Kerala Road Trip

Cochin - Munnar - Thekkady - Alleppey - Kovalam - Trivandrum

Tour PackagesCustomised

Tour Basics •

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

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About This Trip •

Kerala, often referred to as "God's Own Country," is where nature, culture, and tradition blend seamlessly. Begin your Kerala Road Trip in Cochin (Kochi), a historic coastal city where the colonial past lives on in the cobbled streets of Fort Kochi. Stroll through centuries-old landmarks like the Dutch Palace, Jewish Synagogue, and St. Francis Church, India's oldest European church, while experiencing the city's unique Indo-Portuguese heritage. End the day with a serene sunset at Marine Drive, as the golden hues over the Arabian Sea create a calm and inspiring prelude to the journey that lies ahead on this Kerala Road Trip.

From Cochin, you'll ascend into the verdant hills of Munnar, where mist wraps around tea plantations like a dream. En route, relish a traditional Kerala meal and pause at the picturesque Cheeyappara Waterfalls for nature photography. Dive into fun at Pottas Fun Farm, indulging in ziplining or simply relaxing with a fish spa. In Munnar, your days are filled with scenic wonders and aromatic flavours. Explore the Kanan Devan Tea Estates, sample handmade treats at the Macofa Chocolate Factory, and stroll through the peaceful Yellapatty Grasslands. Optional elephant rides and Ayurvedic massages provide a cultural touch and holistic rejuvenation, key highlights of your Kerala Road Trip.

Next, head to Thekkady, Kerala's wildlife and spice haven. Here, cruise on Periyar Lake inside the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, keeping an eye out for elephants, wild boars, and vibrant birds. Engage with gentle giants at Elephant Junction and explore Kerala's spice secrets during a plantation tour, where you'll learn how cardamom, black pepper, and cinnamon are cultivated, a sensory delight during this Kerala Road Trip. End your day with a Night Food Tour, where you'll taste authentic Kerala delicacies at hidden local gems.

The journey continues to Alleppey, often called the "Venice of the East," where you'll experience the dreamy backwaters aboard a traditional houseboat. Glide through tranquil canals lined with coconut palms and quaint village life, enjoying freshly cooked Kerala meals onboard. This serene experience captures the soul of rural Kerala and is an iconic part of any Kerala Road Trip itinerary.

After the backwaters, make your way to Kovalam, a charming beach town. Relax on the sun-kissed sands of Lighthouse Beach, wander through charming local shops, or ascend the historic Kovalam Lighthouse to enjoy sweeping views of the Arabian Sea. A visit to the nearby Azhimala Temple, featuring a towering 58-foot Shiva statue, blends mythological grandeur with spiritual serenity. This leg of your Kerala Road Trip immerses you in Kerala's coastal culture and scenic beauty.

Your final stop is Trivandrum, Kerala's cultural capital. Conclude your Kerala Road Trip with a visit to the sacred Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple, celebrated for its magnificent Dravidian architecture and fabled gold vaults. You may also witness Bharatanatyam, a classical dance form that showcases Kerala's rich cultural heritage and artistic traditions.

From the hill stations and spice valleys to the backwaters and beaches, this Kerala Road Trip is more than a vacation; it's a cultural immersion into the state's history, warm hospitality, vibrant flavours, and natural elegance. Each destination offers a unique perspective, from colonial stories and temple legends to wildlife adventures and culinary explorations.

Things to Do in Kerala Road Trip Package

Explore the Heritage of Fort Kochi (Cochin)

- Visit the Dutch Palace – a 16th-century Portuguese structure with Kerala murals.
- Walk through the Jewish Synagogue and Jew Town lanes.
- See St. Francis Church, India's oldest European church.
- Witness the iconic Chinese Fishing Nets in action.
- Enjoy a peaceful sunset walk along Marine Drive.

Enjoy a Scenic Drive to Munnar

- Stop at the Cheeyappara Waterfalls for photos and fresh air.
- Taste authentic Kerala cuisine en route.

- Try activities at Pottas Fun Farm, including the zipline, giant swing, and fish spa (optional).

Discover the Charm of Munnar

- Visit the Kanan Devan Tea Plantation and Tea Museum.
- Sip freshly brewed tea while learning about its production.
- Explore the Macofa Chocolate Factory and taste homemade delights.
- Optional: Elephant ride at Carmelagiri Park or jet skiing at Mattupetty Dam.
- Relax at Yellapatty Grasslands – perfect for nature walks.
- Pamper yourself with a traditional Ayurvedic massage (optional).

Experience Wildlife & Spice Trails in Thekkady

- Take a boat safari on Periyar Lake inside Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Visit Elephant Junction to interact with elephants (optional feeding or bathing).
- Go on a guided Spice Plantation Tour – learn about cardamom, pepper, and cinnamon.
- Explore Kerala flavours with a Night Food Tour through Thekkady streets.

Cruise through the Backwaters of Alleppey

- Board a traditional houseboat (kettuvallam) and cruise through lush canals.
- Enjoy onboard meals cooked fresh by local chefs in Kerala.
- Try steering the houseboat with the captain’s guidance.
- Watch daily village life unfold along the backwaters.

Unwind at Kovalam’s Beaches & Temples

- Relax on the golden sands of Kovalam Beach and Lighthouse Beach.

- Climb the Kovalam Lighthouse for panoramic sea views (entry fee applies).
- Visit the Azhimala Shiva Temple with its massive 58-foot statue.
- Enjoy local seafood at beachside stalls and cafés.

Spiritual & Cultural Soak in Trivandrum

- Visit the Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple – a rich cultural and spiritual site.
- Admire the Dravidian-style architecture and mural carvings.
- If lucky, catch a Bharatanatyam dance performance at the temple.
- Shop for handicrafts and silk saris at local markets before departure.

Bonus: Kerala Cultural Experiences

- Witness live performances of Kathakali or Mohiniyattam.
- Discover Ayurveda and explore rejuvenation therapies.
- Taste traditional Sadya meals on banana leaves.
- Shop for spices, coconut oil, tea, and handmade crafts.

Stay Categories & Options •

Basic	Persons: 2	INR 25,700.00	~~INR 27,700.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic	Persons: 4	INR 20,200.00	~~INR 22,200.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Basic	Persons: 6	INR 18,700.00	~~INR 20,700.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00

Itinerary •

Day 1: Arrival in Cochin – Transfer to Munnar | Cultural Evenings & Scenic Stops

- Arrive in Kochi and head to Munnar.
- En route, enjoy a traditional Kerala meal, cross the scenic Neriamangalam Bridge, visit the beautiful Cheeyappara Waterfalls, and stop at Pottas Fun Farm for optional activities, such as ziplining and a fish spa.
- On reaching Munnar, check into your hotel. In the evening, witness a Kathakali dance and a Kalaripayattu martial arts performance.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Munnar

Meals: Nil

Day 2: Munnar Sightseeing

- Start your day with a visit to Mattupetty Dam, where you can enjoy an optional jet ski ride.
- Stop at Pullu Medu Viewpoint for a chance to spot elephants in the wild, and take in the misty tea-covered hills at 2nd Mile Viewpoint.
- Visit top spots like Carmelagiri Elephant Park and the Tata Tea Museum, then end your day with a peaceful walk through the scenic Kanan Devan Tea Estate, sipping fresh local tea.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Munnar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3: Transfer to Thekkady & Local Experiences

- After checking out of the hotel, head to Thekkady, a beautiful place known for its wildlife and spices.
- Once you arrive, visit Periyar Lake and enjoy a boat safari, where you might get to see

animals like elephants, deer, and birds in the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary.

- Then, stop by Elephant Junction to spend some time with elephants and learn about their care.
- Continue to a Spice Plantation Tour, where you'll discover how Kerala's famous spices like cardamom, pepper, and cinnamon are grown.
- Later, check in at your hotel and relax. In the evening, explore the local area on a Night Food Tour, where you'll taste some delicious and authentic Kerala dishes.
- Afterwards, return to the hotel on your own and rest for the night.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Thekkady

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4: Transfer to Alleppey & Houseboat Experience

- After checking out of your hotel, travel to Alleppey, a place famous for its peaceful backwaters and beautiful scenery.
- On arrival, board a traditional houseboat and begin a relaxing cruise through quiet canals, lakes, and lush green landscapes.
- You'll also have the opportunity to steer the boat for a few minutes, guided by the boat captain, making for an enjoyable experience for all ages.
- Enjoy the calm atmosphere, tasty onboard meals, and scenic views as you float through the backwaters.
- Spend the night on the houseboat for a unique and peaceful stay.

Hotel: Stay at the Houseboat Alleppey

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5: Travel to Kovalam & Local Sightseeing

- After leaving the houseboat, head to Kovalam, a popular coastal town in Kerala.
- Once you check into your hotel, get ready to explore some of the best spots in the area.
- Visit Kovalam Beach and take a relaxing walk along the shore of Lighthouse Beach, where you'll find many small food stalls and shops.
- If you wish, you can also climb the Lighthouse (entry fee applies) for amazing views of the sea.
- Later, head to Azhimala Temple, known for its massive 58-foot Shiva statue and beautifully carved sculptures showing scenes from Hindu mythology.
- Enjoy the peaceful coastal vibe before heading back to your hotel.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Kovalam

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6: Travel to Trivandrum & Departure

- After checking out of your hotel in Kovalam, you'll head to Trivandrum for the final part of your trip.
- Upon arrival, visit the renowned Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple, admired for its majestic architecture and spiritual significance.
- You may also see a live Bharatanatyam dance performance inside the temple premises.
- Following your temple visit, proceed to Trivandrum Airport or Railway Station for your return journey, bringing your memorable Kerala experience to a close and wishing you safe and pleasant travels!

Hotel: Nil

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions •

2-night stay in Munnar with breakfast.

1 night stay in Thekkady 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 Sightseeing Tour on a Private Basis.

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 best time to take this Kerala Road Trip?

A: The best time for a Kerala Road Trip is October to March for pleasant weather and sightseeing, while June to September offers lush monsoon landscapes and Ayurvedic wellness experiences.

Q: Are airport/train station transfers included in the Kerala Road Trip package?

A: Yes, pick-up from Cochin and drop-off at Trivandrum (airport or railway station) are included. Customised pickup/drop-off can be arranged at an additional cost.

Q: What type of accommodations are provided during the Kerala Road Trip?

A: The package includes comfortable stays in 3-star equivalent hotels at each destination, along with a traditional houseboat stay in Alleppey with modern amenities. Luxury upgrades are available on request.

Q: Is the houseboat in Alleppey air-conditioned during the Kerala Road Trip?

A: Yes, houseboats typically have AC bedrooms. Air conditioning generally works at night (9 PM to 6 AM), unless specified otherwise or upgraded.

Q: Are meals included in this Kerala Road Trip?

A: Breakfast is included daily, and all meals are provided on board the houseboat. Lunch and dinner on other days are at your own expense, giving flexibility to explore Kerala's rich food culture.

Q: Is this Kerala Road Trip suitable for children and senior citizens?

A: Yes, the itinerary is family-friendly and designed for all age groups. Activities can be customised for children, elderly travellers, or honeymooners based on comfort and preferences.

Q: What should I pack for my trip to Kerala?

A: Pack light cotton clothes, comfortable walking shoes, rain gear during the monsoon, sunscreen, insect repellent, a hat, and swimwear if you plan to visit beaches or stay on a houseboat. For temple visits, it is recommended to wear modest clothing.

Q: Are cultural performances included in the Kerala Road Trip?

A: Cultural shows, such as Kathakali or Bharatanatyam, are not included by default but can be arranged as optional evening add-ons in Thekkady, Kochi, or Thiruvananthapuram, depending on availability.

Q: Can the Kerala Road Trip be customised for a honeymoon or special occasion?

A: Absolutely! Romantic setups, flower decorations, cakes, and special surprises can be arranged for honeymooners or anniversaries. Advance notice ensures a personalised experience.

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