

Kochi Cultural Immersion: Kathakali, Spice Market & Backstreets

Prepared by TourGrids



Destination
Kerala



Duration
4 Nights 5 Days



Starting from
Rs. 11,850 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

📍 **Kochi · 3N**

📍 **Alleppey · 1N**

Overview

Kochi Cultural Immersion: Kathakali, Spice Market & Backstreets is a thoughtfully crafted 4 nights / 5 days Kerala tour package that blends heritage, performing arts and backwater relaxation—ideal for families and travelers seeking an authentic Kerala Family tour package experience. Explore the historic lanes of Fort Kochi, shop the aromatic spice markets of Mattancherry, witness a mesmerizing Kathakali performance and makeup workshop, and unwind on a traditional Alleppey houseboat.

Highlights:

- Fort Kochi walking tour: colonial-era landmarks, street art and cafés
- Kathakali makeup & performance: hands-on cultural immersion
- Mattancherry Spice Market & Jew Town: antiques, spices and history
- Kettuvallam (Houseboat) on Alleppey Backwaters: serene canals and village life
- Local backstreet exploration: family-friendly discovery of Kochi's living heritage

This Kerala Family package is suitable for families and small groups. Tip: pack comfortable walking shoes and light clothing; Kathakali makeup sessions include safe, non-toxic colors.

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✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 4 nights accommodation: 3 nights in Kochi (Fort Kochi / Mattancherry) + 1 night on an Alleppey houseboat
- ✓ Daily breakfast (plus all meals on houseboat: lunch, dinner, breakfast)
- ✓ Airport/railway transfers on arrival and departure
- ✓ Guided Fort Kochi walking tour and backstreet exploration
- ✓ Kathakali makeup demonstration, hands-on workshop and evening performance (tickets included)
- ✓ Guided visit to Mattancherry Spice Market and Jew Town
- ✓ One-way transfer Kochi – Alleppey – Kochi
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for included activities
- ✓ All currently applicable taxes

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International / domestic flights to Kochi
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Meals not specified in inclusions (lunches in Kochi unless on houseboat)
- ✗ Personal expenses (tips, laundry, phone calls, minibars)
- ✗ Entrance fees for optional/add-on sites not listed in the itinerary
- ✗ Camera / video permit fees where applicable
- ✗ Peak-season supplements, if any
- ✗ Any item not mentioned under inclusions

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival & Fort Kochi Orientation

Arrive at Cochin International Airport (or Ernakulam railway station) and transfer to your hotel in Fort Kochi. Spend the afternoon on a guided orientation walk through the Fort Kochi and Mattancherry precincts: view the Chinese fishing nets, St. Francis Church, Dutch Palace (Mattancherry Palace) and the historic Jew Town lanes. Enjoy a relaxed evening at a café overlooking the harbor.

Included: airport transfer, guided Fort Kochi walking tour.

Day

2

Spice Market, Antique Shopping & Kathakali Workshop

Morning visit to the bustling Mattancherry Spice Market—learn about pepper, cardamom, cinnamon and other Kerala spices. Explore antiques shops in Jew Town and time for leisurely lunch at a local family-run restaurant. In the late afternoon, attend a Kathakali makeup demonstration followed by a hands-on mini-workshop where you can try traditional face paint and learn key expressions (rasas). Finish with an evening Kathakali performance—a classical storytelling dance unique to Kerala.

Family-friendly timing: the workshop is suitable for older children; younger children can enjoy a simplified viewing.

Day

3

Backstreets, Local Life & Art Cafés

Delve into the quieter side of Kochi with a guided exploration of Fort Kochi's backstreets—street art, colonial facades, boutique shops and hidden cafés. Optional activities include a short cycle-rickshaw ride, cooking demonstration at a local home (subject to availability), or visiting the Kerala Folklore Museum / Local art galleries. Evening at leisure to stroll by the waterfront or watch a sunset by the sea.

Tip: early morning or late afternoon are best for photography and cooler temperatures.

Day

4

Drive to Alleppey & Overnight Houseboat

After breakfast, transfer to Alleppey (Alappuzha) to board your traditional kettuvallam (houseboat). Settle into your cabin and cruise through palm-fringed canals, rice paddies and small village hamlets. Enjoy freshly prepared Kerala cuisine on board—lunch, evening tea and dinner included. Overnight on the houseboat, lulled by the gentle sounds of the backwaters.

Note: Houseboat cabins are comfortable for families; inform us of any mobility needs so we can arrange suitable boarding assistance.

Day

5

Village Walk, Return to Kochi & Departure

Disembark after breakfast for a short guided village walk to experience local life—coir-making, paddy fields and canal-side activities. Transfer back to Kochi for last-minute shopping or direct transfer to Cochin International Airport / Ernakulam station for your onward journey.

If you have a late flight, consider extending your stay or requesting a late checkout (subject to availability).

? 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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