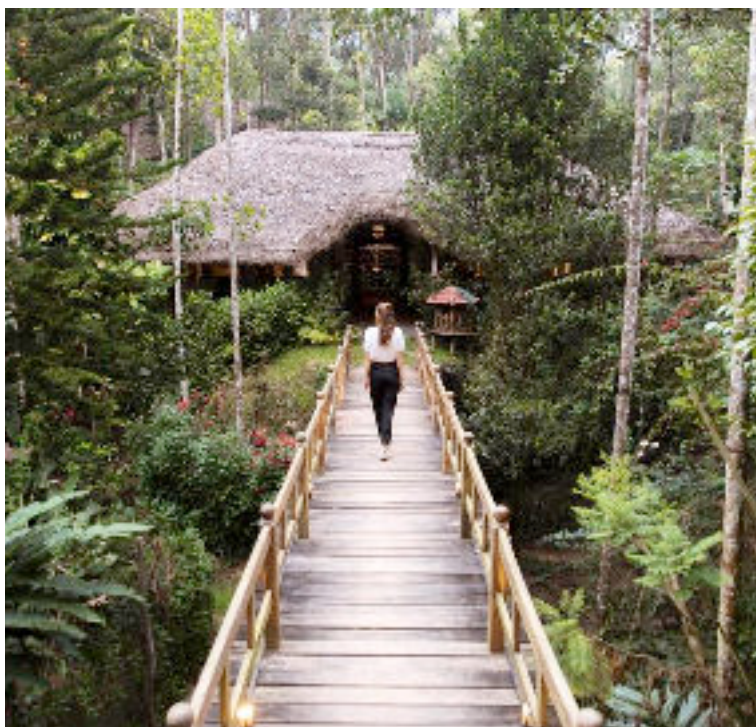
The rooms come with a flat-screen TV with satellite channels. Certain rooms have a seating area for your convenience. You will find a kettle in the room. Every room includes a private bathroom fitted with a shower.



## Amritara Shalimar Spice Garden

With a mountain stream meandering through the property, Amritara Shalimar Spice Garden is located amid the cool mountains of Thekkady. Surrounded by green spice plantations, it houses an outdoor pool and 2 dining options.

Featuring local antique wooden furniture, Falling Leaves serves a variety of Indian and European dishes. In-room dining is possible. The Red Lounge features drinks in a relaxing environment lit and warmed by a crackling fireplace.





## Hills & Hues, Thekkady

Boasting a garden and a terrace, Hills & Hues is located in Thekkady. Among the facilities of this property are a restaurant, a 24-hour front desk and room service, along with free WiFi. Private parking can be arranged at an extra charge.

All rooms are fitted with air conditioning, a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, a toaster, a kettle, a bidet, a hairdryer and a desk. With a private bathroom fitted with a shower and free toiletries, rooms at the hotel also feature a garden view. The rooms have a wardrobe.



## O by Tamara, Trivandrum

Set in Trivandrum, 4.7 mi from Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple, O by Tamara offers accommodations with a restaurant, free private parking, an outdoor swimming pool and a fitness center. Each accommodations at the 5-star hotel has city views, and guests can enjoy access to a garden and to a terrace. The accommodations provides a 24-hour front desk, airport transfers, room service and free WiFi.

The units come with air conditioning, a flat-screen TV with cable channels, a kettle, a shower, a hairdryer and a desk. Featuring a private bathroom with a bath and free toiletries, rooms at the hotel also provide guests with pool view. All units feature a wardrobe.

## Hilton Garden Inn, Trivandrum

Offering an outdoor swimming pool and 24-hour fitness center, Hilton Garden Inn, Trivandrum is set in the heart of Kerala's capital city near the Techno park. The property is a 20-minute drive from the Trivandrum International Airport. The famous Padmanabhaswamy Temple is just 1.2 mi from the property. Free WiFi is available throughout Hilton Garden Inn.

Guests can experience culinary delight in the Garden Grille restaurant with a selection from the breakfast buffet or choose dishes from the cooked-to-order selections.







## Nirmaya Wellness Retreat

Our Kovalam beach retreat, perched on a dramatic cliff-edge flanked by secluded beaches celebrates its natural surroundings. A Relais & Châteaux property, our Kerala Ayurveda retreat is dotted with traditional Keralite heritage cottages that nestle in the shade of breezy coconut palms. Whether by the pool or at the restaurants, guests staying at our retreat in Kovalam can savor spectacular views of the Arabian Sea at one of South India's most pristine locations.

The award-winning Niraamaya spa recognized as one of the Best Ayurveda Retreats in India will rejuvenate you in mind, body, and soul where guests are guided on a personalized path to rejuvenation.

## The Raviz Ashtamudi

A 5-star deluxe property on the banks of the serene Ashtamudi Lake. In the heart of Kerala's lush backwater country, in Kollam. The Raviz skillfully redefines luxury combining a historic ambiance with modern luxuries. This five-star deluxe resort, Spread over 5 acres of beautiful landscaped lush green gardens, boasts 93 guestrooms designed with subtle touches while incorporating the finest comforts of contemporary living.

What's more, the 93 exquisitely furnished rooms and suites including heritage villas and private villas with a pool, provide an astonishing level of comfort that is hard to match.



## Uday Serenity Backwater Resort

Uday backwater Resort in Alleppy is a destination by itself with 56 stylish rooms and 9 pool villas, Spas, Restaurants, Houseboats and Country boat trips turning your vacation exciting mesmerizing.

The resort got all comforts, with dedicated service personnel and elegant furnishings aesthetically combining traditional charm with modern facilities.



## The Raviz Calicut

The top rated hotel in Calicut, The Raviz is amongst the most budget friendly 5 star hotels in Kerala. There is a spa, wellness centre and massage parlour where you can indulge in pampering treatments while you relax in this modern business hotel.

Excellent rooms with all amenities and a lavish breakfast spread are other highlights of this property.



## The Raviz Leela Kovalam

From pristine beaches to scintillating views, ensconced by a distinct historical and gastronomic culture, infused by a tradition of wellness, spread across a 60 acre canvas of greenery – The Raviz Kovalam brings together an impossibly rare combination of elements that offers a journey of sights, sounds and tastes.

The thread that runs through your journey – an ethos of luxury that is synonymous with The Raviz Kovalam.

## Windflower Resorts & Spa Vythiri Wayanad

Wake up to the first gentle rays of the sun. Stroll into tea plantations through serpentine pathways. Inhale the crisp mountain air. Trek up to a breathtaking view and a sampling of local cuisine. Enjoy a rejuvenating spa treatment, followed by a sumptuous lunch. Revel in the pool against the backdrop of the surrounding silver oaks.


Explore the picture perfect beauty of Wayanad and the mesmerising views of the Chembra peak from The Windflower Vythiri.











Kerala is renowned for some of its unique cultural and geographical characteristics. The practices and traditions handed down from generation to generation, alongside some of the natural wonders that we have been blessed with have attracted people to this land for centuries.

From the ancient healthcare system of Ayurveda to our picturesque hill stations and diverse wildlife, we offer you wide range of our WOW experiences. We believe it is our duty to share these gifts with the rest of the world.



# AYURVEDA



A comprehensive understanding of Ayurveda requires a detailed look at its long history, from its source to the various interpretations it has been subjected to, through the centuries.

The original verses of Ayurveda are said to be derived from the consciousness of Lord Brahma the Creator, and carefully internalized by his disciples. These were passed down among the Gods, until they eventually reached the three Great Sages - Dhanwantari (in his Divodasa avatar), Bharadwaja, and Kashyapa - who setup different schools of treatment and thought on Earth. In the course of time, Ayurveda branched out into three categories, namely Shalya Chikitsa - Surgery, Kaya Chikitsa - General Medicine, and Kaumarabhritya - Paediatrics.

These had a huge influence on the way diseases and ailments were approached and treated, as the Sages sought this knowledge in times of great plague and pestilence. The third important phase of early Ayurvedic history is marked by the composition of the first medical literature on the subject that was invaluable in disseminating Ayurvedic philosophies and treatments across the world.





# CUISINE

Spices have always played an integral part of Kerala's history. Our food is an example of the very same and we have offerings for people from all over the world. Be it famous international restaurant chains or local eateries, we have everything a foodie could ask for prepared with that special Kerala taste to it. The cuisine here caters to vegetarians and non-vegetarians alike. Let the flavours of our past and our future take you on a delightful journey.



# MONSOON

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Kerala does not have incessant rains that stop all activity. It rains for a few hours with sunny interludes. Occasionally the rains might stretch on for a few days but sunshine is never far away. These golden interludes provide an equilibrium to life's natural flow.

Kerala has mainly two rainy seasons. The Southwest Monsoon that arrives in the month of June is called Edavappathy, as it comes in the middle of the month of Edavam on the Malayalam Calendar.

As nature recoups with the rains, it is rejuvenation time for humans too. According to Ayurveda, Monsoon is the best season for rejuvenation therapies. During the Monsoon season, the atmosphere remains dust-free and cool, opening the pores of the body to the maximum, making it most receptive to herbal oils and therapy.



# WILDLIFE

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There are a number of popular wildlife sanctuaries in Kerala housing exotic and rare species of flora and fauna. Nestled in the elaborate forest of the majestic Western Ghats or Sahyadri Ranges in Kerala are fourteen wildlife sanctuaries and two tiger reserves. Kerala also has six national parks containing protected and endangered species like the Indian Sloth-Bear, Lion-Tailed Macaque, Indian Bison, Bengal Tiger, Nilgiri Tahr etc.





# WATERFALLS

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Kerala is popular for having numerous majestic waterfalls.

These scintillating cascades are famous picnic spots and excursion destinations round the year. The luscious Kerala waterfalls are a sight your eyes will never tire of feasting upon.



# BEACHES

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Kerala is home to a number of spectacular beaches that will take your breath away. As Kerala is a coastal state, some of the most popular tourist destinations in Kerala are beaches like Kovalam, Varkala, Chowara, Chavakkad, Nattika, Cherai, Kizhunna, Poovar and the list goes on and on. The Kerala coast is replete with exotic resorts and hotels where travellers can spend their time sunbathing, swimming or simply enjoying the stunning view.



# HILLS

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Kerala brings to you a magical tryst with nature through its various hills and hill stations. A majority of these places in Kerala are situated on the windward side of the majestic Western Ghats. Enjoy the long chain of lush mist-clad hill stations of Kerala and explore the various plantations, wildlife, flora and fauna that comprise an integral part of this experience.





# ART FORMS

Kerala has birthed and nurtured a plethora of art forms over a thousand years. Our shores have watched them evolve and flourish in various shapes and forms. They can be divided into 4 main categories:

Performing Artforms, Ritual Art Forms of Kerala, Martial Art, Folk Art of Kerala





# MUSEUMS

Museums are storehouses of not just our history but also a treasure trove of information regarding the various events and mechanisms that led us to this point in time. They have with them teachings, information and even warnings at times which are of great significance to the future generations. We can learn and observe from those who carved out a place in history.

The relics contained inside museums stand testament to the progress we have made over the ages and the direction we're heading in. Our museums have been well-maintained and equipped with certified guides to ensure a seamless and scholarly experience at every single one of them.

From Heritage Museums, to Art Museums to niche Museums that catalogue a specific topic, we have safeguarded these testimonials with the best possible efforts and resources. You will find linked the pages that provide information on some of the best museums open to the public in Kerala.





# MONUMENTS

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Kerala monuments are relics of a past that the state is extremely proud of. These indicate some of the finest gifts left for us by the ancestors. They are storehouses of information and contain stories regarding the glorious history of Kerala.

They stand as proud testaments of our architectural prowess.

The monuments listed below are wonderful examples of Kerala's heritage, and the wisdom and technical knowledge that our forefathers possessed.





# BACKWATER

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The scenic backwaters of Kerala comprise serene stretches of lakes, canals and lagoons located parallel to the coast of the Arabian Sea.

The backwater regions of Kerala are one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. The tranquil backwater cruises are a once in a lifetime experience.

Alappuzha, known as the 'Venice of the East', is especially popular for its houseboat cruises where you can soak in nature at its finest form.





# PILGRIM CENTRES

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Kerala is known to be amongst the rare places where all major religions have coexisted peacefully for centuries. Each have left their own mark on the culture of the state. You can witness the same by visiting the various religious institutions spread across the state.

From Hindu temples, churches and mosques to Jain temples, synagogues and Buddhist monasteries, there are various centers of pilgrimage for our visitors. Do try adding them to your itinerary because they are amongst the most spiritually calming places in the world.

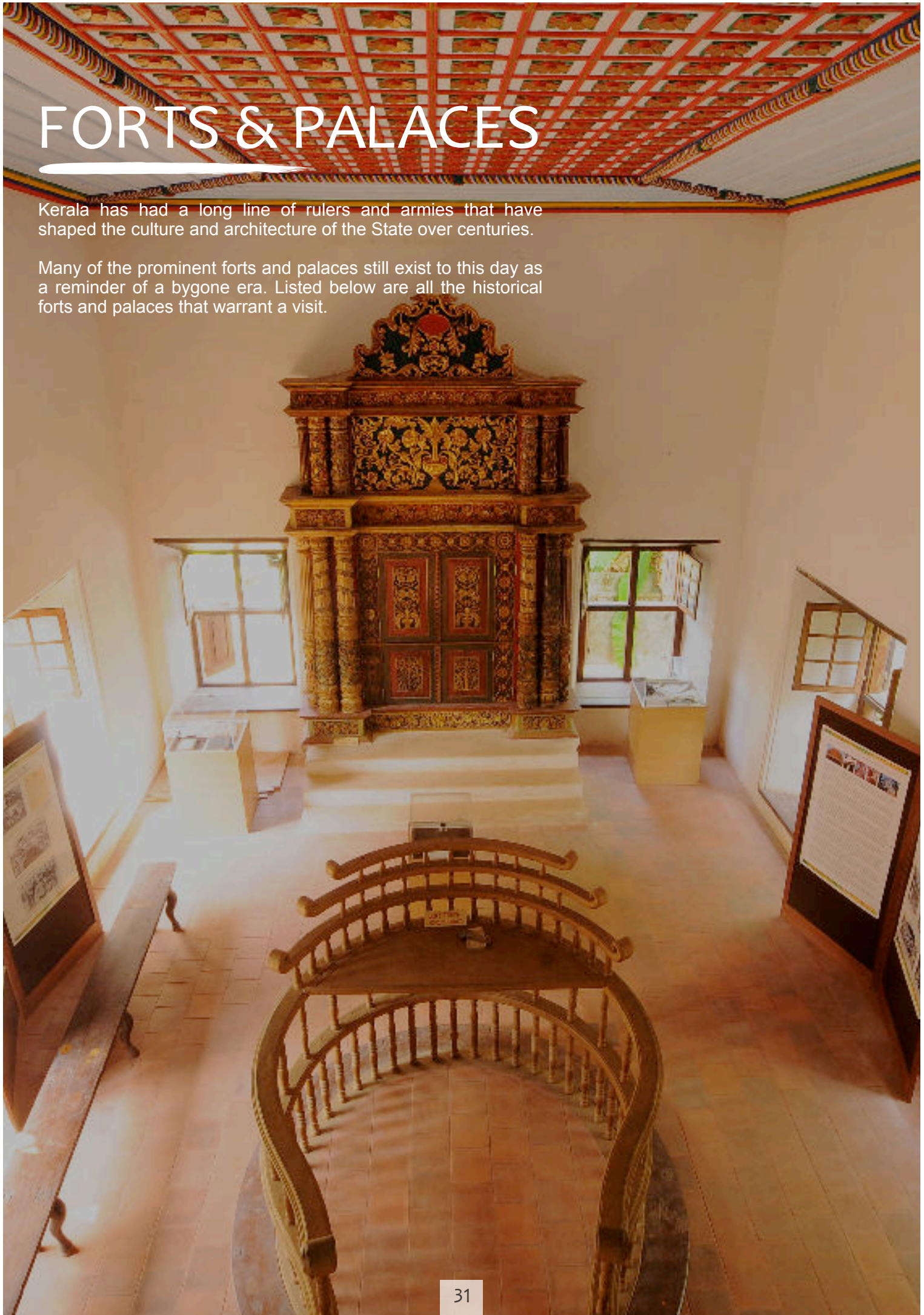




# FORTS & PALACES

Kerala has had a long line of rulers and armies that have shaped the culture and architecture of the State over centuries.

Many of the prominent forts and palaces still exist to this day as a reminder of a bygone era. Listed below are all the historical forts and palaces that warrant a visit.







# FESTIVALS

The festival season, the pride and joy of Kerala, is epitomised by the ferocious beats of the chenda (drums) emanating across the landscape. Elephants march across towns and the rivers surge with massive 100 feet long snake boats in a display that can only be experienced in an area renowned as God's Own Country. The entire State celebrates together as the land is covered in a plethora of lights and merriment.











# THINGS TO DO

Let the lazy backwaters set pace to your day and village folksongs croon to your heart. Let the clarion call of the jungles awaken the wilderness in you. Bathe elephants.

Discover remote festivals that leave imprints on your soul. Take your taste buds on rides through flavours they never dreamt existed.

Camp in the woods lying awake listening to the symphony of Nature at night and early in the morning let the mountain mists awake you with whispered tales of long forgotten travellers...



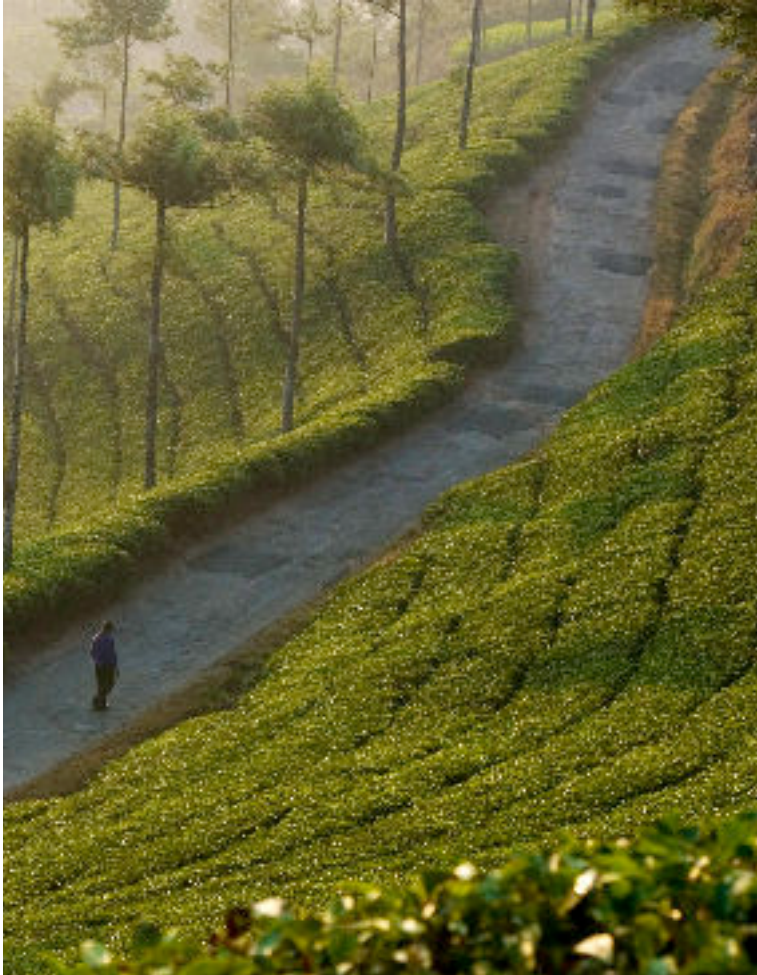


## Munnar – Watch The Neelakurinji Bloom

Eravikulam National Park is one the most frequented tourist attractions in Kerala because of Neelakurinji, which bloom once in 12 years and this rare view is a fascinating experience.

Also see the Nigiri Thar, an endangered mountain goat while going on a trek to the peak of the hill. Tickets are for Rs 55 per adult and the park is closed in February and March.

If you're wondering what to do in Kerala besides meandering through the tea estates and trying their flavours in a cup, exploring Eravikulam National Park is the perfect solution and one of the must-do things in Kerala for you!



## Munnar – Try Varied Tea Flavors

This little haven is a marvelous place to visit while in Kerala. Load up some locally cultivated tea in Munnar, 3 hours from Kochi. Visit the Kannan Devan Plantation Museum to witness tea-processing and taste different teas, one of the must do things in Kerala.

Visit the Kolukkumalai Tea Estate and a 100-year-old factory. You can try various types and flavors of tea while exploring Munnar Tourist Places and carry home your favorite one from the museum's very own shop.





## Alleppey – Stay In A Houseboat

Alleppey tops in the list of places to visit in Kerala. And when you're there, don't miss out on the experience of sailing in a houseboat that happens to be one of the best activities to do in Kerala.

There are many things to do in Kerala houseboat, like looking at the lush green landscape and being served a freshly prepared meal as you travel through the tranquil backwaters, which is just as amazing as it is made out to be.

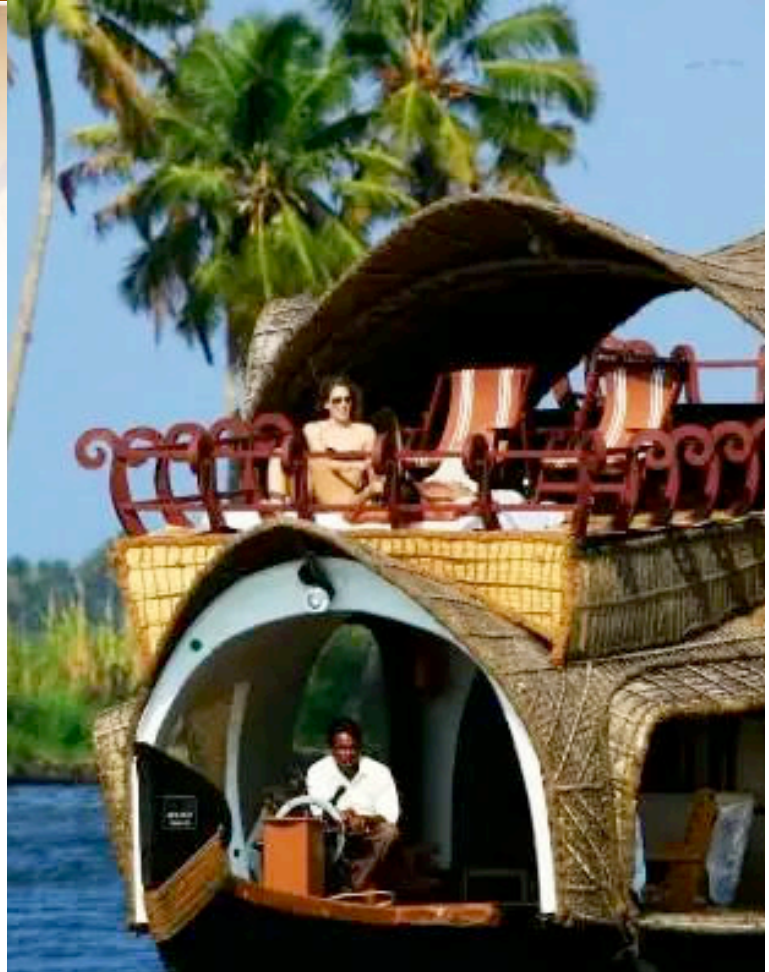
The boat accommodates the whole family and includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks.

## Alleppey – Go On Shikara Rides

About 4 hours from Thiruvananthapuram, Alleppey offers some stunning views of the backwaters. Other than looking at the village life and the coconut trees, you will also see an array of birds.

The double-deck boats give a 3-4 hour ride, one of the must do things in Kerala.

Love birdwatching and shikara rides? You must indulge in this fun activity at least once on your Kerala tour.

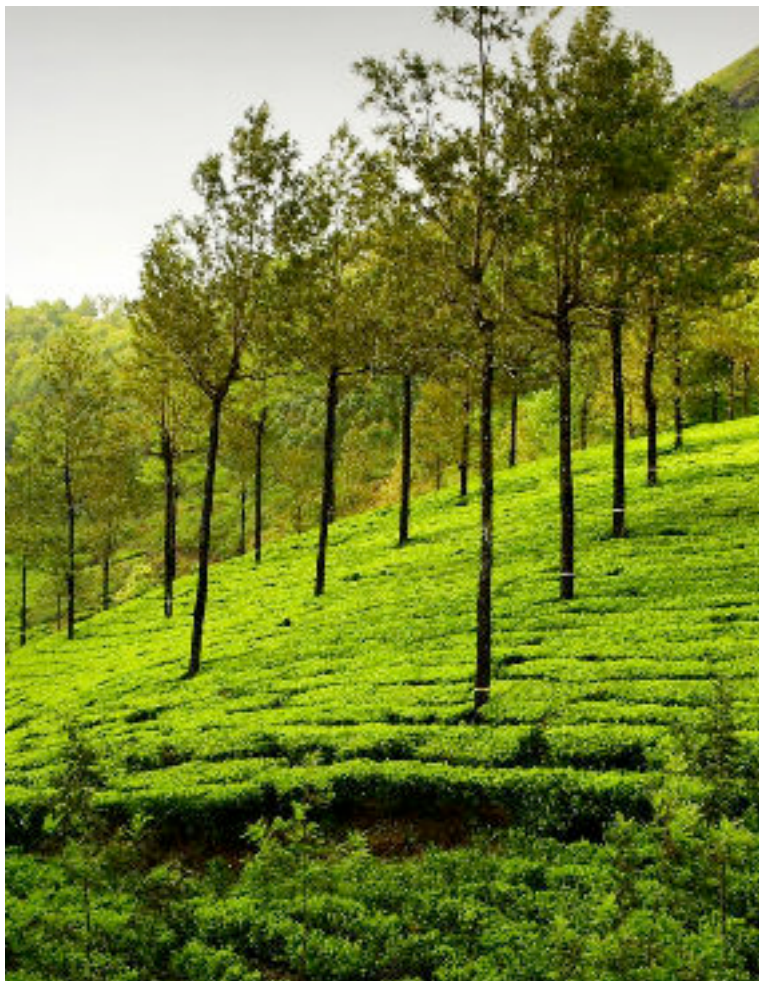




## Alleppey – Watch The Snake Boat Race

Watching the colorful Snake Boat races in Alleppey is one of the most amazing things to do in Alleppey, Kerala. Snake boat races are mostly held from July to September particularly during Onam festival, and witnessing this thrilling fest is one of the best things to see in Kerala.

You can even rent a boat to look at the race from close-by and cheer for your favorite team as they all race by each other one by one. The closest station is Alleppey which is accessible from Ernakulam.

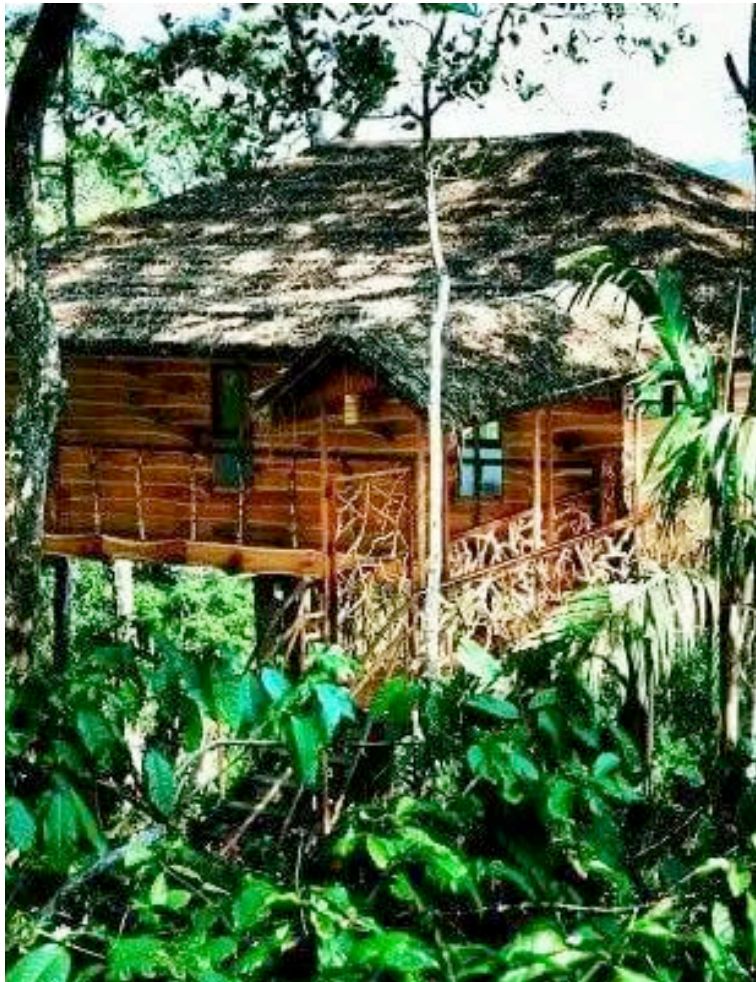


## Thekkady – Take A Spice Tour

Take a tour of the spice plantations or gardens in Munnar, Thekkady or Wayanad. Taste some authentic black pepper, cardamom, cinnamon, and the exotic vanilla and explore the farms on a nature walk. It is one of the top activities to do in Kerala.

You can also buy spices you like from the workshop located in the spice garden itself.





## Wayanad – Stay In A Treehouse

Next on our list of things to do in Kerala is staying in a Tree House. Get closer to nature and experience the fun of staying in a Treehouse at Wayanad, Munnar, Athirapally or Thekkady. You can indulge in activities like rappelling, rock climbing, nature walks and mountain biking.

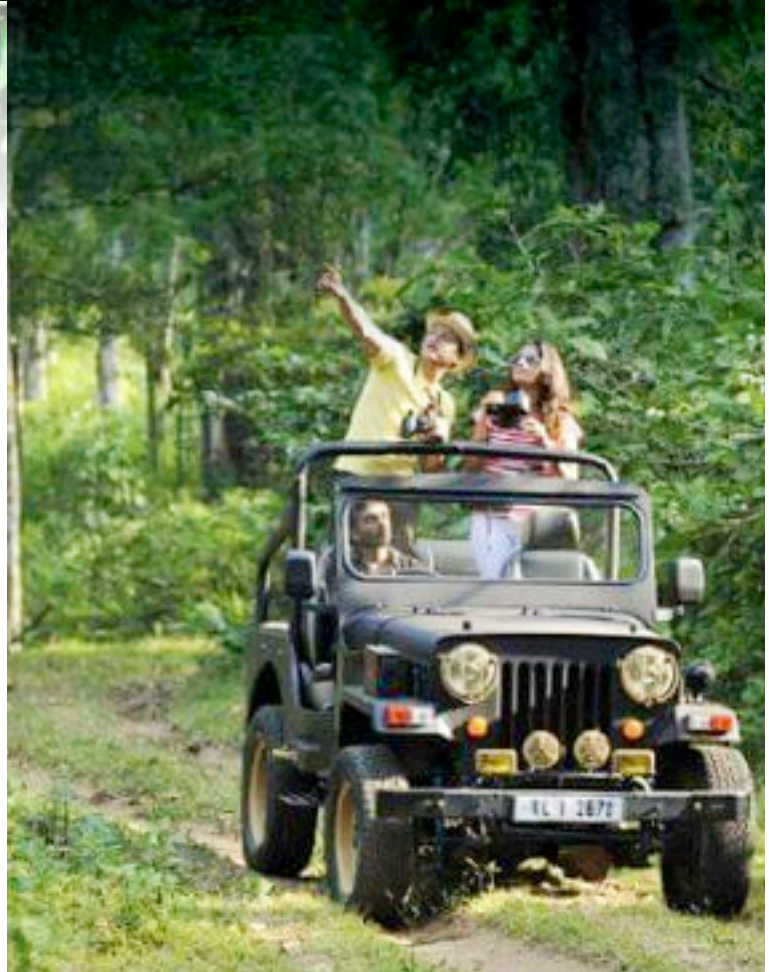
Don't miss out on this sweet opportunity to live your life-long dream of staying in a treehouse!

## Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary – Take A Jeep Ride

For one of the most fascinating activities to do in Kerala and its forests, Thekkady should be on the topmost list of places you are visiting in Kerala. About 190 km from Kochi, Thekkady is famous for its diverse forest cover, fauna, mammals and aquatic life.

The Periyar jungle ride covers the views of the lovely Idukki town, Mullaperiyar Dam, the lush green vegetable farms, the sprawling vineyards and if you are lucky the endangered lion-tailed macaque.

You can also combine this with an overnight camp in a tent or a treehouse, one of the top activities to do in Kerala. You can also explore the park via a ferry ride in the Periyar Lake, which is going to be just as delightful.

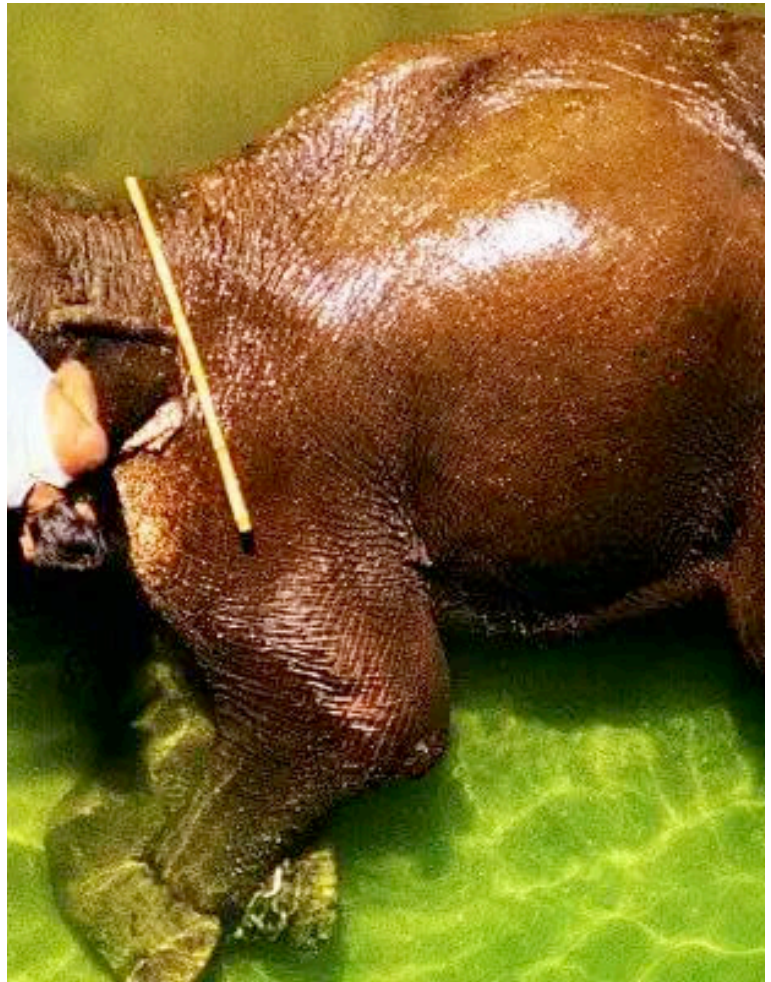




## Kodanad – Bathe Elephants

Can you imagine giving a bath to an elephant? Kodanad Elephant Sanctuary is one of the major tourist attractions in Kerala. 42 kms from Kochi, visit there for some exciting activities like elephant bath, elephant safari and elephant feeding and watching baby elephants too.

It's going to be one of the delightful things to see in Kerala to watch cute baby elephants play around and spray water on each other!

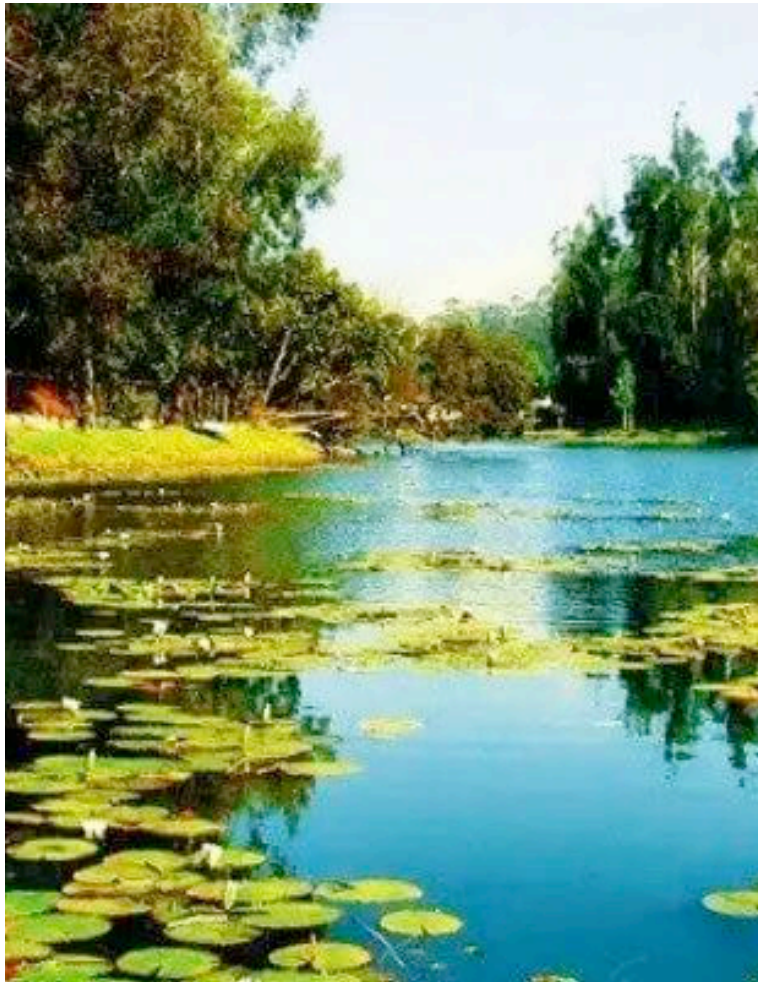


## Kumbalangi Integrated Tourism Village – Enjoy Village Life

Have an authentic rural experience at Kumbalangi Integrated Tourism Village. Exploring the local paddy cultivation, canoeing in mangrove forests, fishing, crab farming are amongst the many activities in Kerala.

Many homestays are available in the village which can be booked by visitors. The village is 14 km from Ernakulam Railway Station. It will thus be super easy for you to get there by a car on hire or a bus.





## Veli Tourist Village – Have A Meal

From all the places to visit on your trip to Kerala, exploring the Veli Lake and dining in the floating restaurant at the lake is an incredible experience.

Paddleboat in the lake and check out the floating bridge that links the tourist village with the beach. Veli Tourist Village is located at a distance of 8 km from Thiruvananthapuram.

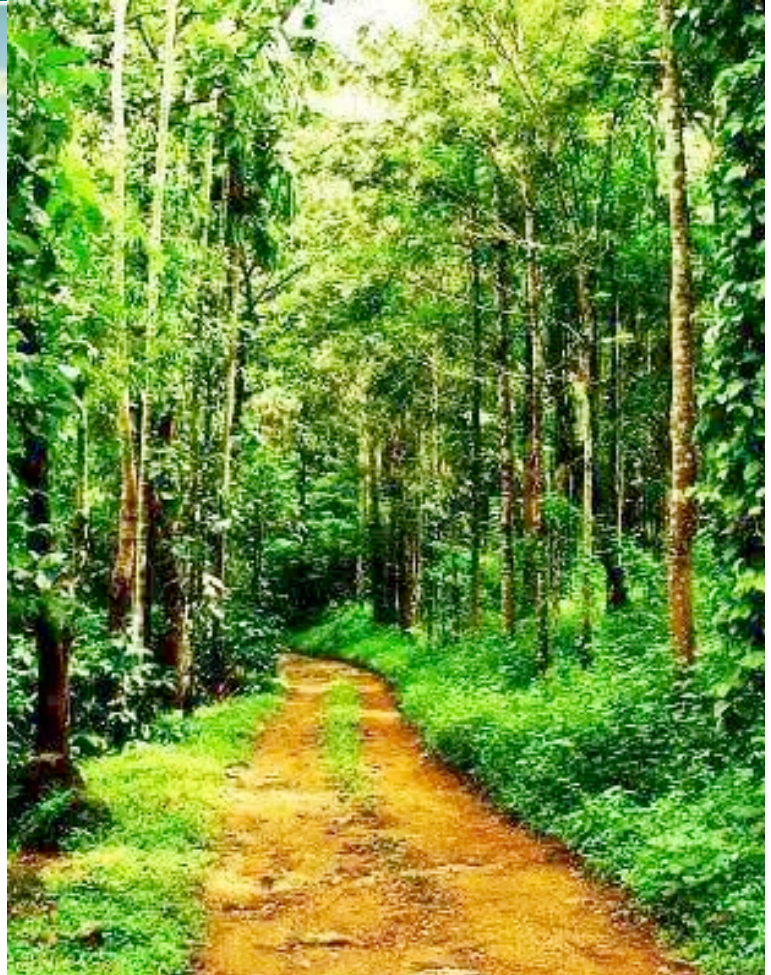
You can simply hire a car, take a taxi, or ride in the bus to get to this serene little hamlet.



## Wayanad – Visit A Coffee Plantation

Drink your cuppa joe where it gets made. Stay at a coffee plantation resort or homestay and it would include all the activities in Kerala like trekking, night safaris, campfire and plantation walks.

Learn about the whole coffee making process from plucking the green coffee beans in the first step to finally getting that perfect brew in the last one.





## Fort Kochi – Marvel At The Architecture

Fort Kochi is counted among the top Kerala attractions. With the influence of Arabs, British, Dutch, Chinese, and Portuguese, Fort Kochi has a lot of eclectic architecture to gawk at. Explore the place on foot or on a bicycle including the Jewish synagogue, Indo Portuguese museum, Chinese fishing nets, Santa Cruz Basilica, and Fort Kochi Beach that is one of the best activities in Kerala.

You'll be enthralled with your visit to this fort that is located right on the beach, a queer phenomenon not many beaches and forts in the world offer. It is one of the best things to see in Kerala.



## Kochi – Watch Theyyam

Do not come back without watching Theyyam that happens to be one of the life-changing experiences and activities in Kerala. One of the best things to see in Kerala is watching Theyyam.

They are staged in various temples of North Kerala, usually in front of the village shrine.

Watch this exceptional and beautiful dance form in the districts of Kannur and Kasargod or if you are lucky you can catch a performance in Kerala Museum at Kochi.

Make sure you look up the dates of the events on Theyyam calendar online before you visit. Also, check the timings of the shows to make sure you don't miss out on any performance during your trip.





## Kumarakom – Go Bird Watching

For all the nature lovers, Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary is must to be on your list of places to visit in Kerala. Spot rare migratory birds such as egret, heron, waterfowl, Siberian crane, while on a boat cruise. About 3 hours from Kochi, you can easily the destination by bus or taxis. Combine bird watching with a houseboat stay on Vembanad Lake to get the most out of the visit.

November to February is the best time to visit this place as birds from various regions fly back to the Northern Hemisphere once their migration season is over, stopping at this marshy sanctum for respite. Kumarakom hotels and resorts make for great accommodation options.



## Varkala Beach – Swim In The Arabian Sea

Bathe in the medicinal mineral water springs in Varkala Beach and the salty ocean water on this beautiful beach.

50 km from Trivandrum International Airport, Varkala is best visited between December and March. It's among those very few beaches whose water has such therapeutic and healing properties. Swimming here is one of the popular things to do in Kerala.

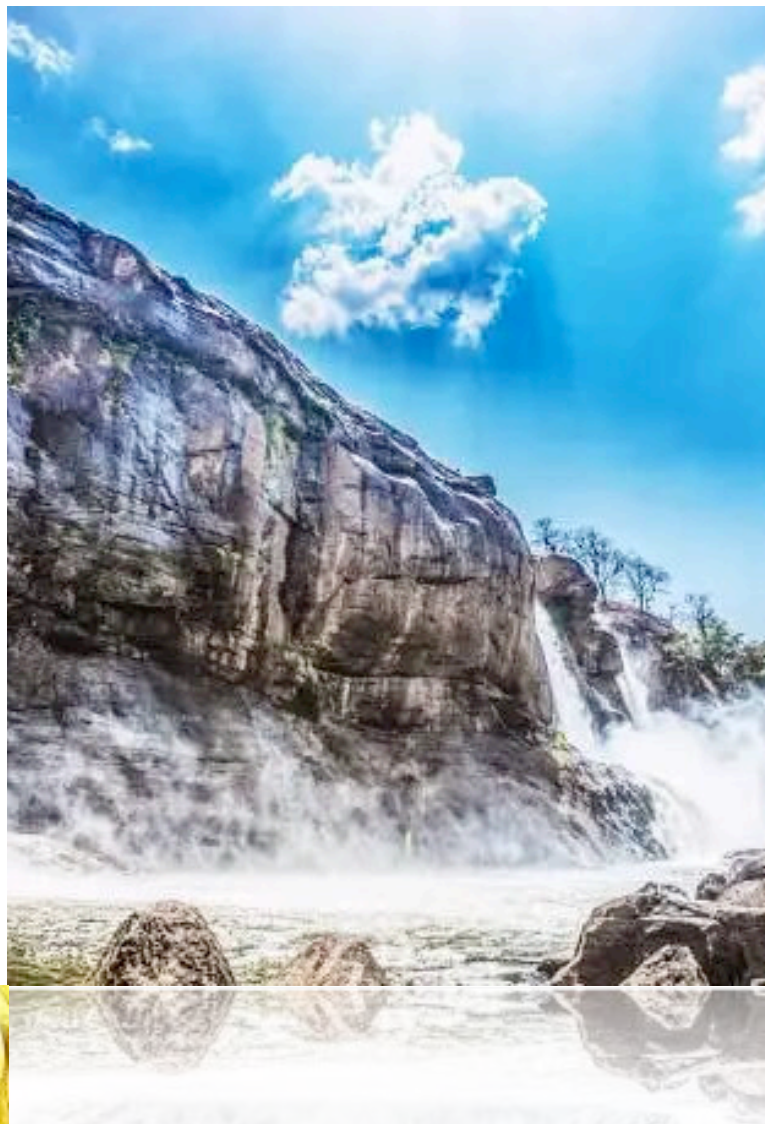




## Athirapally Falls – Get Drenched

One of the many things to do in Kerala is the extraordinary, 80-feet tall, Athirapally Falls which are now called the Niagara Falls of India. 55 km from the Kochi International Airport, the waterfall is easily reachable by bus or taxis.

The falls are most visited during the monsoons, from June to September when they're flowing in full force and are an absolute marvel to look at. Just make sure you keep the surroundings neat and tidy during your visit.



## Trivandrum – Eat Bananas

The variety of bananas found in Kerala are unparalleled in size, shape, and taste. Try the varieties from the local stores followed by their culinary counterparts including fried chips (upperi), steamed (puzhungiyathu) and fried in batter (pazhampori).

In fact, Kerala's fried banana chips are popular all over the country and make an excellent snack to have with tea or coffee.





## Kovalam Beach – Watch The Sunset

One of the many Kerala things to do is to watch the beautiful sunset at the Kovalam beach. It is one of the finest beaches in Kerala. About 16 km from Thiruvananthapuram, the star attractions here are the Lighthouse Beach, Hawah Beach and the much quieter Samudra Beach.

The landmark lighthouse can be visited every day between 3 PM to 5 PM. A visit to this place will tell you why it happens to be the favorite spot for all photographers!

## Idukki – Bike Ride

The winding roads up and down the hills are a pleasure, best experienced on two wheels.

From Kottayam, you can take three routes to many places in Idukki. One of the best is the route via Pala (Kottayam-Pala-Thodupuzha-Kulamavu) to see the marvelous Idukki Arch Dam.

A bike ride on this route is sure to rejuvenate your senses and give you an unbeatably thrilling experience in the blissful Kerala weather.





## Ernakulam – Take A Train Journey

If you're wondering what to do in Kerala to experience a mix of nature and adventure, we got you the perfect answer! Take the scenic train ride on the Ernakulam-Kollam-Trivandrum route to witness the true natural beauty of the state of Kerala.

You'll be able to witness everything from the serene backwaters, pretty lakes, swaying coconut palms, to the enchanting tea gardens swishing past during your train ride.



## Periyar Lake – Go Bamboo Rafting

The most famous forest reserve of Kerala has much more to offer than wildlife sighting and a ferry ride on the lake. The Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary offers the delightful experience of going bamboo rafting over the amber-hued Periyar Lake, which is undoubtedly one of the top things to do in Kerala, India for those looking for an offbeat experience.

The ride shall take you through the sanctuary's wilderness and give you a chance to have an up-close and personal encounter with Kerala's flora and fauna, coupled with a little bit of hiking in the dense forest. You have a fair chance of spotting tigers and elephants at a close distance via the bamboo ride and the trek.





## Varkala – Watch A Kathakali Performance

Kathakali is a traditional dance that is performed in the southern state of India. The dancers dress up in colorful costumes and portray ancient stories through postures and expressions.

If you are tired with sightseeing then you can enjoy an enchanting night watching a Kathakali performance that happens to be one of the best things to do in Varkala. It is believed that this dance form emanated from the rivalry between two kings.

## Iringal Crafts Village – Admire The Local Art

Nestled on the banks of the River Chaliyar, Iringal Crafts Village is sprawled in an area of 20 acres. Craftsmen and artisans here are always happy to display their products and also sell it to tourists.

You will find art created with coconut shells, banana fibre, and other local materials that can be easily found in Kerala. Do not forget to buy some souvenirs as this will help the locals to survive and will also flourish Iringal handicrafts.

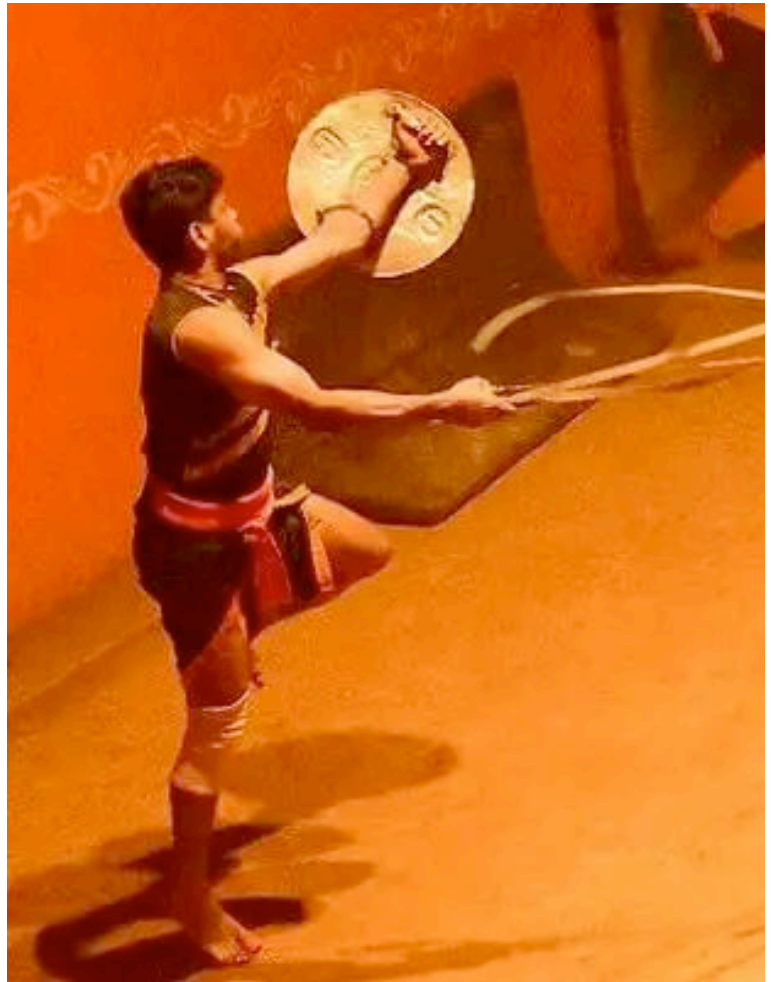




## Mananthavady – Go For A Kalaripayattu Bout

A form of martial arts, Kalaripayattu was invented in Kerala and is believed to be as old as 3000 years. The traditional form has degraded with passing years but is resurfacing in the form of fitness and dance routines.

It is believed that Shaolin, the Chinese form of martial arts, was originated from Kalaripayattu. A show of the Kalaripayattu bout will take you through the history of Kerala.

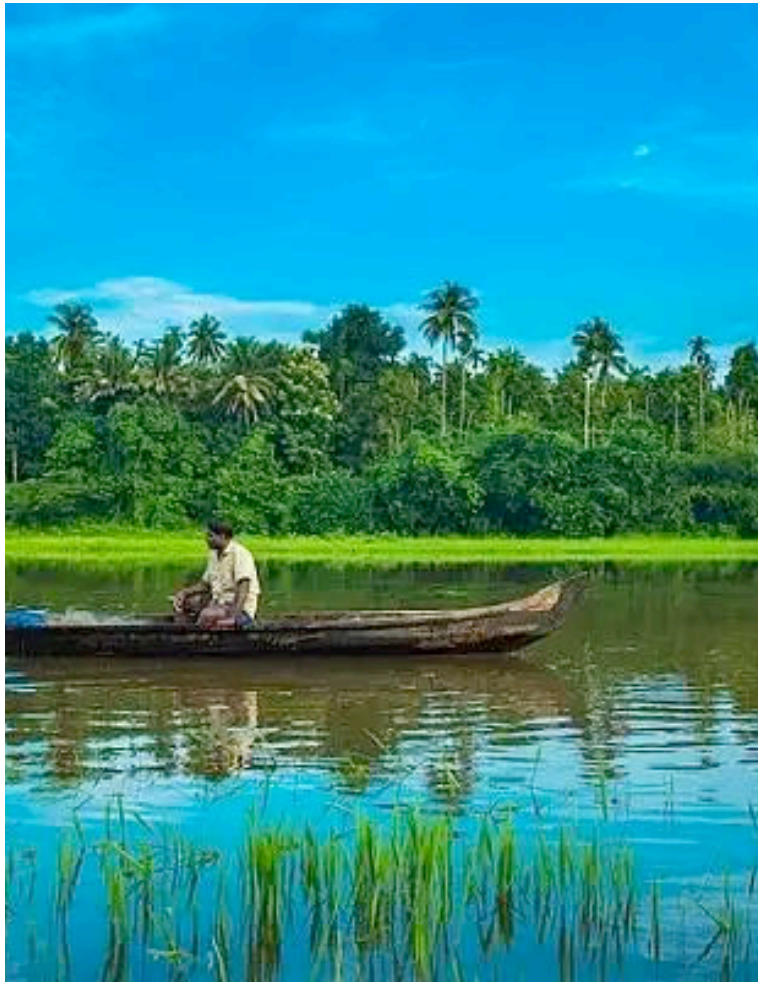


## Chingoli – Indulge Ayurveda Session

Any vacation to Kerala is incomplete without indulging in a rejuvenating Ayurvedic session as it is like gambling in Las Vegas. Kerala is full of Ayurveda resorts that offer a range of forms of natural treatment.

They use natural herbs and oil to make a concoction that has the power to ease the tension in the body as well as relax the mind. Relive all your stress by getting a massage session in one of the resorts.





## Kollam – Take A Canoe Ride

If you want to explore the untrodden paths of Kerala then head to Kollam that offers tourists to indulge in a canoe ride. Canoeing gives the opportunity to admire the countryside, many villages, and some scenic marvels that will leave you awestruck.

Paddling your way in the emerald waters of Kerala with your partner is the best feeling ever and one of the best things to do in Kollam that you might not want to miss.

## Malappuram – Take Part In Bullock Race

Out of all the things to do in Kerala, Bullock Race comes on the top of the list as it is exhilarating for people who have never witnessed it before in their life. Every year, people from nearby districts go to Malappuram to witness the bullock race.

This is a kind of fun gambling that you can opt for in Kerala. So, make sure that you watch the Bullock Race in Malappuran as it is counted among the top things to do in Kerala.

There are some pretty beaches in Malappuran too, that one can visit here.





## Vagamon – Paragliding Will Perk Up Your Adrenaline

Famous for its tranquility, Kerala is a place that offers mesmerizing views of the hills and greenery. If you want to catch a bird's eye view of the whole state then opt for paragliding as it is one of the best things to do in Vagamon.

If you are an adventurous person then this your chance to indulge in another exciting activity. But if you do not belong to this category then build up some courage and tick off this activity from your bucket list this year.



## Ambukuthi Hills – Unearth The Edakkal Caves

Tucked in the Ambukuthi Hills, Edakkal Caves are a must-visit place near Wayanad. These natural caves are home to pictures and drawings from the Stone Age and some are believed to be 7000 years old.

A stroll in these caves will definitely teleport you back to the ancient times. Don't miss out on this chance to take a plunge in the history of this place and explore Edakkal Caves yourself.





## Jew Street – Go For A Peaceful Saunter

Jew Street in Kochi takes you back to the colonial period when the Jewish community used to live there. Although most of the Jews went back to Israel, they left their reminiscence in food and culture in this part of Kochi.

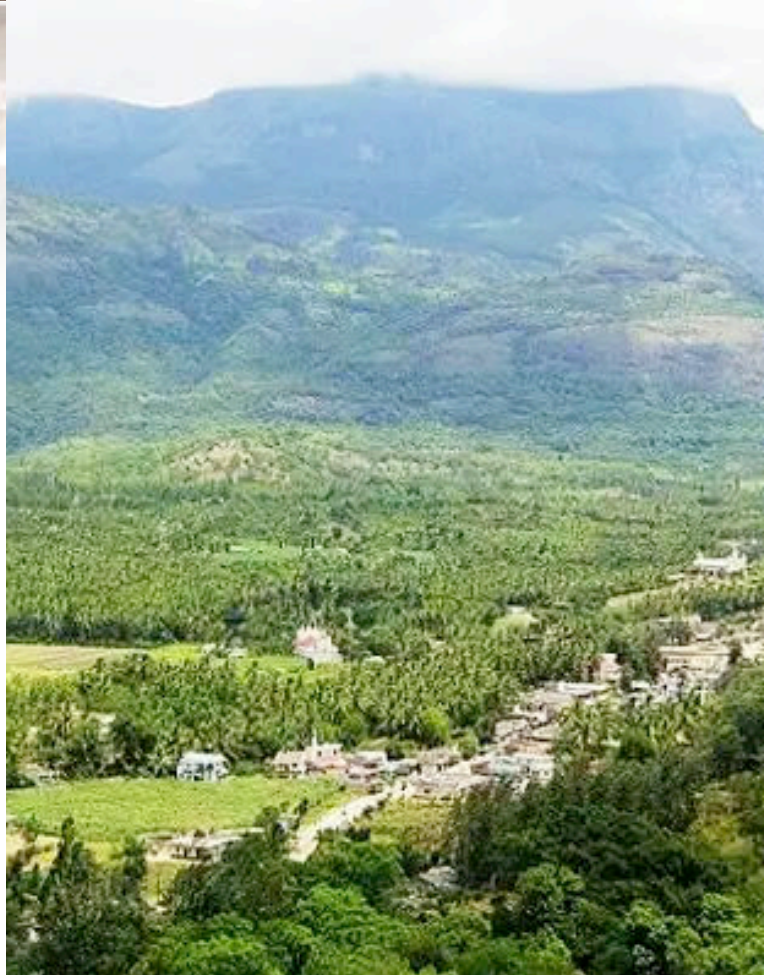
The street is a treat for book and coffee lovers as the cafes give the chance to its guests to sip on some coffee while getting lost in a book.

## Marayoor – Traverse Through Sandalwood Forests

Just 40 kilometers away from Munnar, Marayoor or Marayur is a place in Idukki district which a nature lover's paradise.

While exploring the sandalwood forests here, one can come across some rock paintings that can be dated back to the pre-historic era. Apart from this, you may also find some caves deep in the forest.

To increase tourist inflow, a children's park has also been established for some fun and frolic activities. To reach this destination, you have to first get down at the Ernakulam station and then take a taxi to Marayoor.

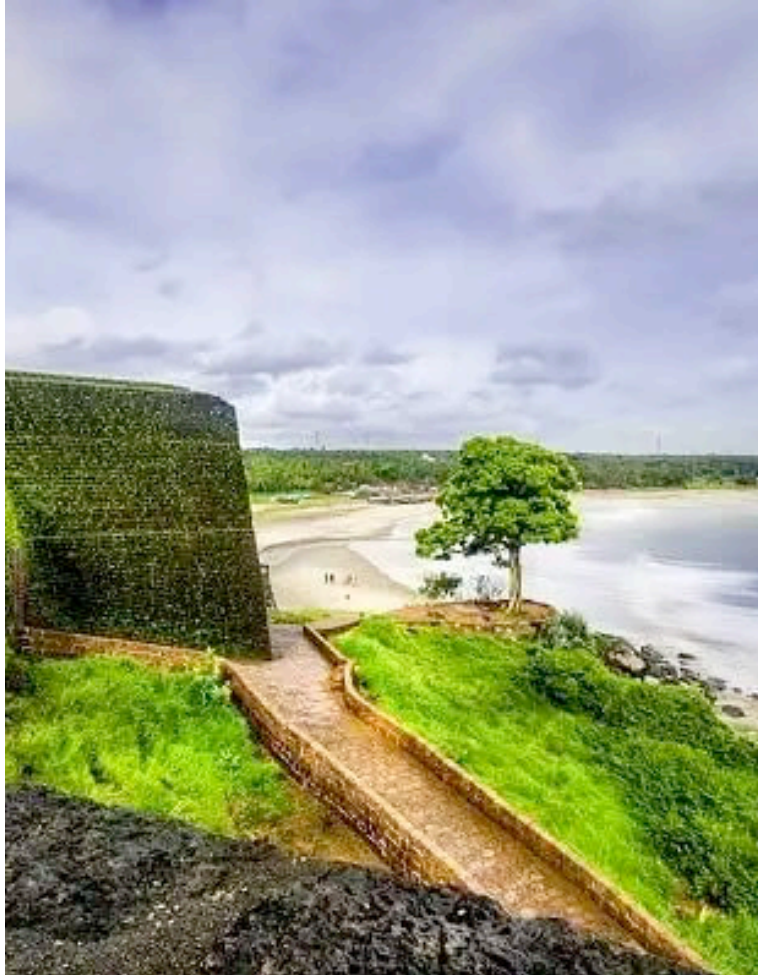
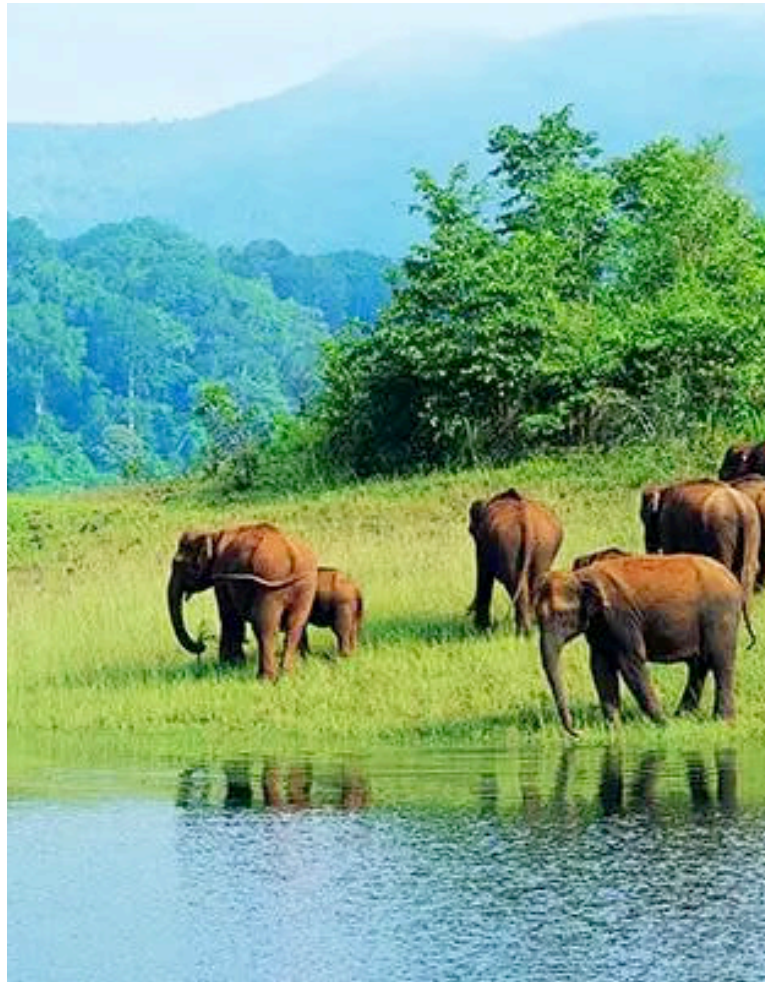




## Periyar Wildlife Reserve – Go For An Elephant Ride

Any Kerala trip is incomplete without taking an elephant ride. So, whatever you are planning to do in the city, make sure that you visit the famous Periyar National Park in Kerala and opt for an elephant ride.

This place reserves different species of birds and mammals among which tigers are the most popular residents. An elephant ride to the inside of this reserve will make you feel like a king as you will be witnessing the animals from atop this creature.



## Bekal Fort – Take A Plunge Into History

Counted among top Kerala attractions, Bekal Fort is one of the well-preserved forts which is located near Kasargod. In the early days, this fort served as the key spot due to its strategic location as it is in close proximity to Karnataka.

Now, people visit this fort to learn about the tales & rulers and take a plunge in the history of the place. If you are a history buff and like to know more about a place then make sure that you include Bekal Fort in your list.





## Kumarakom – Go Fishing

Fishing in Kumarakom is not just a livelihood now but has turned into a major tourist activity in the backwaters of Kumarakom. Due to this newly emerged demand from tourists, many travel planners and resorts now include fishing in the tour packages.

Tourists can enjoy fishing using different methods like using bow and arrow, bamboo traps and nets. Not only this, one can also experience night fishing and interact with the local fisherman. It is indeed one of the best things to do in Kerala.

## Sabarimala – Visit The Holy Town

Sabarimala is a temple town located in the Pathanamthitta district, Kerala. It is home to the famous Ayyappa Temple.

Some of the other prominent places to visit here includes Vavar Shrine, Makaravilakku, Malikkappuram Devi Temple and Papa Ganpathy Temple.

On your visit to Kerala, visiting these amazing pilgrimage sites is truly the best thing to do.





## Enroll in a Cooking Lesson

Kerala is renowned for its delicious cuisine, featuring regional delicacies like seafood and coconuts. And sure, simply feasting on this Indian fare is delightful, but learning how to cook it is rewarding and gives you a skill you can bring back home.

Enroll in a cooking class or even plan your trip around it by booking a two or three-day residency program that involves cooking classes and Ayurvedic treatments. You can also go casual for a more intimate experience and learn how to cook with a local family.



## Try Some Toddy

Toddy, or palm wine, Kerala's indigenous alcoholic drink, is made from the sap of palm trees. The sap is collected from a coconut palm by a tapper who climbs the tree and drains it into a container. This sweet nectar, when fermented, turns slightly tart and has a kick.

Toddy (traditionally called kallu) is served in small thatched shops—usually with wooden benches—all over Kerala. Inside, you'll find tasty Kerala cuisine dished up alongside the toddy, and, as they say, "the hotter the food, the more you need to drink."







# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Welcome to Kerala

Kerala enjoys unique geographical features that have made it one of the most sought after destinations in the world. It offers serene beaches, emerald backwaters, sprawling plantations and paddy fields. It also offers lush green beautiful hill stations, waterfalls, exotic wildlife and Ayurvedic health holidays. No wonder National Geographic has rated KERALA as one of the top ten paradises on the earth.

Fittingly, it is called God's own country. From the green forests and dense wildlife of Wayanad and Periyar to backwaters of Kumarakom, from culture and heritage of Thrissur and Cochin to beaches of Kovalam, Varkala and Marari – Kerala is a complete destination for nature, heritage and wildlife lovers. Explore the God's own country with our bespoke Kerala tour packages designed for luxury discerning travelers.

**NATURALLY BLESSED:** Kerala has unique geographic features made up of misty hill stations, emerald green valleys, lush eco-tourism locales, refreshing waterfalls, numerous rivers, network of lagoons, natural harbours, jungles with exotic flora and fauna, and more – all of which remain evergreen attractions to the travel enthusiast.

**EQUABLE CLIMATE:** Kerala maintains a pleasant, tropical climate throughout the year, with slight variations in summer and winter; the cool monsoon months in between form a unique feature; it's windy in the coastal areas, with the sea-breeze blowing regularly during noontime.

**QUALITY OF LIFE:** The state has a commendable record in terms of the levels of female literacy, health & hygiene, infant mortality and life expectancy, all of which are indicative of its high PQLI.

**AYURVEDA:** The state is noted for its traditional system of holistic healing using herbs and medicinal oils, manifested in its exclusive ayurveda wellness packages that serve to soothen the nerves and replenish the body.

**NATURE EXPERIENCE:** Kerala offers a true feel of nature at its best - swaying palm trees, undulating paddy fields, winding backwaters, dreamy kettuvallam rides, delicious local cuisine - all reflecting the serenity of the countryside and offering a one-of-a-kind ambience.

**CULTURAL INTEGRATION:** Kerala possesses a rich cultural milieu comprising religious, artistic, literary and socio-cultural elements belonging to perse backgrounds; its culture has been influenced by its history and tradition; the state has served as a melting pot for oriental and occidental cultures.



# MUST VISIT PLACES



Lush green tea plantations, serene winding backwaters and spice plantations are a few features that define Kerala as one of the most popular tourist destinations in India.

Popular as 'God's Own Country' Kerala is a haven for travellers who come here to unwind in the salubrious climes, away from the concrete jungle.

In a state where the topography ranges from cool hills to balmy sea beaches, Kerala is a sight for sore eyes. Here is a list of places which are a 'must-see' for all those visiting this tropical paradise.

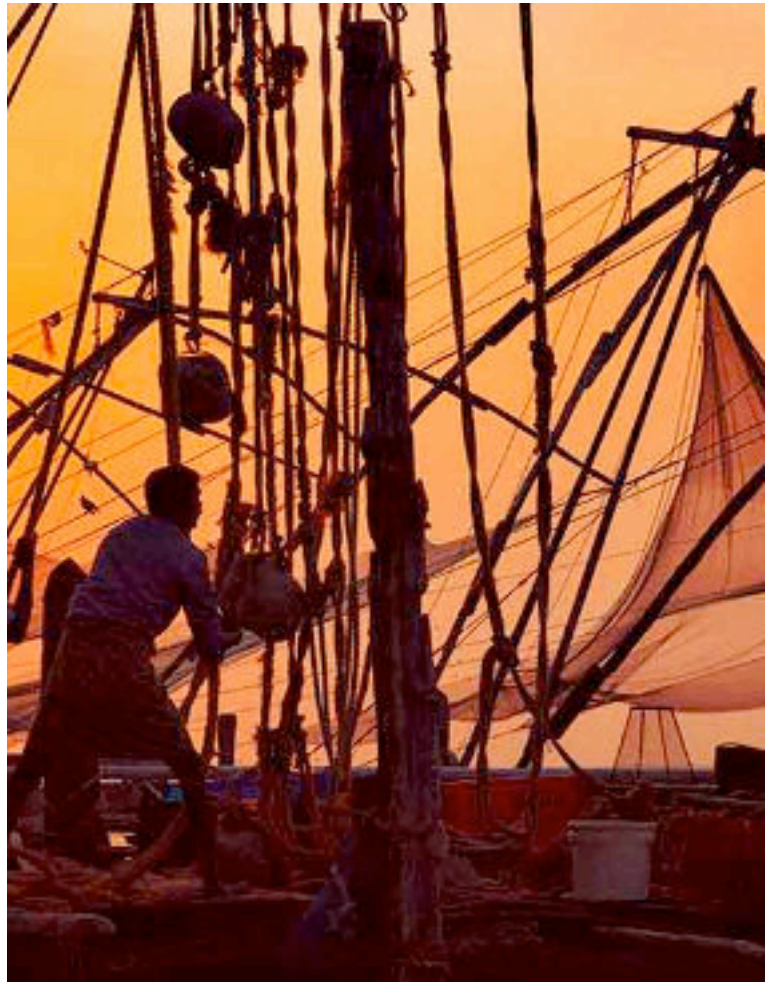


## Cochin

Kochi is the cultural and economic capitals of Kerala. It's a hub of tourist activity and attracts visitors from all over the world.

From Chinese fishing nets to exotic spice cultivations, there's a lot to feast your eyes upon in Kochi.

This city is an amalgamation of various cultures which seek to endure even till date. There's a surprise in every corner of Kochi, just waiting to be discovered.



## Marari

'The sea-side village experience set on 30 acres with coconut groves, lily ponds, fruit trees and a large organic farm.'

Mararikulam, an enchanting beach village where time stands still and allows you to unravel the miraculous beauty of nature in every forms! Be it the vast open sea or its never-ending waves, the shimmering charm of the golden sands or the picturesque settings that complements each other, everything in Mararikulam imbibes life into the visitors' souls!

Located only 12km from Alleppey and around 60km from Kochi, this beach village is still deep rooted to the fishing culture of Kerala.





## Alleppey

Alleppey or Alappuzha is best known for the world renowned backwaters of Kerala. The backwaters are a network of brackish canals, rivers and lakes that weave through half of the state of Kerala.

One can cruise down the backwaters while enjoying the unique feel of the “Kettuvallams” or house boats which provide amenities including a taste of typical Kerala cuisine.

For other curious travellers, there are several unique temples and churches which add more value to the picturesque beauty of Alleppey.

## Kumarakom

Adorned by the magical charm of the Vembanad Lake, Kumarakom is another beguiling backwater destination in God's Own Country. Located within the proximity to Kottayam city, this is the place where even being lazy is also one of the best things you can do during your Kerala holidays.

The evergreen coconut grooves, breezy rice fields, and lot more, Kumarakom is popular among all the types of visitors. However, backwater cruise and houseboat stays are the most popular thing to do in this beautiful tourist destination.

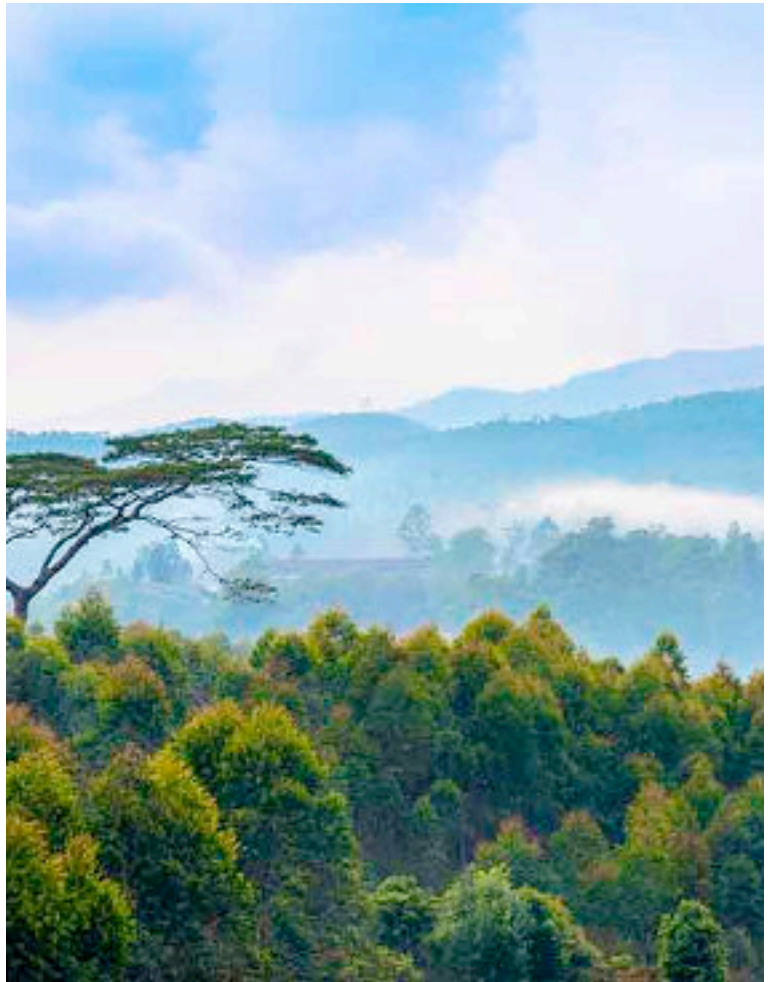




# Munnar

Munnar is considered one of the most beautiful tourist places in Kerala. Situated on the Western Ghats, Munnar is evidently one of the highest producers of tea on the Indian subcontinent. The view of undulating hills as the touch the clouds in Munnar rejuvenates your mind and soul.

The town is flanked by a narrow patch of the Arabian Sea and The Western Ghats on the other side which makes Munnar a unique getaway from the city life. Palm-fringed backwaters, scenic waterfalls, sunny beaches, misty mountains and gushing streams, Munnar has it all!



## Thekkady | Periyar

Considering that you want more from your Kerala holidays, you should not miss a trip to Thekkady, the evergreen abode of God's Own Country! Strategically located and well-connected with some of the major Kerala holiday destinations, this is the place that always wears the green colour of Mother Nature!

The 'Spice Capital of Kerala', Thekkady is much popular as the natural abode to numerous exotic wildlife species. And while talking about wildlife species, the Periyar National Park in Thekkady will surely behold all your senses with its fascinating range of dwellers!





## Kovalam

If you are a beach goer, and is still assuming none can beat the charm and allurement of Goa or other popular beach destinations, you must visit Kovalam today! Located along the coastlines of the charismatic Arabian Sea, this beach town is undoubtedly one of the best tourist attractions to visit in Kerala.

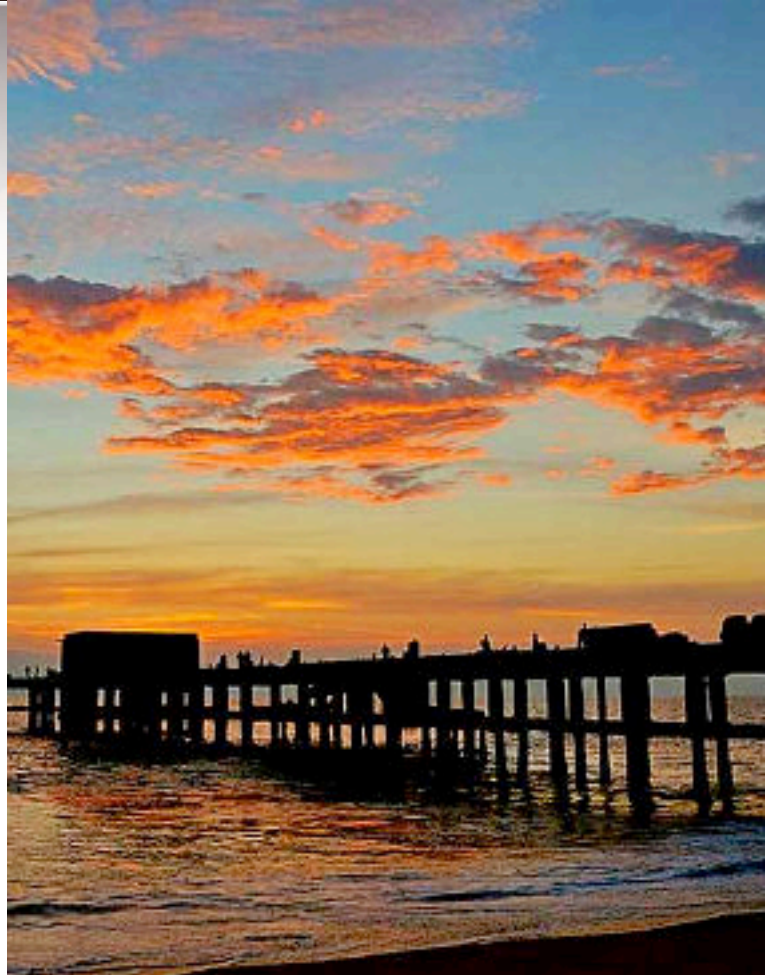
Kovalam has gained popularity as centre of Ayurvedic healing in the past few years. So if you want to take a break and feel re-energized, Kovalam is your kind of getaway.

## Thiruvananthapuram

Otherwise known as Trivandrum, this city is the capital and presumably the most culturally affluent part of the state.

Trivandrum has played host to a variety of rulers who have all left behind a mark over the city. Rapid development has not hindered the unique heritage in the form of the architecture and the culture that is still embodied by the city.

The Kowdiar Palace, which was previously the official residence of the Travancore royal family, is particularly a must-visit in the city.





# Thrissur

If you are a cultural fan or enthusiastic about the rich traditions of Kerala, Thrissur should be ranked as #1 in your travelogue! Also called 'Trichur', this city was once the capital of Kingdom of Cochin, and is fondly called the 'Cultural Capital of Kerala'.

Being edged with a number of scared temples and other religious spots, Thrissur serves as an important pilgrimage among the Hindu devotees. Yes, this city is the venue ground of the famous 'Temple Festival' or the 'Thrissur Pooram' that is known and participated by devotees from across the globe.

Visit the city during this festival, and you will find the entire Trichur uniting and celebrating the festival with high vigour and equal gusto!



## Varkala

Flaunting its gracious beauty and charm while having a tryst with the Arabian Sea, Varkala is surely one of the most gorgeous and best places to visit in Kerala! A kaleidoscopic coastal town in Trivandrum, this is in fact the only place in God's Own Country where cliffs are found alongside the sea-line.

While being a hotspot among the beach lovers, Varkala is also known for the ancient Janardana Swami Temple that dates back to 2,000 years. If you are planning for a Kerala trip, make sure you visit this quaint town; it will keep you amazed all through with its impeccable beauty, devout ambience, and playful beach!





## Kollam

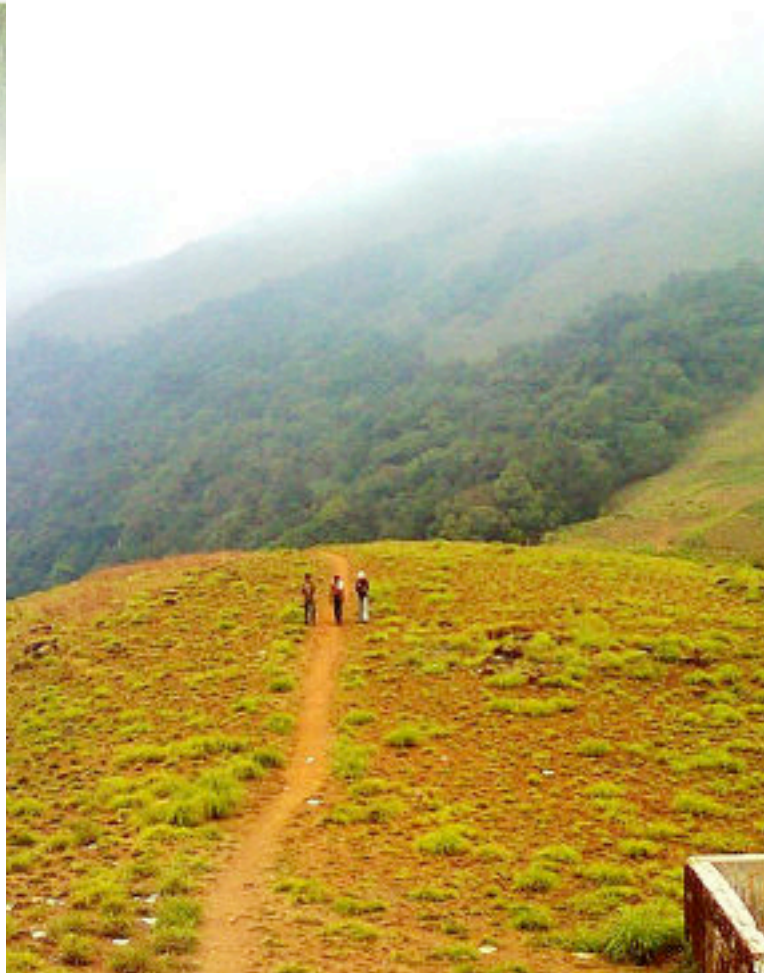
A quaint port-city in God's Own Country, Kollam has its own charm and appeal. Enthrilled by the turquoise Lakshadweep Sea and caressed by the emerald Ashtamudi Lake, it is a picture-perfect holiday destination in the list of the most appealing or enticing tourist places in India's 'Backwater Capital'.

While in Kollam, you can feel and experience the indigenous cultures and traditions of Kerala in the most vivid way. Be it fishing, agriculture, cashew processing, or tourism, this port-city holds a prominent place among the visitors. For the beach lovers, they can revel around the Kollam Beach, Tangasseri Beach and Thirumullavaram Beach.

## Kannur

Also known as 'The Crown of Kerala', Kannur is a true treat to the visitors' eyes! Bordered by the fascinating beauty of the Western Ghats, adorned with the alluring strokes of the Arabian Sea, and decked with the bucolic charm of an evergreen outlook, this beach town in the Malabar Coast is among the most beautiful places to visit in Kerala.

Whether you are a nature lover, beach goer, history buff, culture fan, thrill seeker, or a casual backpacker, you would surely fall in love with the untouched beauty of Kannur. Also, not to forget here, this city is the home to Muzhappilangad Drive-in Beach, the only drive-in beach in India.



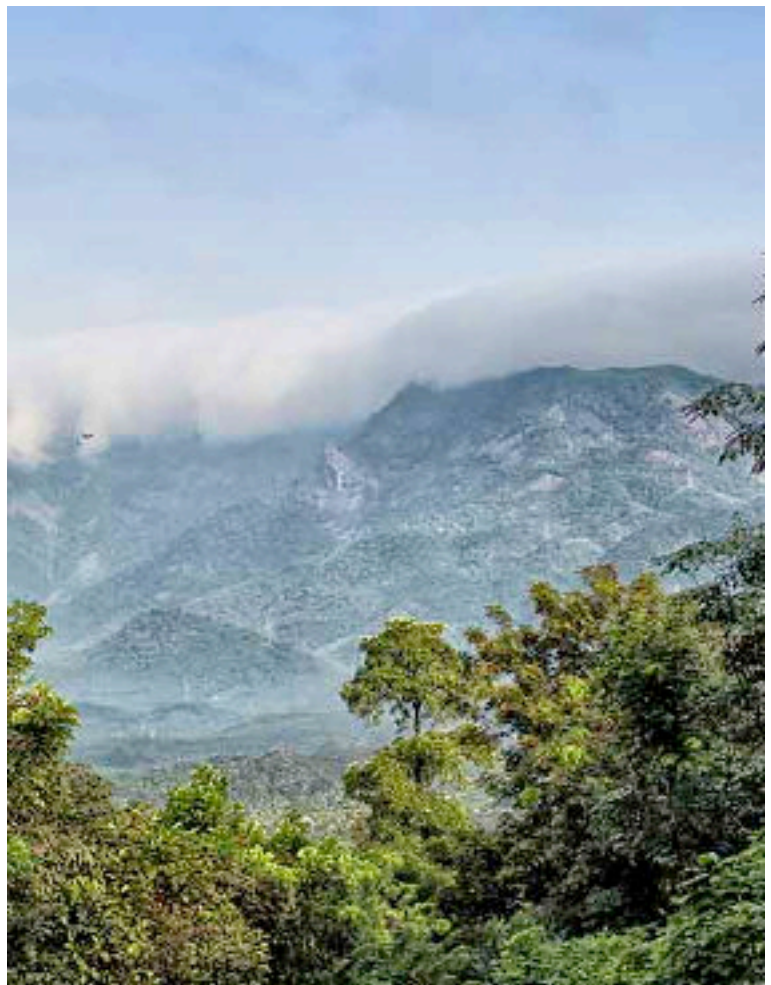


# Wayanad

One of the prime hill stations in the south, Wayanad boasts of production of tea, coffee, cardamom, pepper and other spices.

The region is populated with many natural marvels such as waterfalls, caves, lakes and dams which you are bound to enjoy the cool weather of Wayanad.

Do visit Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary which is home to wildlife species like the Spotted Deer, Bison, Cheetah and Bears.



# Kozhikode

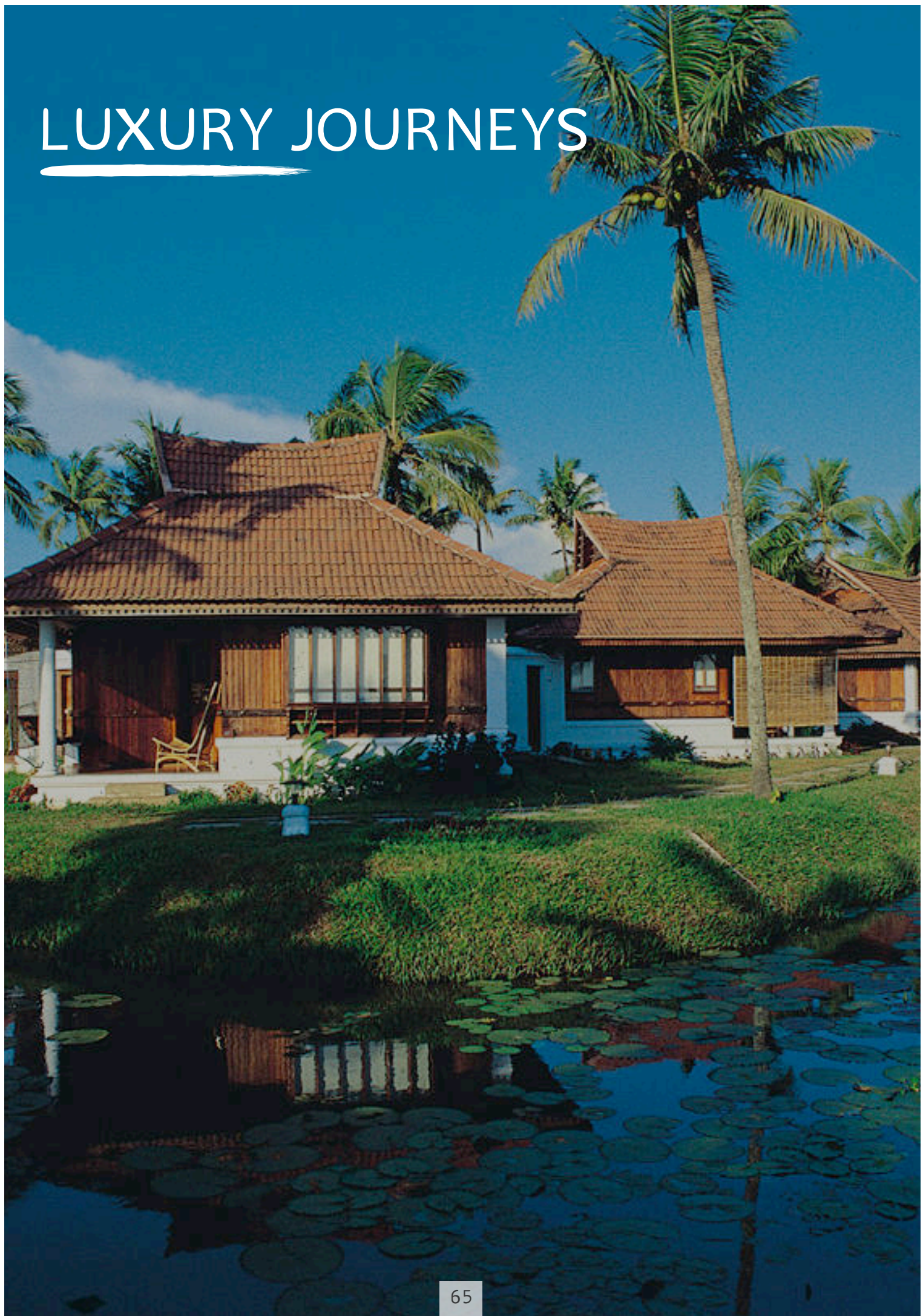
Much like Trivandrum, Kozhikode has been a habitat for multiple dynasties which have left their imprint on the city. Perhaps that is why Kozhikode is dubbed as the 'City of Sculptures'.

Kozhikode is also considered as the 'City of Spices' as it is a major trading port of eastern spices. The district is famous for folk songs or ballads known as Vadakkan Pattukal.

The sweet-meat street is a popular tourist hub and is a centre of marketing for many products that are locally produced in the region.



# LUXURY JOURNEYS





# Exotic Tour of Kerala

Duration: 09 Nights / 10 Days

Places: Cochin | Munnar | Periyar | Kumarakom | Alleppey | Kovalam | Trivandrum

**From: US \$ 1900 pp**

Kerala, popularly known as 'God's Own Country', is dotted with several enchanting destinations to admire the beauty of nature. The splendid beauty of the place takes you to a world of rich greenery and tranquil backwaters.

From Cochin to Munnar, to Periyar, to Kovalam, the mere image of these places present the picture of swinging palm trees, crystal-clear lakes, beautiful beaches along with a ride in majestic houseboats.

Our 10 days and 9 nights Kerala tour package lets you to forget all the worries and fall in love with the beauty of the state. Our tour directors and guides will take care of all your travel needs from accommodation to commutation.

The package will no doubt make your dream for unforgettable Kerala tour come true.





# Escape to Kerala

Duration: 07 Nights / 08 Days

Places: Cochin | Munnar | Periyar | Alleppey | Kanyakumari | Kovalam | Trivandrum

**From: US \$ 1600 pp**

The paradisaical Kerala offers exotic flavours of travel. There is hardly a traveller who would refuse a chance to wander in this land of surreal beauty and rich culture. Our 8 Days/ 7 Nights desires to provide an exclusive Kerala tour that lets you have the real taste of its few flavour some destinations along with brief tour of the pride of neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu, Kanyakumari.

Delight in the South Kerala tour that becomes better with the unforgettable sight of the confluence of Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal at Kanyakumari. With our tour, you have the opportunity to witness the most unparalleled sight of the Western Ghats in Munnar; the exotic wildlife of the Periyar National Park and the pristine beaches of Kovalam.

Expect to be dazzled with the scenic beauty of the backwaters and be charmed by the experience of staying in the houseboat. The tour just can't get any better when you also have the option to end it with the sightseeing of the multi-hued Cochin, oozing historic charm and modern day allurements.





# Wonders of Kerala

Duration: 06 Nights / 07 Days

Places: Cochin | Alleppey | Kumarakom | Kovalam | Trivandrum

**From: US \$ 1350 pp**

Kerala is tagged as God's own country and with no doubt it showcases its brilliancies through the shades of the monsoon season and the festivals and dances of the southern states.

Calm and tranquillity are good examples to describe Kerala and this journey uncovers the many wonders of one of the cleanest states Kerala.

In this Kerala tour – experience living in a boathouse, sunbathe in the golden sandy beach in Kovalam and fill your soul with happiness in Kerala's best landmarks like Kuthiramalika Palace Museum, The Napier Museum etc. Wander in the city as you walk through the Chinese Fishing Net and Marine walkway.

Feel the spirit of Kerala as you sail in the backwaters surrounded with tall palms; explore its picturesque beaches and heritage sites.





# Enchanting Kerala

Duration: 09 Nights / 10 Days

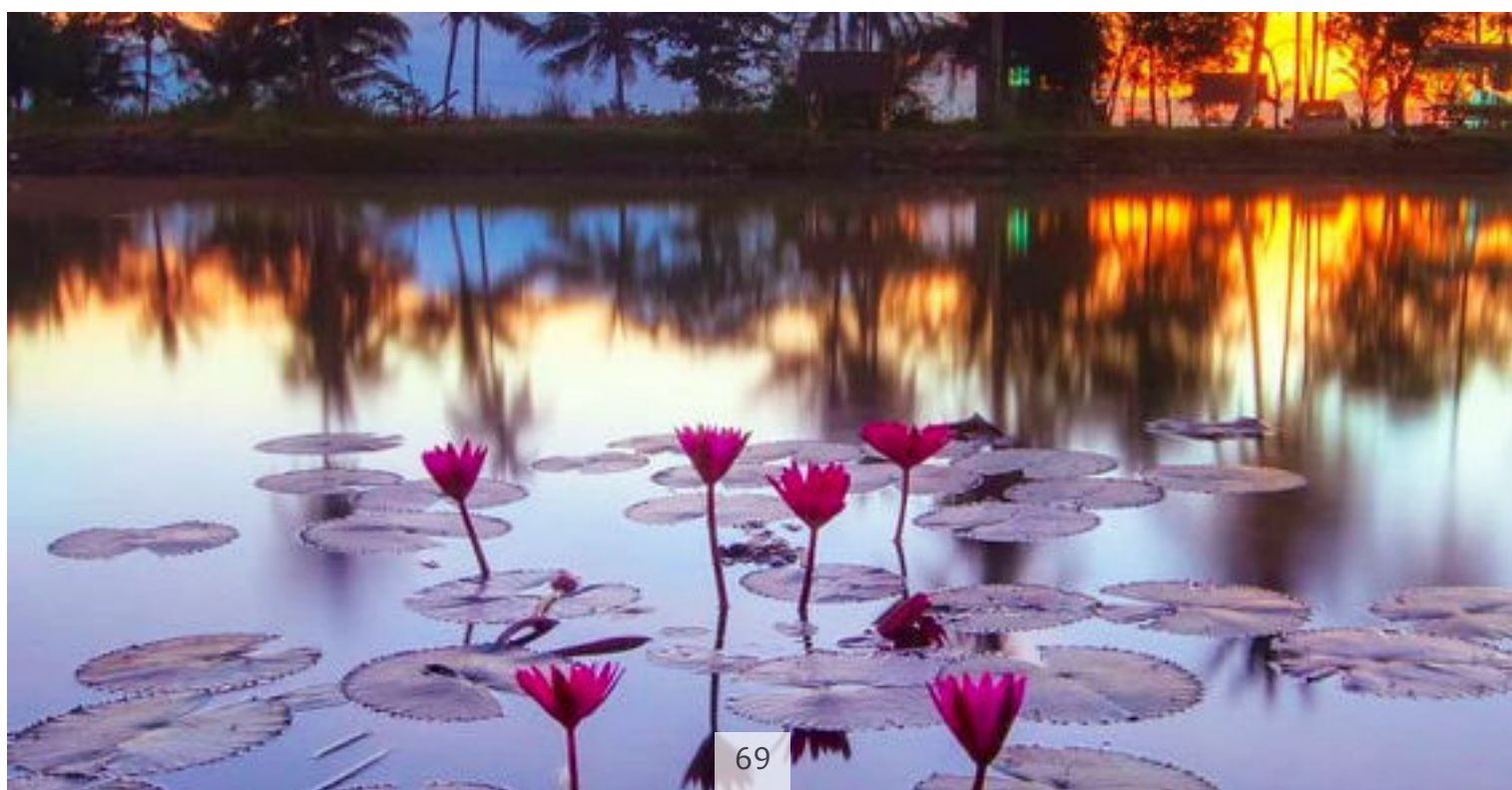
Places: Cochin | Munnar | Periyar | Alleppey | Kumarakom | Kanyakumari | Kovalam | Trivandrum

**From: US \$ 1990 pp**

Down South, Kerala calls globetrotters to have an experience of a lifetime. Dressed in shamrock green, Kerala wins heart like no one can. With our 10Days/9Nights Kerala tour, we want you to satiate your wanderlust and fall madly in love with this surreal state in India.

Join us for an exploration and an expedition of a land that exudes immense vibrance and tranquility that is hard to miss. Enjoy the adventure of sailing through the backwaters and listening to the roar of tigers, simultaneously being delighted with the charm of setting sun over the azure waters and the aroma of the tea and spices. Kerala is truly magical and its enchantment grows even more when we pair it with a brief visit to the neighbouring state's gem of a place, Kanyakumari.

Yes, you have the opportunity to cherish the experience of standing at the tip of Indian Peninsula and gaze at the never seem to end, Indian Ocean. With our well-designed itinerary, rest assured that your Kerala tour is going to be nothing but the best.





# Magical Kerala

Duration: 06 Nights / 07 Days

Places: Cochin | Munnar | Periyar | Kumarakom | Alleppey | Cochin

**From: US \$ 1300 pp**

From the pristine natural beauty to the chattering cascade, and mind-bobbing waterfall, Kerala is a combination of everything charismatic and alluring. And that's perhaps the reason why it is nicknamed as the God's Own Country. It looks like that a part of heaven has fallen right here on the earth. Kerala has many wildcards in its kitty that look picture perfect. To introduce travelers and solo wayfarers to all these beautiful places, Tour My India has a special tour package.

Tour My India is offering a magical six-day tour in the whimsical wonderland called Kerala that has a heady mix of misty mountains; sprawling plantations; captivating historic towns, and a vast labyrinth of the backwater.

On this six-day tour, you will visit the famous attractions of Kerala like Munnar, Periyar, Kumarakom, and Cochin. By opting for this tour, you don't need to worry about anything; all the transportation, food arrangements, safari, safari ride will be arranged by the travel experts of Tour My India. This six-day tour offers a quick introduction to the diversity of Kerala. For more details about this tour package, go through the detailed itinerary mentioned below.





# Colors of Kerala - Honeymoon Tour

Duration: 08 Nights / 09 Days

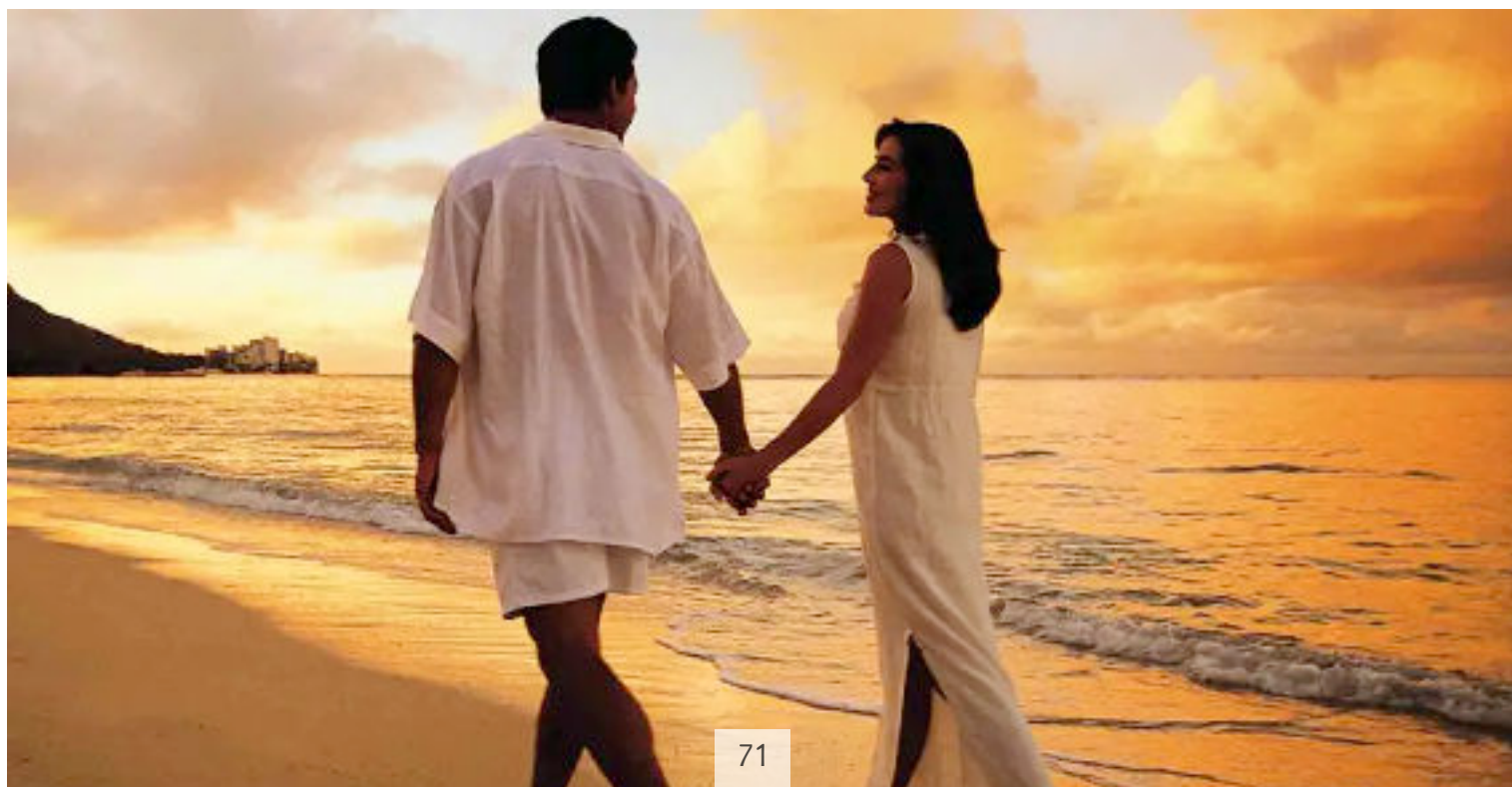
Places: Trivandrum | Kovalam | Alleppey | Thekkady | Periyar | Munnar | Cochin

**From: US \$ 2100 pp**

This small coastal town in the southern Indian state of Kerala oozes with charming palm trees and peaceful beaches. A right choice if you want to enhance your honeymoon with mesmerizing places to visit. Kovalam staggers all travellers with touristy main stretches filled with beaches, attractions, and vibrant markets. And our 08/09 days of Kovalam honeymoon package will tour you around some prime attractions and destinations.

Spend your time appreciating the best attractions like Lighthouse Beach, Howah Beach and Ashoka Beach, Sree Padmanabha Swami Temple, Kuthiramalika Palace Museum, The Napier Museum, Sree Chithra Art Gallery, Zoological Park, Science and Technology Museum, Kanakakunnu Palace, Planetarium, Christ Church and Eravikulam National Park. Also, love and be loved in destinations like Kovalam, Alleppey, Thekkady and Munnar.

Call our tour experts for your future honeymoon plans and we will lay out the best design for you and for your better-half to spend a divine and un-interrupted honeymoon in Indian south states.





# Best of Kerala Temples Tour

Duration: 06 Nights / 07 Days

Places: Trivandrum | Kovalam | Kanyakumari | Trivandrum | Varkala | Alleppey | Kumarakom | Kottayam | Cochin | Guruvayoor | Cochin

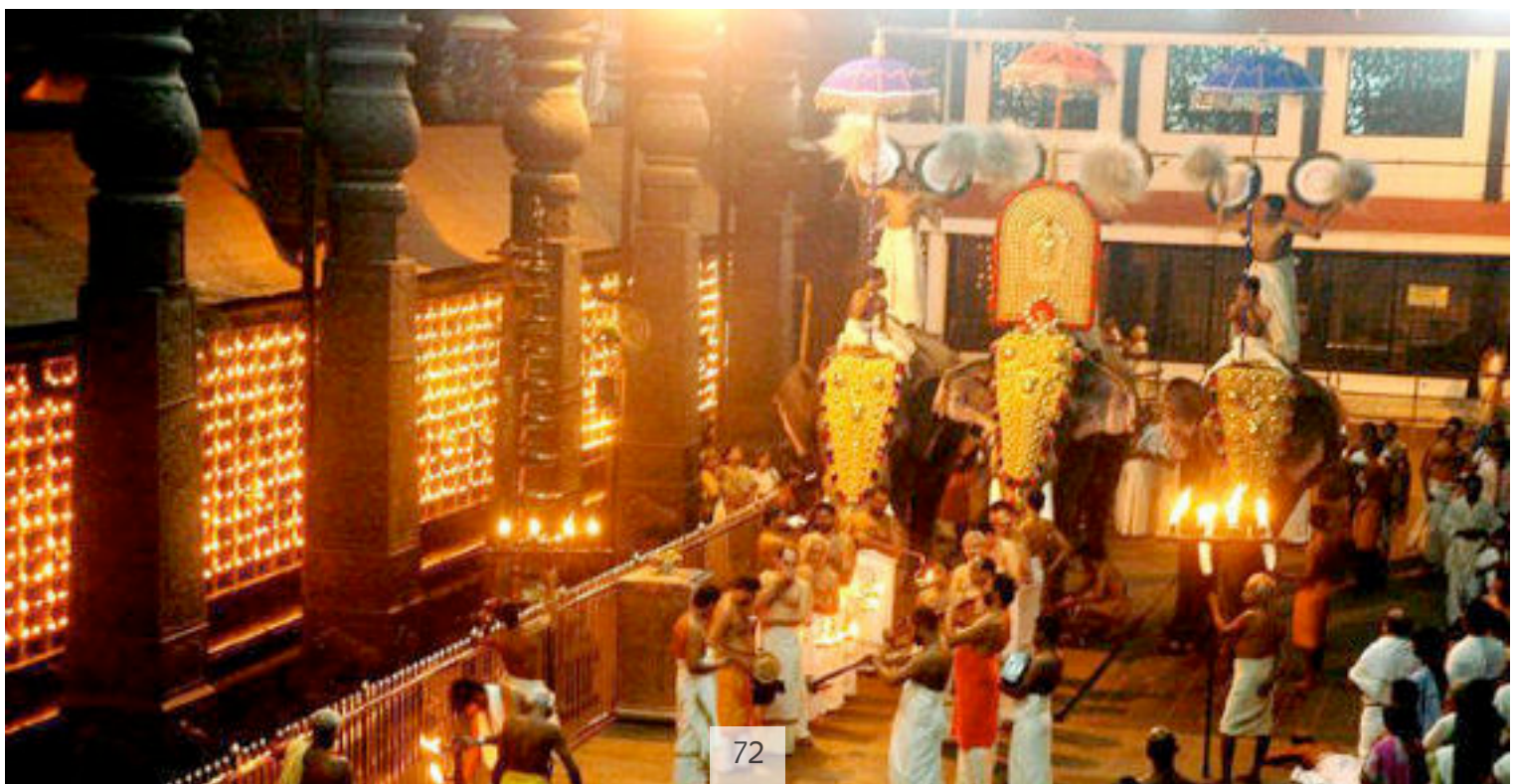
**From: US \$ 1190 pp**

God is everywhere in Kerala, and that's perhaps the reason why it is called the God's own country. With temples as old as 2000 years that have defied drawn-out wars and the ruthless passage of time, Kerala is a surprisingly relaxed state that offers plenty in terms of spiritual enlightenment.

The vast and crowded temple complexes of Kerala offer a fascinating experience of a rich and thriving culture. For all those looking for a tour that can fill their heart with divinity then Opulent Routes is offering a good deal on pilgrimage tour in Kerala.

We have come up with seven days package that will allow you to explore not only the main pilgrimage hubs of Kerala but will also take you to Kanyakumari. Over this seven days package, you will explore the pilgrimage hubs of attractions like Guruvayoor, Cochin, Kottayam, Alleppey, and Trivandrum.

So, don't wait any further. Immerse yourself in Kerala's religious heritage and humanitarian culture by opting for this spiritual tour to Kerala.





# Niraamaya Retreats

## Ayurveda Package

Duration: Depend on the Package Stay

Place: Kovalam | Trivandrum

Stay Type: Leisure Stay & Ayurveda Treatment Packages

We offer an Ayurveda treatments in best of heritage homes in Niraamaya Surya Samudra, Kerala.

A well-known entity when it comes to ayurveda therapies in Kerala, Niraamaya is a chain that has its branches in Kovalam, Kumarakom, Thekaddy and Goa.

This resort along with premium accommodation options offer best ayurveda treatments like Panchakarma Chikitsa, which comprises of five methods called Vamanam, Virechanam, Nasyam, Vasthi and Rektha Moksham to clean the body from impurities.

We incorporate the best of Niraamaya treatments and facilities to craft a lucrative ayurveda package that ensure a holistic experience and guarantees wellness with best accommodation options and meals as per the prescribed diet plan.

We will also ensure that your experience of Ayurveda in Kerala is unforgettable by catering to all your needs and being mindful of your budget and interest.





# The Oberoi Vrinda, Luxury Kerala Cruiser

Duration: 02 Nights / 03 Days or 03 Nights / 04 Days

Place: Lake Vembanad, Alleppey, Kerala

Embarkation: Board from Vrinda Jetty, Kayippuram at Noon

Disembarkation: Disembark at Vrinda Jetty, Kayippuram before Noon.

**From: US \$ 1500 Per Cabin**

The itinerary on The Oberoi Vrinda includes accommodation, all meals on board, sightseeing excursion with a guide, evening entertainment and transfers to and from Cochin airport to Vembanad Lake jetty.

## Travel

The Oberoi Vrinda docks at our private jetty on Vembanad Lake, at Kayippuram, near Alleppey. The distance from here to Cochin international airport is 73km, approximately 1 hour 30 minutes drive.

## Entertainment

Guests can enjoy an exclusive performances of the Mohinattam: "Dance of the Enchantress" and Kathakali dance, which dramatises ancient stories from the Indian epics: The Ramayana and The Mahabharata.







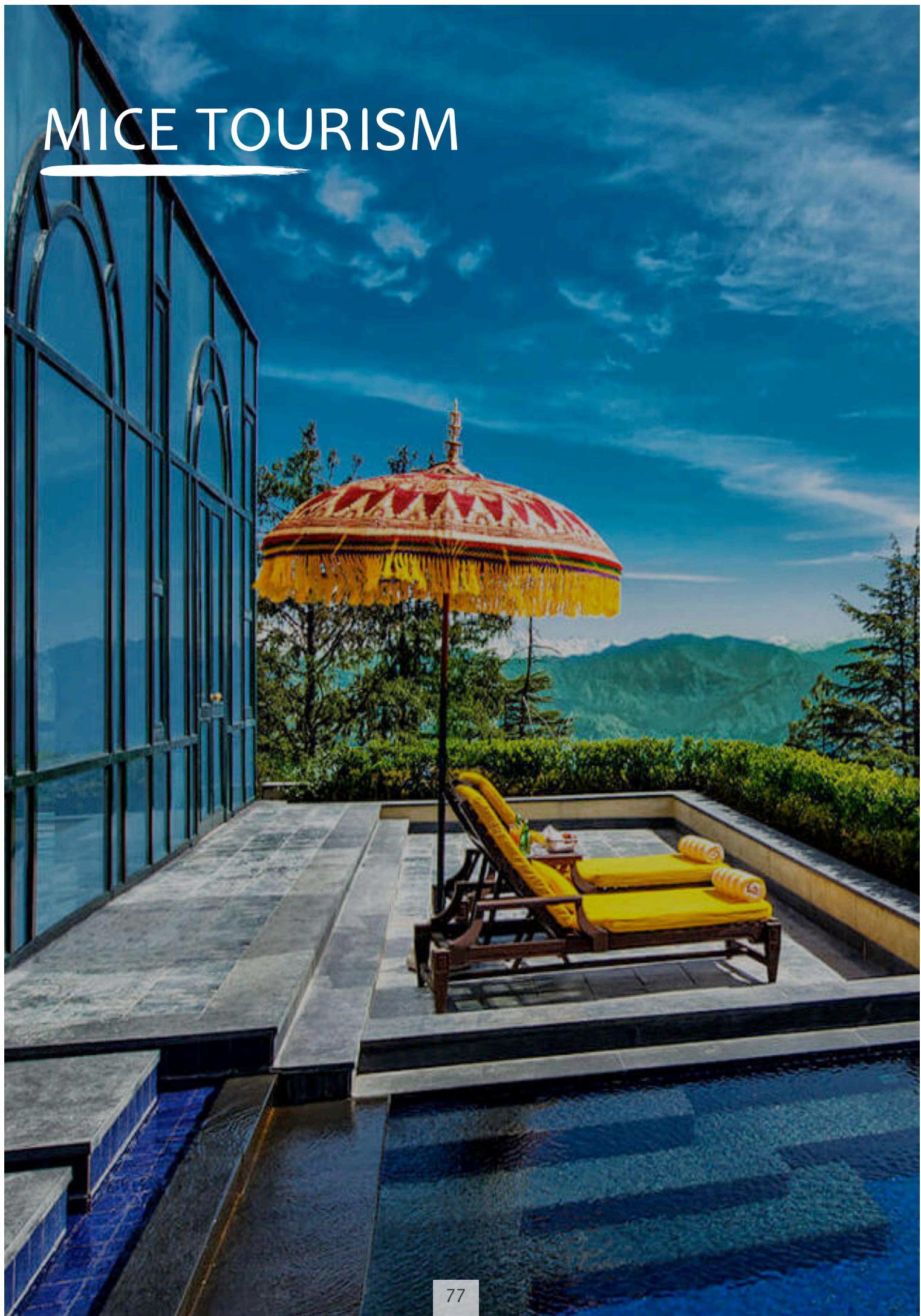







# MICE TOURISM

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A scenic view of a mountain landscape. In the foreground, there is a swimming pool with a dark, tiled edge. To the left of the pool, there is a small, square, light-colored structure, possibly a fire pit or a decorative element. The background features rolling green hills and mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A tall, thin tree stands prominently in the middle ground.

Organizing business meetings, Incentives, Events, Weddings and conferences of any magnitude and scale is passe. Instead, where it is going to be held has gained importance over the years, since it has been found that the ambience does play a vital role in providing the right kind of inspiration for the participants and also to ensure productive sessions.

Kerala is fast emerging as a MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) destination. With a fine melange of culture and natural settings, Kerala also offers state-of-the-art technology for business meetings, conferences and exhibitions to match global standards.

Amidst ravishing backwater settings, series of breathtaking tropical beaches, mist-laden, plantation hills and cities that host leading names in star hotel business; all provide some of the best venues for fabulous MICE experience in Kerala.

And to top this, is the people factor! The local people are a cheerful lot, always willing to extend a helping hand.











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