Kerala Backwater Holiday

Cochin - Munnar - Alleppey - Varkala - Kovalam - Trivandrum

Tour PackagesCustomised

Tour Basics •

Duration: 06 Days, 05 Nights	**Route:** Cochin - Munnar - Alleppey - Varkala - Kovalam - Trivandrum

Cochin — 6D 5N

About This Trip •

A scenic journey through Kerala's lush landscapes, coastal towns, and cultural heartlands begins with a breathtaking drive from Kochi to Munnar, pausing at the magnificent Athirapilly Waterfall, often referred to as the "Niagara of India." In Munnar, explore misty tea estates, enjoy a cycling trail through spice plantations, and soak in panoramic views from iconic viewpoints like Pothamedu and the 2nd Mile. The visit also includes enriching moments at the Tata Tea Museum and peaceful strolls through the Yellapatty Grasslands.

Continue to the tranquil hill station of Vagamon, where pine forests, serene lakes, and adventure activities like paragliding await. From there, the journey flows to the backwater haven of Alleppey, forming the highlight of your Kerala Backwater Holiday. Here, you'll explore sandy beaches, historic landmarks like the old lighthouse, and experience village life through a peaceful canoe ride across narrow canals, immersing yourself in the serene backwater lifestyle for which Kerala is renowned.

Next, discover the coastal charm of Varkala, home to dramatic cliffs, vibrant beach cafes, and sacred spaces like the Janardhanaswamy Temple. En route to Kovalam, stop by the Jatayu Earth Centre to witness the world’s largest bird sculpture and enjoy a cable car ride. In Kovalam, visit sun-kissed beaches like Hawa and Lighthouse Beach, and climb the lighthouse for stunning sea views. This segment complements your Kerala Backwater Holiday with a mix of coastal relaxation and scenic beauty.

Conclude your journey in the vibrant city of Trivandrum, where you’ll visit the revered Padmanabhaswamy Temple and, if time allows, witness a traditional Bharatanatyam performance. The combination of hills, backwaters, and beaches makes this Kerala Backwater Holiday an

unforgettable blend of nature, culture, and relaxation across God’s Own Country.

Trip Highlights – Kerala Backwater Holiday

- Witness the grandeur of Athirapilly Waterfalls, famously featured in films like Baahubali and Dil Se, and known as the "Niagara of India."
- Embark on a carefully curated journey through Kerala’s diverse landscapes, from Munnar’s rolling tea gardens and Vagamon’s pine-covered hills to the vibrant beaches and dramatic cliffs of Varkala.
- Enjoy a scenic cycling experience to Pothamedu Viewpoint, where mist-shrouded hills, spice plantations, and tranquil valley views offer a refreshing escape into nature.
- Get your adrenaline pumping with paragliding in Vagamon, offering stunning aerial views of Kerala’s untouched countryside and green slopes.
- Relax at the Varkala Cliff, where red laterite cliffs plunge into the Arabian Sea, creating a rare blend of natural beauty and beachside bliss.
- Immerse yourself in Kerala’s rich culture with traditional Kathakali performances and Kalaripayattu, one of the world’s oldest martial arts.
- Discover Kerala’s spiritual side with visits to sacred landmarks like Janardhanaswamy Temple in Varkala and the magnificent Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Trivandrum.
- Experience the warmth of Kerala’s hospitality, cuisine, local festivals, and interactions with communities during your Kerala Backwater Holiday canoe tours in Alleppey.

Stay Categories & Options •

Basic	Persons: 2	INR 26,200.00	~~INR 28,200.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic	Persons: 4	INR 20,700.00	~~INR 22,700.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic	Persons: 6	INR 19,200.00	~~INR 21,200.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Super Deluxe	Persons: 2	INR 35,400.00	~~INR 37,400.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Super Deluxe	Persons: 4	INR 29,950.00	~~INR 31,950.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00

Super Deluxe	Persons: 6	INR 28,990.00	~~INR 30,990.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 2	INR 35,700.00	~~INR 37,700.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 4	INR 30,200.00	~~INR 32,200.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 6	INR 29,300.00	~~INR 31,300.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00

Itinerary •

Day 1: Arrival in Cochin – Drive to Munnar via Athirapilly Waterfall

- Begin your Kerala journey with a scenic drive from Kochi to Munnar.
- On the way, savour a traditional Kerala lunch and stop at the majestic Athirapilly Waterfall, often referred to as the "Niagara of India." Enjoy the stunning views or take a short trek to its top.
- Upon arrival in Munnar, check in at your hotel and enjoy a cultural evening with Kathakali and Kalaripayattu performances.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Munnar

Meals: Nil

Day 2: Munnar Local Sightseeing Experience

- Discover Munnar’s charm with a visit to the Tata Tea Museum to explore the region’s rich tea legacy.
- Enjoy panoramic views of rolling plantations from the 2nd Mile Viewpoint, then head to Carmelagiri Elephant Park for an optional elephant ride.
- Continue to Pullu Medu Viewpoint, known for its lush greenery and occasional elephant sightings.
- Take a peaceful walk through Yellapatty Grasslands and wrap up your day with a relaxing

boating session at the picturesque Kundala Lake.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Munnar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3: Transfer to Alleppey – Sightseeing & Canoe Tour

- Drive to Alleppey and begin with visits to Alleppey Beach and Marari Beach for beautiful coastal views.
- Explore the old Alleppey Lighthouse and Mullakkal Rajarajeswari Temple for a glimpse of local heritage.
- Later, enjoy a peaceful canoe ride through narrow backwaters and small village canals.
- Check into your hotel for an overnight stay.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Alleppey

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4: Transfer to Varkala – Local Exploration

- Check out and head to the scenic coastal town of Varkala.
- Upon arrival, visit Kappil Beach for its serene views, followed by the ancient Janardhanaswamy Temple, surrounded by lush greenery.
- Later, explore Varkala Beach, known for its iconic cliffs and vibrant beachside cafes.
- After sightseeing, check into your hotel for an overnight stay.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Varkala

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5: Transfer to Kovalam via Jatayu Earth Centre – Sightseeing

- After check-out, travel to Kovalam with a stop at the Jatayu Earth Centre.
- Enjoy a cable car ride and view the massive Jatayu sculpture.
- Continue to Kovalam and visit Kovalam Beach, Hawa Beach, and Lighthouse Beach.
- Don’t miss the panoramic view from the top of the Kovalam Lighthouse. Later, check into your hotel for an overnight stay.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Kovalam

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6: Transfer to Trivandrum – Temple Visit & Departure

- After check-out, head to Trivandrum and visit the famous Padmanabhaswamy Temple, known for its stunning architecture and spiritual significance.
- If time allows, enjoy a classical Bharatanatyam performance nearby.
- Later, you’ll be dropped off at the airport or railway station for your departure, concluding your Kerala journey.

Hotel: Nil

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions •

2-night stay in Munnar with breakfast.

1 night stay in Varkala with breakfast.

1 night stay in Alleppey with breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

1-night stay in Kovalam with breakfast.

Traditional Feast of Kerala on a Private Basis - Ticket/Cost Not Included.

Full Day Munnar Highlights Tour.

Kochi to Munnar- En Route Sightseeing on a Private basis.

Kathakali Show in Munnar - Ticket/Cost not included.

Martial Arts Show in Munnar - Ticket/Cost not included.

Daily Breakfast.

Exclusions •

Expenses of a personal nature.

5% GST.

Any services not explicitly mentioned in the inclusions will be considered additional and chargeable.

Meals not mentioned in the itinerary or inclusions.

Entry fees for all activities listed in the itinerary.

Entry Fee to Any Monument.

FAQs •

Q: What is the starting point of this Kerala tour?

A: The journey begins in Kochi with a scenic drive to Munnar via Athirapilly Waterfall. This marks the beginning of your Kerala Backwater Holiday experience.

Q: Are performances like Kathakali included in the itinerary?

A: Yes, a cultural evening with Kathakali and Kalaripayattu is planned on Day 1 in Munnar, adding a traditional touch to your Kerala Backwater Holiday.

Q: Is Athirapilly Waterfall just a photo stop, or can we explore it?

A: You can enjoy views and, optionally, take a short trek to the top of the waterfall, a must-visit during your Kerala Backwater Holiday.

Q: Is there any cycling activity included in the trip?

A: Yes, a cycling experience to Pothamedu Viewpoint is included on Day 3, offering scenic views as part of your Kerala Backwater Holiday adventure.

Q: Are meals included in the package?

A: Only breakfast is included daily from Day 2 onward; lunch and dinner are not included. Meals on the canoe ride or houseboat (if opted) enhance your Kerala Backwater Holiday culinary experience.

Q: What beaches are covered during the trip?

A: Alleppy Beach, Marari Beach, Kappil Beach, Varkala Beach, and Kovalam Beaches are included, forming key highlights of your Kerala Backwater Holiday.

Q: Is there any boating or canoeing activity?

A: A peaceful canoe ride through Alleppey's backwaters is part of Day 5, offering an intimate and serene experience central to your Kerala Backwater Holiday.

Q: Can I visit a tea factory in Munnar?

A: Yes, the Tata Tea Museum is included to explore the history of tea processing, adding variety to your Kerala Backwater Holiday itinerary.

Q: Is the elephant ride at Carmelagiri Elephant Park included?

A: The elephant ride is optional and not included in the package, but it can be added to personalise your Kerala Backwater Holiday.

Q: Does the tour include any temples?

A: Yes, visits to Janardhanaswamy Temple (Varkala) and Padmanabhaswamy Temple (Trivandrum) are included, complementing the spiritual side of your Kerala Backwater Holiday.

Q: What is the Jatayu Earth Centre, and is it included in the itinerary?

A: Yes, it's a stop on Day 7 featuring the world's largest bird sculpture and a cable car ride, making it a scenic highlight of your Kerala Backwater Holiday.

Q: Are hill stations other than Munnar covered?

A: Yes, the tour also includes Vagamon, another peaceful hill station, adding variety to your Kerala Backwater Holiday route.

Q: Is a visit to Alleppey Houseboat included?

A: No houseboat stay is mentioned; however, a canoe ride is included as a signature part of your Kerala Backwater Holiday.

Q: Is this a round-trip tour?

A: Is this a round-trip tour? No, it starts in Kochi and ends in Trivandrum, making it a point-to-point itinerary, ideal for a complete Kerala Backwater Holiday experience.

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