

Luxury Spice & Backwater Journey: Boutique Stays & Gourmet Meals

Prepared by TourGrids

Destination
Kerala

Duration
8 Nights 9 Days

Starting from
Rs. 69,900 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Kochi · 1N**

↖ **Munnar · 2N**

↖ **Thekkady · 2N**

↖ **Alleppey · 1N**

↖ **Kovalam · 2N**

Overview

An indulgent 8 nights / 9 days Kerala tour package designed for discerning travelers who want boutique hotels, curated spice-plantation experiences, and classic backwater luxury. This Kerala Beach tour package blends colonial charm in Fort Kochi, misty tea gardens of Munnar, wildlife and spice trails in Thekkady, a serene overnight houseboat in Alleppey, and sun-kissed beaches near Kovalam/Trivandrum. Ideal as an 8 and 9 Kerala Beach tour package, it balances relaxation, gourmet meals, culture and light adventure.

Highlights:

- Fort Kochi walking tour & Kathakali preview
- Munnar tea estates, Eravikulam National Park (Nilgiri Tahr view)
- Spice plantation walk & bamboo rafting in Thekkady
- Overnight deluxe houseboat on Alleppey backwaters
- Kovalam beach time, Ayurveda spa & sunset at Lighthouse Beach

Tip: Pack light breathable layers, comfortable walking shoes, and a rain jacket (monsoon months). Book early for boutique stays during peak season.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation in boutique hotels & resorts as per itinerary (8 nights)
- ✓ Overnight deluxe houseboat with all meals (1 night)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and selected gourmet dinners as indicated
- ✓ Private transfers and inter-city road travel in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ✓ Guided Fort Kochi walking tour, Munnar tea estate visit, spice plantation walk, Periyar boat safari
- ✓ Entrance fees & permits where applicable (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for included activities
- ✓ Government taxes and service charges
- ✓ Note: Meals mentioned as 'selected' indicate specific gourmet meals included; full-board only on houseboat night.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International & domestic flights
- ✗ Visa, travel insurance and personal expenses
- ✗ Optional activities (Ayurveda treatments, boating beyond the included houseboat, water sports)
- ✗ Tips, laundry, telephone calls and items of a personal nature
- ✗ Peak-season supplements for boutique properties (if applicable)
- ✗ Any entry fees or activities not mentioned in the inclusions
- ✗ Recommendation: Book optional wellness treatments and special experiences in advance to ensure availability.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Kochi — Heritage Walk & Spice-Scented Welcome

Arrive at Cochin International Airport and transfer to your boutique hotel in Fort Kochi. After check-in and a welcome drink, enjoy a curated Fort Kochi walking tour covering colonial streets, Chinese fishing nets and heritage homes. Evening includes a Kathakali preview or classical music recital and a gourmet welcome dinner featuring Kerala coastal cuisine.

Included activity: Guided walking tour (approx. 2–3 hours).

Tip: Wear comfortable shoes for cobbled lanes and photo stops.

Day

2

Kochi to Munnar — Scenic Drive & Tea Gardens

After breakfast transfer to Munnar (approx. 4–5 hours). En route visit a spice & tea processing stop to learn about cardamom, pepper and clove — hallmark spices of Kerala. Check in to a boutique tea-country hotel with panoramic views. Spend the evening strolling through tea estates and enjoying a private spice tasting and chef-led Kerala dinner.

Comfort note: The drive includes mountain hairpin bends; light-motion sensitivity precautions advised.

Day

3

Munnar — Eravikulam National Park & Scenic Lookouts

Full day to explore Munnar. Morning visit to Eravikulam National Park (subject to park timings) to spot the Nilgiri Tahr and enjoy panoramic views from Rajamalai. After lunch, drive to Echo Point and Mattupetty Dam (boat ride optional). Evening free for a tea-tasting session at your property.

Note: Park permits may be required and can be seasonal; early morning visits recommended for wildlife sightings.

Day

4

Munnar to Thekkady — Spice Plantation & Cultural Evening

Post-breakfast depart for Thekkady/Periyar (approx. 3–4 hours). Check in to a boutique lodge near spice plantations. Afternoon guided spice plantation walk, learning about pepper vines, cardamom and cinnamon cultivation. Evening includes an optional Kalaripayattu (martial arts) demonstration or a traditional Kerala cultural performance.

Highlight: Freshly brewed cardamom tea and a cooking demo using plantation spices.

Day

5

Periyar Wildlife Boat Safari & Bamboo Rafting

Early morning boat safari on Periyar Lake for birdwatching and potential elephant sightings near the reservoir. Return for a relaxed breakfast. Afternoon optional bamboo rafting (subject to weather) or guided nature trail in the Periyar forest area. Evening leisure with a specialty Kerala-style dinner at the lodge.

Safety note: Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed; guides follow strict park regulations for protection and safety.

Day

6

Thekkady to Alleppey – Houseboat Experience

Drive to Alleppey/Alappuzha after breakfast (approx. 3–4 hours). Board your deluxe traditional Kerala houseboat (kettuvallam) for an overnight cruise through the iconic backwaters. Enjoy freshly prepared regional cuisine on board, watch village life unfold along the canals, and relax on the sundeck at sunset.

Inclusion highlight: Overnight deluxe houseboat with private cabin and onboard chef.

Tip: Keep cameras ready for village scenes and birdlife at canal edges.

Day

7

Alleppey to Kovalam – Beach Transfer & Sunset

Disembark after breakfast and drive south to Kovalam/Trivandrum (approx. 3–4 hours). Check in to a beachside boutique resort. Spend the afternoon unwinding on Lighthouse Beach or enjoying water-based activities (optional). Evening dedicated to a picturesque sunset and a seafood or fusion gourmet dinner.

Travel note: Transfer times vary; private transfer arranged for comfort.

Day

8

Kovalam – Leisure, Ayurveda Spa & Beach Time

Full day at leisure on Kovalam Beach. Choose from an Ayurvedic spa treatment (optional) at your resort, a guided coastal walk, or a boat trip to nearby coves. Afternoon can include a private sunset cruise or a visit to the Vellayani Lake for birdwatching.

Wellness tip: Pre-book authentic Ayurveda treatments to secure preferred time slots.

Suggested activity: Gentle yoga on the beach at sunrise (arranged on request).

Day

9

Departure from Trivandrum — Farewell Kerala

After a relaxed breakfast and final beach stroll, transfer to Trivandrum International Airport for your onward flight. Depending on your flight schedule, a brief city visit to Padmanabhaswamy Temple (outside viewing for non-Hindus) or a quick stop at the Napier Museum can be arranged.

Note: Standard check-out and airport transfer included. We recommend flights after mid-day to avoid early-morning rush.

? 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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