

Ponmudi Hill Station Weekend: Waterfalls, Trek & Tea Gardens

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Destination
Kerala



Duration
3 Nights 4 Days



Starting from
Rs. 9,750 / person

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Overview

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Experience a refreshing Kerala tour package tailored for quick getaways – perfect as a Kerala Adventure tour package or Kerala Adventure package option for travelers seeking nature, waterfalls, short treks and tea gardens. This 3 nights / 4 days Kerala Adventure tour package centers on the misty slopes of Ponmudi in Thiruvananthapuram district and blends easy-to-moderate trekking, waterfall visits, scenic viewpoints and laid-back tea garden walks.

Highlights:

- Ponmudi Hill Station: lush viewpoints & sunrise vistas
- Meenmutty / Local Waterfalls: refreshing cascades and pools
- Guided Ponmudi Trek through the Western Ghats
- Tea Gardens & Kallar Valley: plantation walks and photography
- Peppara Wildlife & Nature Trails: optional wildlife viewing and birdwatching

Note: This itinerary is optimized for a weekend escape and works well as a 3 or 4 Kerala Adventure tour package option. Carry sturdy trekking shoes, light rain protection during monsoon months and a valid ID for check-ins.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ 3 nights accommodation in Ponmudi (standard / deluxe/eco-resort options available)
- ✓ Daily breakfast (3) and 2 set lunches or picnic lunches as mentioned
- ✓ Arrival transfer from Thiruvananthapuram Airport/Railway Station and departure drop
- ✓ Guided Ponmudi trek and nature walks with a local licensed guide
- ✓ Permits / entrance fees for designated waterfalls and viewpoints (where applicable)
- ✓ Tea estate visit and demonstration
- ✓ Bottled water during excursions
- ✓ All local taxes

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Thiruvananthapuram
- ✗ Travel insurance (recommended)
- ✗ Meals not specified (dinners beyond the included ones unless mentioned)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- ✗ Optional activities or extra excursions (e.g., extended Peppara wildlife safaris) unless pre-booked
- ✗ Any emergency medical expenses
- ✗ Note: Peak-season surcharges, festival day surcharges and any government-imposed taxes introduced after booking are not included.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, transfer to Ponmudi & sunset viewpoint

Arrive at Thiruvananthapuram Airport/Railway Station and meet your representative for a scenic drive to Ponmudi (approx. 1.5–2.5 hours depending on traffic). Check in to your mountain lodge or eco-resort and relax. In late afternoon, take a short drive to a nearby viewpoint for stunning sunset views over the Western Ghats. Enjoy a welcome dinner featuring Kerala flavors.

Tip: If arriving early, you can include a quick visit to Vithura for local snacks before reaching Ponmudi.

Day

2

Waterfalls & Kallar river walk

After breakfast, set out on a guided nature walk to explore the waterfalls near Ponmudi (commonly referred to as Meenmutty and smaller cascades in the area) and the scenic Kallar River. Spend time at safe bathing spots and natural pools (season & local rules permitting). Enjoy a picnic lunch on the riverside or return to the resort for a hot meal.

Evening at leisure — stroll the resort's tea garden or attend a short presentation on local flora and fauna.

Important: Swimming is only recommended at designated safe spots and when local authorities deem it safe.

Day

3

Guided Ponmudi trek, tea gardens & photo stops

Today is dedicated to the signature Ponmudi trek — an easy-to-moderate guided trail through rolling hills, endemic shola forests and expansive tea gardens. Stop at panoramic points for views across the valleys and photo opportunities. Visit a working tea estate to learn about tea processing and enjoy fresh local tea.

Late afternoon, return to the resort for relaxation. Option for a short village walk to experience local culture and cuisine.

Wear comfortable trekking shoes, carry water, and expect uneven trails.

Day

4

Sunrise viewpoint, check-out & drop at Trivandrum

Rise early for a spectacular sunrise at a Ponmudi viewpoint (subject to weather). After breakfast, check out and begin the drive back to Thiruvananthapuram. En route you may visit a scenic stop or a local market for souvenirs. Drop at the airport or railway station for your onward journey.

If you prefer, an additional city sightseeing extension in Thiruvananthapuram can be arranged (extra cost).

? 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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