

Munnar to Alleppey Scenic Drive: Tea Terraces to Serene Backwaters

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Destination
Kerala



Duration
5 Nights 6 Days



Starting from
Rs. 19,250 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ **Munnar · 3N**

↗ **Thekkady · 1N**

↙ **Alleppey · 1N**

Overview

Munnar to Alleppey Scenic Drive: Tea Terraces to Serene Backwaters is a 5-night, 6-day Kerala Family tour package that blends the cool, misty tea gardens of Munnar with the tranquil backwaters of Alleppey (Alappuzha). This itinerary offers a balanced family-friendly experience featuring hill station sightseeing, wildlife and spice plantations, and an unforgettable houseboat cruise through palm-fringed canals. Ideal for families seeking relaxation, mild adventure, and cultural immersion.

Highlights:

- Munnar tea terraces & viewpoints
- Eravikulam National Park (Nilgiri Tahr viewing)
- Mattupetty Dam & Echo Point
- Spice plantation tour & Periyar boat safari
- Alleppey houseboat cruise on the backwaters
- Scenic drive from Munnar to Alleppey through Kerala's countryside

Best for: families, couples, and small groups looking for a peaceful 5 and 6 Kerala Family tour package that combines nature, culture, and leisure.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights (3 nights in Munnar, 1 night in Thekkady, 1 night on a houseboat in Alleppey) on twin/family-sharing basis
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 2 lunches or 3 dinners depending on hotel/ houseboat meal plan
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private, air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ Guided boat safari in Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
- ✓ Traditional Kettuvallam houseboat cruise with meals in Alleppey
- ✓ Entry fees to monuments and parks as mentioned (where applicable)
- ✓ Assistance at arrival and local support
- ✓ Special: Family-friendly rooms and child meal options available on request.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ GST or government taxes (if any)
- ✗ Airfare / train fare to Kochi and return
- ✗ Camera fees, personal expenses (tips, laundry, phone calls)
- ✗ Any meals not mentioned in inclusions
- ✗ Optional activities like tea estate boat rides, adventure treks, or Kathakali with makeup (unless prebooked)
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Note: Peak-season surcharges, special requests, and supplement charges for additional guests or extra beds are not included.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Kochi — Transfer to Munnar

Arrive at Cochin International Airport or Ernakulam Railway Station and meet your driver. Enjoy a scenic drive (approx. 4–5 hours) up to Munnar, a cool hill station famed for its rolling tea gardens. Check into your hotel and relax. In the evening, take a short walk through local tea estates and visit the Munnar town market for souvenirs.

Tip: Carry light woolens — Munnar evenings can be chilly.

Day

2

Munnar Sightseeing: Tea Gardens & Viewpoints

Full-day sightseeing of Munnar's iconic attractions. Start with Eravikulam National Park (subject to seasonal opening), home to the endemic Nilgiri Tahr with panoramic views from the visitor centre. Continue to Mattupetty Dam for boat rides (optional), Echo Point, and Kundala Lake. Finish at the Tata Tea Museum to learn about tea processing and enjoy tea tasting.

Important: Eravikulam has limited daily entry; book early to secure permits during peak season.

Day

3

Munnar: Top Station & Local Exploration

Morning drive to Top Station for sunrise or sweeping views over the Western Ghats and the vast tea terraces. Explore lesser-known trails and enjoy panoramic photography opportunities. Afternoon free for leisure — optional activities include a visit to Blossom Hydel Park, a short nature walk, or a visit to local spice shops.

Family tip: Top Station roads can be winding; leave early to avoid clouds and enjoy clear views.

Day

4

Scenic Drive to Thekkady (Periyar) & Spice Plantation Visit

Depart Munnar after breakfast for Thekkady (Periyar), a beautiful drive through tea and spice country. On arrival, take a guided tour of a spice plantation to learn about pepper, cardamom, cinnamon and clove. In the evening, enjoy a short cultural performance (Kathakali or Kalaripayattu demonstrations available locally).

Note: Wear comfortable shoes for plantation walks and bring sunscreen.

Day

5

Periyar Wildlife Boat Safari & Transfer to Alleppey

Early morning boat safari on Periyar Lake in Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, prime time for wildlife sightings including elephants, deer and a variety of birds. Return to hotel for breakfast and check out. Drive downhill towards Alleppey, a scenic 4–5 hour journey descending to the coastal plains. On arrival, check into your traditional Kettuvallam (houseboat) and start your backwater cruise at sunset.

Important: Keep valuables secure during the cruise; mobile connectivity may be patchy in backwater stretches.

Day

6

Houseboat Cruise & Departure

Wake up to the tranquil backwaters and enjoy freshly prepared Kerala breakfast on board. The houseboat continues cruising through narrow canals, paddy fields, coconut groves, and local villages – a perfect opportunity for relaxed photography and experiencing rural life. Disembark by late morning and transfer to Cochin for onward journey or airport connection.

Departure note: If you have a late flight, consider a short stop at Marari Beach (optional) for some beach time before transfer.

? 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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