



## Best of Kerela

<b>Trip code</b>	
<b>Package name</b>	Best of Kerela
<b>Duration</b>	8
<b>Max. elevation</b>	1250 m
<b>Level</b>	BEGINNER
<b>Transportation</b>	All grounded vehicals depending on group size.
<b>Accomodation</b>	Hotel and Lodge twin sharing bed basis during the Tour.
<b>Starts at</b>	Cochin
<b>Ends at</b>	Trivandrum
<b>Trip route</b>	Cochin - Munnar - Thekkady - Kumarakum - Alleppey - Kovalam - Trivandrum
<b>Cost</b>	USD 1,350 per person

## Highlights

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- Sightseeing tour of multi ethnic Cochin.
- Wildlife safari at Thekkady.
- Visit to the bliss of the sun, sand and sea at Kovalaam,
- The scenic backwaters at Alleppey,
- The historic and cultural sites of Trivandrum.

## Overview

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**Kerala is one such destination that not only rejuvenates but in a way cleanses one's body, mind and soul. Home to age-old science of Ayurveda, energetic and vibrant dance forms,**

**ever-so scenic backwaters, aromatic spices, pristine beaches, opulent wildlife, flavor some food, scintillating rivers, and rich history, the southern state of Kerala is a destination in India that truly makes it feel proud. A paradise for both, natives and travelers, this popular place of visit beckons a travel experience unlike any other.**

Kerala, fondly called God's Own Country is truly one of the best places to visit in India. Blessed with beauty that few can actually match, the southern state is a world of its own. Kerala is a perfect destination for nature, culture and relaxation with its laid-back beach scene, swaying elephant rides and gentle houseboat cruises along tropical backwaters. There are many fascinating elements that make Kerala an ideal family holiday destination. Starting from the Harbour City, Cochin embarks to Munnar, one of the most beautiful hill stations in India. Enjoy the wild natural bliss of wildlife at Thekkady. Alleppey takes you on a tour of the blessed backwaters. For the bliss of the Arabian Sea, get to Kovalam. The tour ends at the historic and cultural capital city Trivandrum.

## **Trip Itinerary**

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### **Day 1 : Arrive Cochin**

Best of Kerala tours starts with your arrival at the Cochin Airport. Meet our representative who will pick you up and transfer to hotel. Check-in to your hotel and freshen up. Later, get ready for a local sightseeing tour of Cochin. The multi-ethnic port city of Kerala offers a number of historic sites, cultural treasures and other impressive sights. Your tour covers the unique Chinese Fishing nets, Fort Cochin, Mattancherry Palace, St. Francis Church, Dutch Cemetery, Jewish Synagogue, Dutch Palace, Hill Palace, and Bolghatty Palace. Enjoy boating at the Marine drive. Later, get to the Lulu shopping mall. In the evening you will be taken for a cultural performance of the Kathakali dance show. Overnight stay at hotel.

### **Day 2 : Cochin to Munnar (about 140kms/ 03hrs)**

Morning we drive to Munnar – is a beautiful and peaceful hill station covered with unending expanse of tea plantations. Check into the hotel. Afternoon visit the Eravikulam – Rajamalai Wild Life Sanctuary proclaimed as a National Park since it supports the largest population of Nilgiri Tahr existing in the world now. Anamudi peak: the highest point South of the Himalayas falls in the southern part of this park. Explore the park. Overnight stay at hotel.

### **Day 3 : Munnar**

After breakfast in the morning we will drive to photo point at a distance of 4 km from Munnar Bus Station. Photo Point is a beautiful spot on Mattupetty road lined up with tea gardens on both sides. As the name suggests, this place is a famous photography point in Munnar due to its breathtaking background of mountains surrounded by lush green tea gardens. Photo Point is one of the best tourist places to visit in Munnar. Visitors can take photographs at the entrance of garden without disturbing the plantations. Then we will drive to Mattupetty dam. Mattupetty Dam is one of the most scenic places in Munnar situated on Top Station Road. This is one of the best

places to visit in munnar and also a great place to experience the beauty of Munnar along with boating. It is one of the places most commonly represented for Munnar Tourism.

Constructed in 1953, the lake and dam surrounded by wooden hills and tea plantations, makes a great view. Boating in the Mattupetty Lake is a memorable experience. Another stop is Echo Point situated on the way to Top Station between Mattupetty Dam and Kundala Lake. This scenic place gets its name from the natural echo phenomenon here. Every loud call made from a spot on the lake embankment is returned manifold by the echo from the surrounding hills. The fresh mountain air, the mist-clad hills and panoramic view make it worthy of a visit.

This is a wonderful place for photography. Boating is also available at Echo Point. Near to echo point, Kundala Lake is a picturesque lake situated on the way to Top Station from Munnar. The tea estates spread across Kundala are a real feast to the eyes.

At a distance of 32 Kms from Munnar, Top Station is a breathtakingly beautiful place on Kerala – Tamilnadu boarder. From here, one can get 360 degrees view of the Western Ghats. This is one of the best Munnar tourist places and also a popular trail for trekking in Munnar. The viewpoint at Top Station offers breathtakingly beautiful views of Kannan Devan Hills. The valleys all around, the misty mountains and distant waterfalls all make this place a must visit spot in Munnar. After this beautiful sightseeing overnight stay in hotel.

#### **Day 4 : Munnar to Thekkady (about 105kms/ 03hrs)**

Wake up to an early breakfast. Later, pack your bags and check out from the hotel. Today you will leave for Thekkady by road. On arrival at the nature blessed town, check in to the hotel or the jungle lodge. In the afternoon, enjoy a boat ride on Periyar Lake. The Periyar National Park is right on the shores of the lake and on a boat tour it is quite possible for you to see wildlife and birds. Overnight stay at chosen accommodation.

#### **Day 5 : Thekkady to Kumarakom (about 98kms/ 03hrs) – O/n Dlx Houseboat**

Following today's breakfast, you will be driven to Kumarakom, the backwater region of Kerala. Located on the banks of Vembanad Lake, this is one of the most spectacular places to explore. After checking-in into the hotel, unwind your tiredness and freshen up. Embark Kumarakom exploration with the Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary where you can see various birds like cuckoo, duck, egret, owl, heron, waterfowl and several others. Overnight stay in hotel.

#### **Day 6 : Kumarakom to Alleppey**

After breakfast, a short drive will take you to Alleppey, the backwater capital of India. Here in Alleppey, you will be checked-in into a luxurious houseboat called Kettuvallam. The palm and coconut trees, the temples, churches and colorful villages will add for spectacular and fascinating views while you will be cruising through the backwaters. The day will come to an end with the imposing view of the sunset from over the houseboat. Enjoy a delicious meal and tranquil stay on the houseboat.

## Day 7 : Alleppey – Kovalam

Start your day with breakfast that you can enjoy amidst the beauty of nature followed by a drive to Kovalam. Kovalam – a beach paradise: with boundless blue of the Arabian Sea and unwinding miles of fine and hisses at the feet of coconuts palms. Once you reach this place, check-in into the hotel and rest for a while. This is followed by a trip to the beach where you can spend some quality beach time in a serene and beguiling atmosphere. Whether you want to lie idle under the shade of coconut and palm trees or walk along the banks feeling the waves touching your feet, the experience is incomparable! Return to the hotel later and have dinner followed by an overnight stay.

## Day 8 : Kovalam to Trivandrum

Early morning after breakfast drive about 45 minutes to Trivandrum, the capital city of Kerala known for rich culture and history. Napier Museum, Kuthiramalika Museum and Sri Padmanabha Temple are some of the important places to visit. After a short sightseeing of the Trivandrum, transfer to the Trivandrum airport for the flight to onward destinations.

## Inclusions

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### What is included?

- Accommodation in Hotel and Lodge twin sharing bed basis during the tour.
- All Transportation AC / Qulise, Innova / Xylo / Mini Tourist Bus
- Guide/ leader (Experienced Tour and Trek Guide will lead the tour).
- All monument fees, Permit arrangement, All taxes and VAT in Darjling ,Skkim
- All meals (lunch, Dinner and Breakfast) during the tour.
- Basis medical kit.

### What isn't included?

- Entry Visa fees India.
- Travel and medical insurance.

Personal expenses (laundry, bar bills, snacks, phone calls, internet.)

Tips for guide and driver (tipping is expected)

Loss, theft or damage to baggage and personal effects. (We strongly advise you to get personal travel insurance.)

## **Complimentary**