

# Kerala Wildlife & River Safari: Periyar Night Safari & Boat Cruise

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Destination  
**Kerala**



Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 21,750 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Kochi · 1N**

↖ **Thekkady · 2N**

↖ **Alleppey · 1N**

↖ **Kumarakom · 1N**

## Overview

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### Kerala Wildlife & River Safari: Periyar Night Safari & Boat Cruise

This 5 nights / 6 days Kerala tour package blends wildlife adventure and serene backwater cruising – an ideal Kerala Adventure tour package for nature lovers and wildlife photographers. Experience the thrill of a Periyar Night Safari, morning wildlife boat cruises, a traditional Alleppey houseboat cruise, and peaceful birdwatching at Kumarakom. This curated Kerala Adventure package is also optimized for travelers searching for 5 and 6 Kerala Adventure tour package options.

#### Highlights:

- Periyar Night Safari – guided nocturnal wildlife exploration
- Periyar Lake Boat Cruise – close wildlife sightings (elephants, deer, birds)
- Alleppey Backwaters – overnight traditional Kettuvallam houseboat
- Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary – excellent for migratory birds and photography
- Fort Kochi Heritage Walk – colonial-era sights and cultural experiences

Tip: Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed but early-morning and night activities increase your chances. Night Safari timings and availability are subject to forest department regulations.

#### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights: 1 night in Kochi (Heritage hotel), 2 nights in Thekkady (wildlife resort), 1 night on a private/standard houseboat in Alleppey, 1 night in Kumarakom lakeside resort
- ✓ Daily breakfast at hotels; traditional Kerala meals on houseboat (lunch & dinner)
- ✓ Private AC transfers and sightseeing as per itinerary
- ✓ Periyar Night Safari entry fee and guided night safari experience
- ✓ Periyar Lake morning boat cruise (shared) and entry fees
- ✓ Alleppey houseboat cruise with meals (as specified)
- ✓ Guided spice plantation visit and Kumarakom bird sanctuary entry
- ✓ All currently applicable hotel taxes and service charges
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#### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / train fare to Kochi and return
- ✗ Items of personal nature (tips, laundry, phone calls, etc.)
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages and meals not specified under inclusions
- ✗ Travel insurance and emergency medical expenses
- ✗ Entry fees for optional activities not listed above (e.g., Kathakali performance donation)
- ✗ Early check-in / late checkout charges unless pre-booked
- ✗ Any additional sightseeing or transfers beyond the stated itinerary
- ✗ Important: Periyar Night Safari and certain activities are subject to seasonal schedules and park permissions; fees or availability may change as per forest department guidelines.

English-speaking local guides where specified

- ✓ Note: Accommodation is subject to availability at time of booking; category-based upgrades available on request.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival & Fort Kochi Heritage Walk**

Arrive at Cochin (Kochi) Airport/Railway Station and transfer to your hotel in Fort Kochi. After check-in, enjoy a heritage walk covering the iconic Chinese Fishing Nets, St. Francis Church, Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Palace) and Jew Town. Evening free – optional classical Kathakali or Kalaripayattu show.

Important: Flight/rail arrival times will determine optional activities for the day.

Day

2

### **Drive to Thekkady & Periyar Night Safari**

After breakfast, drive to Thekkady / Periyar (approx. 4–5 hours). En route visit a local spice plantation and enjoy a guided walk to learn about spices like cardamom, pepper and cinnamon. In the evening, embark on the thrilling Periyar Night Safari – a guided excursion into the buffer zones to spot nocturnal wildlife such as civets, porcupines and owls.

Note: Night Safari is pre-booked and operated under forest department rules; carry ID for park permits.

Day

3

### **Periyar Wildlife Boat Cruise & Nature Walk**

Start early with the famous Periyar Lake Boat Cruise – one of the best ways to see elephants, sambar deer, wild boar and a variety of birds along the lakeshore. After the cruise, take an optional guided nature walk or bamboo rafting (seasonal) inside designated trails.

Tip: Carry binoculars and a good telephoto lens for wildlife photography. Morning cruises offer the highest wildlife activity.

Day

4

### **Drive to Alleppey & Houseboat Cruise (Backwaters)**

After breakfast, drive to Alleppey (Alappuzha) and board your traditional Kettuvallam houseboat for an unforgettable backwater cruise through rice paddies, coconut groves and village canals. Lunch, dinner and overnight stay on board – enjoy freshly prepared local Kerala meals.

Note: Houseboats come in private and shared options; confirm your preference at booking.

Day

5

## Disembark & Transfer to Kumarakom — Bird Sanctuary Visit

Disembark mid-morning and transfer to Kumarakom, set on the banks of Vembanad Lake. Check into a lakeside resort and visit the Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary — a prime spot for migratory birds and photography. Spend the evening relaxing at the resort or enjoy an optional Ayurvedic massage.

Tip: Early mornings at the bird sanctuary are best for sighting and capturing migratory species.

Day

6

## Departure via Kochi — Transfer & Drop

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Cochin International Airport or Kochi Railway Station for your onward journey. En route, if time permits, stop for quick shopping at local spice markets or Lulu Mall.

Important: Confirm departure transfer timing with your travel coordinator. Early-morning flights may need a pre-booked early transfer.

## 🔗 Frequently Asked Questions

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### 🔗 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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