

Luxury Backwater & Spice Trail: Private Houseboat with Chef

Prepared by TourGrids

Destination
Kerala

Duration
7 Nights 8 Days

Starting from
Rs. 62,000 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Kochi · 1N**

↖ **Munnar · 2N**

↖ **Thekkady · 1N**

↖ **Alleppey · 2N**

↖ **Kovalam Beach · 1N**

Overview

A 7 nights / 8 days premium Kerala tour package blending serene backwaters, misty hill stations, spice-scented trails and golden beaches. This curated Kerala Beach tour package and Kerala Beach package is ideal for travelers seeking comfort, privacy and authentic local flavors with a private houseboat, onboard chef and personalized transfers. Perfect as a 7 and 8 Kerala Beach tour package for couples, families or small groups.

Highlights:

- Private Luxury Houseboat with onboard chef and personalized menu
- Munnar Tea Plantations & Eravikulam National Park
- Spice Plantation Walk and Periyar Lake boat cruise in Thekkady
- Alleppy Backwaters (traditional charm, village canals)
- Kovalam Beach relaxation and Ayurvedic options

Note: This package is customizable – upgrade hotels, extend beach nights or add activities like Kathakali shows, Ayurvedic treatments and guided hikes.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Private airport transfers in AC vehicle
- ✓ 7 nights accommodation: boutique/5-star hotels and private luxury houseboat (as per itinerary)
- ✓ All breakfasts; meals on houseboat (breakfast, lunch, dinner) prepared by onboard chef
- ✓ Private guided sightseeing as listed, entrance fees where mentioned
- ✓ Periyar Lake boat cruise and village canoe rides in Alleppey
- ✓ All local taxes and service charges
- ✓ Bottled water, Wi-Fi on vehicle and houseboat (subject to coverage)
- ✓ Note: Specific hotels and houseboat model will be confirmed at booking. Vegetarian and special-diet menus can be accommodated with prior notice.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International or domestic airfare to/from Kerala
- ✗ Visa, travel insurance and airport taxes
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in inclusions
- ✗ Optional activities (Ayurvedic treatments, adrenaline activities, cultural shows when ticketed)
- ✗ Personal expenses, gratuities and portorage
- ✗ Early check-in / late check-out charges if requested
- ✗ Tip: Carry local currency for small purchases and tips; pre-booking of popular activities is recommended during peak season.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Kochi — Welcome to Kerala

Arrive at Cochin International Airport and meet your private driver. Transfer to your boutique/5-star hotel in Fort Kochi. Spend the afternoon exploring the historic quarter: Chinese Fishing Nets, St. Francis Church, Dutch Palace (Mattancherry Palace) and the atmospheric Jew Town with its spice shops and antiques. Evening at leisure with a curated welcome dinner showcasing Keralan cuisine.

Tip: Carry a light jacket for coastal breezes and a reusable water bottle.

Day

2

Kochi to Munnar — Scenic Drive into the Western Ghats

After breakfast, drive approximately 4–5 hours to Munnar, passing rubber plantations and scenic viewpoints. Check in to a luxury tea-bungalow or resort. Afternoon at leisure or a short walk through tea gardens. Evening spice tasting and a private chef demonstration (optional).

Note: The drive includes winding mountain roads; travel times vary with traffic.

Day

3

Munnar — Tea, Views and Eravikulam

Full-day exploration of Munnar: visit Eravikulam National Park (home to the Nilgiri Tahr), Mattupetty Dam, Echo Point, and the Tea Museum. Enjoy panoramic viewpoints and a guided tea estate tour with tastings. Return to your resort for dinner prepared by your private chef or the hotel kitchen.

Important: Entry to Eravikulam is seasonal and requires advance tickets — we can arrange prior bookings.

Day

4

Munnar to Thekkady — Spice Trails & Wildlife

Drive to Thekkady (Periyar) after breakfast. Check in to a luxury eco-lodge or heritage resort. Participate in a guided spice plantation walk, learn about pepper, cardamom and vanilla, and enjoy a traditional Kerala cooking demo if scheduled. In the evening, optional cultural performances like Kathakali or Kalaripayattu.

Tip: Spice plantation visits are excellent for photography and purchasing fresh spices directly from growers.

Day

5

Periyar Lake Boat Cruise – Wildlife & Village Life

Morning boat cruise on Periyar Lake to spot elephants, deer and rich birdlife along the forest edge. After lunch, drive to Alleppey (Alappuzha) – the gateway to Kerala backwaters. Board your private luxury houseboat with chef in late afternoon, and begin a tranquil cruise through palm-lined canals and paddy fields. Evening dinner on board featuring freshly cooked Keralan specialties.

Note: Wildlife sightings are seasonal and cannot be guaranteed.

Day

6

Backwaters & Village Canoe Ride – Immersive Houseboat Day

Spend a full day cruising on your private houseboat. Glide past villages, coir-making workshops and lush paddy fields. Arrive at quiet canals for a guided canoe ride (vallam or shikara) into narrower waterways to meet locals and observe daily life. Chef prepares fresh seafood and local vegetarian dishes onboard.

Important: Houseboat routes are flexible – we tailor pace and stops to your preference.

Day

7

Disembark & Transfer to Kovalam – Beach Time Begins

Disembark from the houseboat after breakfast and drive to Kovalam Beach (approx. 3–4 hours). Check in to a beachfront resort. Spend the afternoon on Lighthouse Beach, swimming or enjoying an Ayurvedic massage (optional). Sunset at the promontory and a seafood dinner at a seaside restaurant or resort.

Tip: Kovalam is one of the best spots in Kerala for sunset views – bring swimwear and sun protection.

Day

8

Kovalam – Relaxation & Departure

Morning at leisure on Kovalam Beach – optional yoga, Ayurvedic spa treatments or a short trip to Trivandrum for the Padmanabhaswamy Temple and local markets. After lunch, transfer to Trivandrum International Airport (Thiruvananthapuram) for your onward flight.

Important: Check flight timings before booking outbound plans; we can arrange late checkout or extra nights on request.

🔍 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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