

# Munnar & Thekkady Wildlife Retreat: Tea Trails to Periyar Safari

Prepared by TourGrids



Destination  
**Kerala**



Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 24,500 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

➤ **Munnar · 3N**

➤ **Thekkady · 2N**

## 📍 Overview

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Munnar & Thekkady Wildlife Retreat: Tea Trails to Periyar Safari is a curated 5 nights / 6 days Kerala tour package designed for travelers seeking a balanced mix of serene hill-station experiences and wildlife adventure. Ideal as a Kerala Adventure tour package or Kerala Adventure package, this itinerary covers the misty tea gardens of Munnar, the wildlife-rich Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary in Thekkady, and scenic drives through Kerala's lush Western Ghats. Perfect for nature lovers, photographers, and light trekkers.

### Highlights:

- 3 nights in Munnar among tea estates and rolling hills
- 2 nights in Thekkady with Periyar boat safari and wildlife sightings
- Guided visits to Eravikulam National Park, Mattupetty Dam, and Periyar Lake
- Scenic drives, short hikes, and spice plantation walks
- Ideal for searches: "Kerala tour package", "Kerala Adventure tour package", "Kerala Adventure package", "5 and 6 Kerala Adventure tour package"

Best time to travel: September to May for cool, pleasant weather and clear wildlife viewing. Carry warm layers for early mornings in Munnar.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights (3 nights in Munnar + 2 nights in Thekkady) in standard / deluxe hotels or resorts
- ✓ Daily breakfast (B) and 2 dinners (as per package specifics) – customizable meal plans available
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private, air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ Guided visits and entrance fees for listed attractions (subject to local changes)
- ✓ Periyar boat safari tickets (shared/private based on package variant)
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide at major stops
- ✓ 24/7 emergency assistance and local support

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ International / domestic flights and train fares
- ✗ GST, service taxes, and government levies
- ✗ Personal expenses (tips, laundry, phone calls)
- ✗ Adventure activity charges not mentioned as included (e.g., bamboo rafting, guided treks if optional)
- ✗ Entry fees or permits not listed in inclusions or levied at short notice by authorities
- ✗ Early check-in / late check-out charges unless pre-booked
- ✗ Travel insurance (recommended)

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival in Kochi — Transfer to Munnar, Evening Tea Garden Walk**

Arrive at Cochin International Airport / Ernakulam Railway Station and meet your representative. Drive to Munnar (approx. 4–5 hours) via scenic routes with viewpoints and tea stalls. Check into your hotel/resort. In the late afternoon, take a guided walk through the nearby tea gardens to watch the sunset over rolling terraces.

Important: Early or late arrival transfers may incur supplements. Rest and acclimatize to the hill climate.

Day

2

### **Eravikulam National Park & Munnar Sightseeing**

Explore Eravikulam National Park (home to the Nilgiri Tahr) early morning — ideal for wildlife viewing and panoramic vistas. Later visit Mattupetty Dam (boat rides available), Echo Point, and Kundala Lake. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon tea at a plantation-view cafe and optional visit to a local tea factory to learn processing techniques.

Tip: Entry to Eravikulam is subject to seasonal closures; check ahead. Carry a light rain jacket.

Day

3

### **Tea Trails & Light Trekking in Munnar**

Spend the day on guided tea trails and short hikes through rolling estates and misty paths. Visit viewpoints such as Top Station (weather permitting) for sweeping valley views. Option for a guided birdwatching walk or a visit to a spice garden en route.

Adventure note: This day is great for light trekking and photography. Trails are moderate — wear good walking shoes.

Day

4

### **Drive to Thekkady — Spice Plantation Visit & Evening Cultural Show**

After breakfast, drive from Munnar to Thekkady (approx. 3–4 hours) through scenic Ghat roads. On arrival, check into your accommodation near Periyar Lake. In the afternoon, visit a local spice plantation to learn about cardamom, pepper, and cinnamon cultivation. In the evening, enjoy an optional cultural performance (Kathakali / Kalaripayattu) or a guided nature walk.

Note: Road conditions are mountainous and may be winding. Keep motion-sickness aids handy if needed.

Day

5

## Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary — Boat Safari & Optional Activities

Early morning Periyar boat cruise on Periyar Lake for prime wildlife viewing — spot elephants, sambar deer, gaur, and diverse birdlife along the shore. Return for breakfast and relax. Afternoon options include guided bamboo rafting, jungle trekking with naturalists, or visiting local markets for spices and handicrafts.

Important: Boat safari timings are fixed; booking in advance is recommended during peak season. Adventure activities may have age/weight restrictions.

Day

6

## Departure via Kochi — Optional Athirapally Waterfalls Stop

After breakfast, check out and drive back to Kochi for your onward journey. En route, opt for a detour to Athirapally Falls (subject to time) — a majestic waterfall set amidst rainforest. Transfer to Kochi airport/railway station for departure.

Tip: Allow sufficient transfer time for flights or trains; traffic and road conditions can affect schedules.

## 🔍 Frequently Asked Questions

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### 🔍 What are the top tourist destinations in Kerala?

Kerala offers stunning tourist destinations like Munnar's tea plantations, Alleppey's backwaters, Kochi's vibrant culture, and Wayanad's lush hills. Don't miss the stunning beaches of Varkala and Kovalam, as well as the tranquil landscapes of Thekkady and Kumarakom. Each offers unique experiences for every traveler.

### 🔍 What is the best time to visit Kerala?

The best time to visit Kerala is from October to March. During these months, the weather is pleasantly cool and dry, making it ideal for exploring the lush backwaters, hill stations, and vibrant culture. Remember to experience the festivals and local events that take place during this peak tourist season!

### 🔍 How can I travel around Kerala?

Traveling around Kerala is easy thanks to its extensive transport options. You can use private taxis, auto-rickshaws, and public buses. For scenic routes, consider hiring a houseboat, especially in the backwaters of Alleppey. Trains and domestic flights connect major cities, making exploration seamless.

## ❓ What are the famous cuisines to try in Kerala?

Kerala is renowned for its delicious cuisine, featuring dishes like Sambar, Appam, and Puttu. Don't miss the spicy Kerala fish curry and the delectable dosa. For a unique experience, try traditional Sadya, a vegetarian feast served on a banana leaf, highlighting the region's rich flavors and diverse culinary traditions.

## ❓ What activities can I enjoy in Kerala's backwaters?

In Kerala's backwaters, you can enjoy serene houseboat cruises, kayaking through lush mangroves, and bird watching. Experience local cuisine on board, visit traditional villages, and partake in unique cultural performances. Don't miss the opportunity for peaceful sunsets and picturesque landscapes!

## ❓ Is Kerala suitable for family vacations?

Yes, Kerala is ideal for family vacations! With its serene backwaters, lush hill stations, wildlife sanctuaries, and beautiful beaches, it offers a variety of activities for all ages. Families can enjoy houseboat rides, explore spice plantations, and visit cultural sites, making it a memorable destination.

## ❓ What are the important festivals celebrated in Kerala?

Kerala is home to vibrant festivals like Onam, celebrated with colorful festivities and the traditional feast; Vishu, marking the New Year with family gatherings; and Thrissur Pooram, showcasing grand temple processions and spectacular fireworks. These events reflect the rich culture and heritage, making Kerala a unique tourist destination.

## ★ Traveller Reviews



**Aditi Rao**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Everlasting Impressions of Kerala

From the stunning scenery to rich traditions, this tour made lasting impressions. I can't help but reminisce about the experiences. Highly recommend!



**Kunal Kaur**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **A Well-Rounded Experience**

This Kerala tour provided a perfect blend of relaxation and activities. We got to unwind in the backwaters and explore beautiful hill stations. A great balance!



**Vani Dubey**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Heavenly Kerala Escape**

Kerala felt like heaven on earth! The combination of nature, culture, and warm hospitality made it a trip to remember. I left a piece of my heart there!



**Kiran Menon**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### **An Immersive Eco-Tour**

The eco-tour experience was unique and educational. We learned about sustainable practices while enjoying the nature-rich surroundings. Very well organized!



**Rajesh Iyer**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Charming Village Tours**

Exploring local villages was a highlight. Interacting with locals and understanding their lifestyle was eye-opening. Very enriching experience!

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