

Kerala Coastal Drive: Fort Kochi to Varkala Cliffside Beaches

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Destination
Kerala

Duration
6 Nights 7 Days

Starting from
Rs. 27,600 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Fort Kochi · 1N

↗ Munnar · 2N

↗ Alleppey · 1N

↗ Marari Beach · 1N

↗ Varkala · 1N

Overview

A scenic Kerala tour package tailored for travelers seeking culture, backwaters and beachside relaxation. Ideal as a Kerala Weekend tour package or extended escape, this 6 nights / 7 days Kerala Weekend package connects colonial Fort Kochi, misty Munnar tea country, tranquil Alleppey backwaters, serene Marari Beach, and the dramatic cliffs of Varkala.

Highlights:

- Fort Kochi heritage walk, Chinese fishing nets
- Houseboat cruise through Alleppey backwaters
- Tea gardens and viewpoints in Munnar
- Relaxing beach time at Marari Beach
- Cliffside sunsets and wellness at Varkala

This itinerary is optimized for travelers searching for a memorable Kerala Weekend package, including options suitable for a 6 and 7 Kerala Weekend tour package.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 6 nights accommodation (as per itinerary) in selected hotels and 1 night on a traditional houseboat.
- ✓ Daily breakfast (and 2 special meals: houseboat lunch/dinner).
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private air-conditioned car.
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for Fort Kochi and Munnar sightseeing.
- ✓ Entrance fees to locations mentioned in the itinerary (where applicable).
- ✓ Kerala state taxes and service charges.
- ✓ This package can be tailored to create a dedicated Kerala Weekend package or extended into a 7-day beach extension.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International / domestic flights to Kochi and from Trivandrum.
- ✗ Meals not specified in inclusions and personal expenses.
- ✗ Travel insurance, gratuities, and optional activities (Ayurvedic treatments, water sports).
- ✗ Government levies or sudden increases in taxes not included in the package price.
- ✗ Important: Peak-season supplements, festival surcharges, or hotel upgrades are extra.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Kochi & Fort Kochi Heritage Walk

Arrive at Cochin International Airport / Ernakulam Railway Station. Transfer to historic Fort Kochi. Spend the afternoon exploring the colonial lanes: St. Francis Church, Dutch Palace (Mattancherry Palace), the iconic Chinese fishing nets at sunset. Enjoy a welcome dinner with traditional Kerala cuisine.

Tip: Carry a light scarf for coastal breezes and comfortable walking shoes for cobble streets.

Day

2

Kochi to Munnar — Tea Country Drive

After breakfast, depart for Munnar (approx. 4–5 hours). En route, enjoy scenic valley views and spice plantations. Check into your Munnar hotel and unwind. Evening at leisure with panoramic hill-station vistas.

Important: Roads are winding; allow extra travel time during monsoon months.

Day

3

Explore Munnar — Eravikulam & Tea Museum

Full-day sightseeing in Munnar. Visit Eravikulam National Park (home of the Nilgiri Tahr), Mattupetty Dam, and the Tea Museum to learn tea-processing history. Stop at popular viewpoints such as Top Station for sweeping valley panoramas.

Note: Park entry for Eravikulam may be limited — pre-book tickets when possible.

Day

4

Munnar to Alleppey — Houseboat Overnight

Drive down from the hills to the coastal plains and board a traditional houseboat (kettuvallam) in Alleppey. Cruise Kerala's tranquil backwaters, watching village life, coconut groves, and paddy fields float by. Enjoy a freshly prepared Kerala-style meal on board and an overnight stay on the houseboat.

Highlight: A houseboat cruise is a signature experience in any Kerala tour package.

Day

5

Alleppey to Marari Beach — Coastal Relaxation

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to nearby Marari Beach for a day of relaxation. Enjoy beach time, optional local village cycling, or Ayurvedic spa treatments. Sunset at Marari is perfect for photography and unwinding.

Tip: Marari is quieter than popular beaches — ideal for couples and families seeking calm.

Day

6

Drive to Varkala — Cliffside Beaches & Sunset

Depart Marari after breakfast and head south to Varkala (approx. 3–4 hours). Check into your cliffside hotel facing the Arabian Sea. Spend the evening strolling the Varkala Cliff, visit the ancient Janardhana Swamy Temple, and enjoy a cliffside sunset with cafés and shops.

Note: Varkala offers a blend of spiritual sites and lively cliffside culture — ideal for both relaxation and exploration.

Day

7

Varkala Morning & Departure

Morning at leisure — optional yoga, Ayurvedic massage, or last-minute shopping on the cliff. After checkout, transfer to Trivandrum International Airport (Thiruvananthapuram) or Kollam/Alleppey railway stations for onward travel.

Tip: If your flight is in the evening, consider a short visit to nearby Kovalam or Trivandrum city for additional sightseeing.

🔍 Frequently Asked Questions

🔍 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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