

Marari to Alleppey Slow Travel: Cycling, Canals & Sunset Fishing

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Destination
Kerala

Duration
5 Nights 6 Days

Starting from
Rs. 15,950 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

➤ **Marari Beach · 2N**

➤ **Alleppey Backwaters · 3N**

Overview

A relaxed 6-day, 5-night Kerala tour package designed for families and slow-travelers who want to soak in coastal charm, peaceful backwaters and authentic village life. Begin with sea breezes at Marari Beach, pedal through coconut-lined lanes, explore coir and fishing villages, then drift through the iconic Alleppey (Alappuzha) backwaters with a sunset fishing experience on a traditional boat. Perfect as a Kerala Family tour package or a small-group escape – this itinerary balances active discovery (cycling, canoeing) with mellow downtime (beach, houseboat, Ayurvedic relaxation).

Highlights:

- Cycling through Mararikulam village and coconut groves
- Sunset fishing and a leisurely houseboat cruise in Alleppey
- Traditional kettuvallam (houseboat) experience and village canoe rides
- Visits to coir-making villages, local markets and temples
- Optional Ayurvedic massage and beach relaxation

Tip: Pack light cottons, reef-safe sunscreen and a small daypack. Early morning and late afternoon are best for cycling and photography.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights (2 nights at Marari Beach; 3 nights in Alleppey including 1 night/half-day houseboat option as chosen)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and selected meals as per day-wise plan (2 lunches, 3 dinners included; houseboat meals when onboard)
- ✓ Airport/railway transfers on arrival and departure (as per group arrival times)
- ✓ Guided village cycling with helmets and bottled water
- ✓ Sunset fishing experience with local fishermen (weather permitting)
- ✓ Houseboat cruise (half-day or overnight option depending on package choice)
- ✓ Traditional canoe (vallam) ride with local paddler
- ✓ Local guide for selected activities, entrance fees where applicable, and applicable taxes
- ✓ One Ayurvedic consultation and optional short massage voucher (subject to availability)

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International or domestic flights to Kochi/Ernakulam
- ✗ Travel insurance, personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- ✗ Meals not specified in the inclusions
- ✗ Alcoholic drinks and extra services at accommodations
- ✗ Peak season supplements, festival surcharges or chartered private boat upgrades
- ✗ Any costs arising from weather-related changes or government-imposed restrictions

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival & Beachside Unwind at Marari

Arrive at Kochi/Cochin International Airport or Ernakulam railway station and transfer to Marari Beach, a quiet coastal village ideal for a slow start. Check into your beachside accommodation, refresh and spend the afternoon relaxing on the soft sand. Enjoy a gentle walk along the shore as fishermen prepare for the evening. Dinner at the resort with a short briefing about the days ahead.

Activities included: Beach relaxation, sunset stroll.

Places covered: Marari Beach, local shoreline.

Day

2

Village Cycling & Coir Village Visit

After breakfast, set out for a guided cycling tour through the coconut-fringed lanes of Mararikulam. Ride at an easy pace to experience village life – stop at a traditional coir-making unit to see rope-making by hand, visit a small fishing harbour and a local church or temple. Return to the resort for lunch and an afternoon optional Ayurvedic foot massage or beach time. Evening free to sample freshly caught seafood or family-friendly local cuisine.

Active level: Easy to moderate (flat terrain). Helmets and bottled water provided.

Places covered: Coir village, Marari lanes, fishing harbour.

Day

3

Transfer to Alleppey & Sunset fishing on a Traditional Boat

Check out after breakfast and take a scenic transfer to Alleppey (Alappuzha). On arrival, check into a waterfront homestay or board a traditional boat. In the late afternoon, experience a memorable sunset fishing session with local fishermen – learn simple casting techniques and try your hand at line fishing from the boat. Enjoy the golden hues of the backwaters as you return. Dinner featuring the day's catch and local specialties.

Special note: Sunset fishing is weather dependent. If conditions are unsuitable, a village backwater cruise will be arranged.

Places covered: Alleppey backwaters, local fishing canals.

Day

4

Relaxing Houseboat Cruise & Backwater Villages

Board a classic kettuvallam (houseboat) for a half-day or overnight cruise (as per chosen package variant) through Alleppey's tranquil canals, paddy-lined banks and coconut groves. Enjoy freshly prepared Kerala meals on board, watch village life unfold along the banks, and take short canoe excursions to explore narrow waterways. Evening spent on the boat with starlit skies and gentle water sounds.

Family note: Houseboats are comfortable and family-friendly; staff can prepare child-friendly meals.

Places covered: Alleppey canals, village waterways, houseboat route.

Day

5

Canoe Ride, Coir Markets & Ayurveda Time

Disembark and spend the morning in a local village for a guided canoe (vallam) ride with a paddler through narrow backwater tributaries. Visit a coir and handicraft market in Alleppey town and discover traditional weaving and rope-making goods – great for souvenirs. In the afternoon, relax with an optional Ayurvedic massage or beach time at nearby Alleppey or Marari (transfer available). Farewell dinner at a waterfront restaurant with musical or cultural performance (subject to availability).

Shopping tip: Bargain respectfully at local markets; small purchases support cottage industries.

Places covered: Alleppey town market, canoe lanes, Ayurveda centre.

Day

6

Departure — Optional Kochi Stopover

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to Kochi/Ernakulam for onward travel. If time permits, enjoy a brief stop in Fort Kochi to see the Chinese fishing nets, St. Francis Church and the colonial lanes – excellent for last-minute photos and snacks. Bid farewell to Kerala with memories of calm waters, cycling lanes and warm hospitality.

Departure note: Standard check-out time applies. Airport transfers can be arranged for different departure timings.

Places covered: Departure transfer via Ernakulam/Kochi (optional Fort Kochi stop).

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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