

Kerala 8-Night Explorer: Munnar, Wayanad, Bekal & Northern Backwaters

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Destination
Kerala

Duration
8 Nights 9 Days

Starting from
Rs. 45,600 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ **Munnar · 3N**

↙ **Wayanad · 3N**

↙ **Bekal · 1N**

↙ **Northern Backwaters · 1N**

Overview

An immersive 9-day Kerala Adventure tour package that blends the misty hills of Munnar, the wild terrain and trekking of Wayanad, the historic Bekal Fort, and serene Northern Backwaters (Valiyaparamba/Kasaragod). This Kerala Adventure package is crafted for travelers seeking nature, light-to-moderate adventure, cultural experiences and backwater relaxation.

Highlights:

- Munnar Tea Plantations & Eravikulam National Park
- Chembra Lake Trek & Edakkal Caves in Wayanad
- Bekal Fort & Beach experience
- Valiyaparamba / Northern Backwaters houseboat cruise
- Guided village walks, spice plantation visits, wildlife viewing

Important: This 8-night Kerala tour package includes guided transfers and select activities. Adventure activities like trekking or zipline may require prior fitness confirmation and additional permits.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 8 nights accommodation in twin/double rooms (3-star / boutique / eco-resorts) with daily breakfast
- ✓ All private transfers and point-to-point transportation in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ✓ Local English-speaking driver/guide & sightseeing as per itinerary
- ✓ Entry fees for attractions mentioned (Eravikulam, Edakkal Caves, Bekal Fort – where applicable)
- ✓ Valiyaparamba backwater cruise / houseboat experience (shared/private based on selection)
- ✓ One spice plantation visit and guided village walk
- ✓ Bottled water during transfers, tolls, parking and applicable taxes
- ✓ Note: Adventure activities (Chembra Lake trek guide fees, permits, specialized equipment) may be included or charged extra depending on the chosen package variant.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International / domestic flights and arrival/departure airport taxes
- ✗ Meals not specified (lunches and dinners unless mentioned)
- ✗ Travel insurance, medical expenses and personal expenses
- ✗ Fees for adventure activities if not included (trek guide charges, permit fees, equipment rentals)
- ✗ Tips/gratuities, laundry, phone calls and items of personal nature
- ✗ Any extra sightseeing or services not specified in the itinerary
- ✗ Please review the terms and seasonal closures (e.g., park maintenance, monsoon restrictions) before booking.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival — Transfer to Munnar & Evening at Leisure

Arrival at Cochin International Airport (Kochi) or Ernakulam Railway Station. Meet & greet by your private driver-guide and drive to Munnar (approx. 4–5 hours). Check-in at the hotel/resort. Short orientation briefing and time to relax. Evening stroll through local market or tea estate viewpoints.

Tip: Carry a light jacket — hill evenings can be cool.

Day

2

Munnar — Tea Gardens, Mattupetty & Kundala Lake

After breakfast, explore the highlights of Munnar. Visit the sprawling tea plantations and a tea museum to learn about tea processing. Drive to Mattupetty Dam for panoramic views and optional boating. Visit Kundala Lake and Echo Point. Evening free for a relaxed walk through misty trails.

Fitness note: Most activities are easy to moderate walking.

Day

3

Munnar — Eravikulam / Top Station & Local Sightseeing

Early morning excursion to Eravikulam National Park (subject to park timings) to view Nilgiri Tahr and the shola grasslands. Later visit Top Station for sunrise vistas (weather permitting) and photograph the rolling valleys. Optional stop at a spice garden en route. Evening: taste local Kerala cuisine at hotel or recommended eateries.

Note: Eravikulam visits may be closed during off-season — plan accordingly.

Day

4

Transfer to Wayanad — Evening Village Walk

After breakfast, check out and drive to Wayanad (approx. 6–7 hours). Scenic drive through Western Ghats with photo stops. Arrive and check-in at your Wayanad resort. Evening guided village walk or short nature trail to soak in local life.

Travel tip: Carry light snacks and water for the transfer; there are good viewpoints en route.

Day

5

Wayanad — Chembra Lake Trek / Chain Tree & Pookode Lake

Optional early-morning Chembra Lake trek (permit required) for adventurous guests; treasure the heart-shaped lake and hill panoramas. For a relaxed day, visit Pookode Lake for boating and the Wayanad Heritage Museum. Also see the Chain Tree and spice plantations. Evening at leisure.

Adventure note: Chembra trek is moderate; recommended for those with comfortable fitness levels. Book permits in advance.

Day

6

Wayanad — Edakkal Caves, Soochipara Falls & Wildlife Spotting

Drive to Edakkal Caves and explore the ancient petroglyphs (short trek to the caves). Proceed to Soochipara (Sentinel Rock) Falls for waterfall views and optional bathing. Afternoon wildlife viewing or birdwatching in nearby reserves; evening bonfire (seasonal) at the resort.

Safety tip: Wear sturdy footwear for rocky trails; follow guide instructions near water bodies.

Day

7

Transfer to Bekal — Bekal Fort & Beach Sunset

Check out after breakfast and transfer to Bekal (approx. 4–5 hours). On arrival, check-in and visit the iconic Bekal Fort, stroll along the fort ramparts and enjoy panoramic Arabian Sea views. Spend the evening at Bekal Beach watching the sunset and sampling seaside snacks.

Note: Bekal Fort is ideal for photography and leisurely exploration.

Day

8

Northern Backwaters — Valiyaparamba/Valiyaparamba Backwater Cruise & Houseboat Stay

After breakfast, transfer to the northern backwaters area (Valiyaparamba / Kasaragod region). Board a traditional houseboat or local boat for a serene backwater cruise through narrow canals, coconut groves and fishing villages. Experience village life, birdwatching and a locally prepared backwater lunch/dinner on board or at a houseboat-styled facility. Overnight stay near the backwaters or in a houseboat (subject to selection).

Highlight: This part of the itinerary offers quieter, less-touristed Northern Kerala backwaters — ideal for relaxation and photography.

Day

9

Departure — Transfer to Kannur / Mangalore Airport or Kozhikode (Calicut) Station

After breakfast, check out and transfer to the boarding point for your onward journey. Options: Kannur International Airport (~90–120 min from Bekal/Valiyaparamba), Mangalore International Airport or Kozhikode Railway Station depending on your flight/train schedules. Drop-off and assistance for onward travel. End of tour.

Important: Confirm your preferred departure airport at the time of booking to arrange the most efficient 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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