

Thekkady Spice & Wildlife Discovery: Cardamom Plantations & Safari

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Destination
Kerala

Duration
4 Nights 5 Days

Starting from
Rs. 15,600 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

➤ **Thekkady · 4N**

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Overview

A curated 4 nights / 5 days Kerala tour package focused on the lush cardamom hills, spice plantations and thrilling wildlife encounters in Periyar. Ideal for nature lovers and adventure seekers, this Kerala Adventure tour package combines guided plantation walks, spice tastings, boat cruises, and jeep safaris for a compact, immersive experience.

Highlights:

- Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary boat cruise and Jeep Safari
- Cardamom & Spice Plantations guided walk and tasting
- Kumily village market and local cultural experiences
- Optional nature treks, bamboo rafting and elephant interaction

This itinerary is crafted for travellers looking for an active, nature-focused stay in Thekkady and is also suitable as a 4 and 5 Kerala Adventure tour package option when combined with nearby Kerala destinations.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 4 nights accommodation in Thekkady (3-star / 4-star options available)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 3 dinners (as per itinerary)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by air-conditioned vehicle (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Guided spice plantation tour and tastings
- ✓ Periyar Lake boat cruise tickets (shared basis)
- ✓ Jeep safari permits and guide in Periyar (subject to park availability)
- ✓ Entrance fees to listed attractions
- ✓ Local English-speaking naturalist/guide for wildlife activities
- ✓ Government taxes
- ✓ Special: Option to add adventure upgrades (bamboo rafting, private safari, or Munnar extension) – inquire at booking.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International / domestic flights and airport taxes
- ✗ Entry visa fees (if applicable)
- ✗ Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in inclusions (lunch and some dinners)
- ✗ Camera fees, personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- ✗ Early check-in / late check-out charges (unless confirmed)
- ✗ Any activity or experience not specified in inclusions
- ✗ Note: Park permits for jeep safaris are subject to availability and season; additional charges may apply for private safaris or special permits.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Thekkady & Spice Village Walk

Arrive at Kochi/Trivandrum airport or Cochin railway station and transfer (approx. 3–4 hours) to Thekkady (Kumily). Check-in to your hotel/resort and relax. In the late afternoon enjoy a guided walk through a nearby spice plantation—learn about cardamom, pepper, cinnamon and clove cultivation with hands-on tasting. Evening at leisure.

Tip: Carry comfortable walking shoes and a light rain jacket during monsoon months.

Day

2

Cardamom Plantation Tour & Village Market

Full day dedicated to the spice culture of Thekkady. Visit a working cardamom plantation and smallholder farms to see harvest and processing techniques. Participate in a spice tasting and a short workshop on traditional uses. After lunch, stroll through Kumily market to observe local life and shop for spices, homemade pickles and handicrafts. Optional evening cultural show at the resort featuring local dance or martial art demonstration.

Note: Market visits offer great photo opportunities — request permission before photographing vendors.

Day

3

Periyar Boat Cruise & Nature Trek

Early morning transfer to Periyar Tiger Reserve / Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary for the iconic boat cruise on Periyar Lake — a serene way to spot elephants, sambar, gaur and a variety of birds along the lakeshore. After the cruise, enjoy a guided nature trek into the sanctuary's buffer zones with a naturalist to learn about local flora and fauna.

Important: Boat seats and guided treks are subject to park timings and availability; booking in advance is recommended.

Day

4

Jeep Safari & Elephant Interaction

Morning jeep safari into the Periyar Tiger Reserve core or buffer areas (depending on permit availability) for a higher-chance wildlife sighting experience. In the afternoon visit an elephant rehabilitation/interaction centre (where available) to learn about elephant care and conservation. Evening free to relax at the resort and enjoy local Kerala cuisine.

Tip: Carry binoculars and a camera with a telephoto lens for wildlife photography.

Day

5

Morning Nature Walk & Departure

Early morning guided nature/plantation walk around the property or a short visit to Chellarkovil Viewpoint for panoramic views of the valley. Return to the hotel for check-out and proceed to Kochi/Trivandrum for onward transfer or departure. End of services.

Note: If you prefer, extend the trip to Munnar or Alleppey for a combined 5+ night Kerala Adventure package.

🔍 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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