Kerala Tour Package

Cochin - Munnar - Thekkady - Kumarakom - Cochin

Tour PackagesCustomised

Tour Basics •

Duration: 6 Days, 5 Nights	**Route:** Cochin - Munnar - Thekkady - Kumarakom - Cochin

Cochin — 6D 5N

About This Trip •

Experience the best of Kerala on this 6-day tour, which seamlessly blends natural beauty, cultural heritage, and serene backwaters into one unforgettable journey. Starting from Cochin, the tour covers the misty tea gardens of Munnar, the rich wildlife of Thekkady, the tranquil backwaters of Kumarakom, and the timeless charm of Cochin. In Munnar, explore scenic spots like Mattupetty Dam, Echo Point, Kundala Lake, and the Eravikulam National Park, where the rare Nilgiri Tahr roams freely. Then head to Thekkady to experience the untouched wilderness of Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, offering opportunities for boating, elephant rides, and visits to spice plantations. Next, enjoy the tranquil charm of Kumarakom's backwaters with optional houseboat cruises and canoe rides along the Vembanad Lake. Conclude your journey in Cochin, where colonial-era architecture and rich multicultural influences make it one of India's most fascinating port cities. This tour is perfect for travellers looking to enjoy scenic landscapes, authentic traditions, and immersive experiences in Kerala, 'God's Own Country.

Traditional Experiences in Kerala:

- Spice Plantations in Thekkady: Walk through aromatic spice gardens and learn about Kerala's heritage of cultivating cardamom, pepper, cinnamon, and cloves—an ancient trade that once drew Arab, Portuguese, and Dutch traders to the Malabar Coast.
- Tea Culture in Munnar: Visit tea estates and factories to witness how the world-famous Munnar tea is grown and processed. You can even enjoy a freshly brewed cup surrounded by misty mountains.

- Kerala Cuisine: Across all destinations, indulge in traditional Kerala dishes, such as appam with stew, Kerala sadya (feast), fish curry, and banana chips, served with a warm touch of local hospitality.

- Cultural Crafts: Cochin and its surrounding areas offer access to Kerala's traditional art forms, including Kathakali dance performances, mural painting, and handcrafted souvenirs made from coir, wood, and brass.

Famous Places You Will Visit:

- Mattupetty Dam & Kundala Lake (Munnar): Serene and surrounded by hills, perfect for photo stops and paddle boating.

- Eravikulam National Park (Munnar): Home to the endangered Nilgiri Tahr and panoramic views of the Western Ghats.

- Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary (Thekkady): One of India's richest biodiversity hotspots, offering forest treks, lake cruises, and wildlife sightings.

- Vembanad Lake (Kumarakom): Kerala's largest lake, known for bird watching, village life, and peaceful houseboat cruises.

- Dutch Palace (Cochin): Also known as the Mattancherry Palace, it showcases intricate murals and royal artefacts of the Kochi Rajas.

- Jewish Synagogue & Jew Town (Cochin): Historic synagogues and antique markets that reflect Cochin's long-standing Jewish heritage.

- St. Francis Church (Cochin): The oldest European church in India, where Vasco da Gama was once buried. Experience the best of Kerala on this 6-day tour, which seamlessly blends natural beauty, cultural heritage, and serene backwaters into one unforgettable journey. Starting from Cochin, the tour covers the misty tea gardens of Munnar, the rich wildlife of Thekkady, the tranquil backwaters of Kumarakom, and the timeless charm of Cochin. In Munnar, explore scenic spots like Mattupetty Dam, Echo Point, Kundala Lake, and the Eravikulam National Park, where the rare Nilgiri Tahr roams freely. Then head to Thekkady to experience the untouched wilderness of Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, offering opportunities for boating, elephant rides, and visits to spice plantations. Next, enjoy the tranquil charm of Kumarakom's backwaters with optional houseboat cruises and canoe rides along the Vembanad Lake. Conclude your journey in Cochin, where colonial-era architecture and rich

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Stay Categories & Options •

Basic	Persons: 2	INR 22,500.00	~~INR 25,500.00~~	Save INR 3,000.00
Basic	Persons: 4	INR 17,999.00	~~INR 20,999.00~~	Save INR 3,000.00
Basic	Persons: 6	INR 16,900.00	~~INR 18,900.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Super Deluxe	Persons: 2	INR 24,600.00	~~INR 27,600.00~~	Save INR 3,000.00
Super Deluxe	Persons: 4	INR 20,300.00	~~INR 22,300.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Super Deluxe	Persons: 6	INR 19,700.00	~~INR 21,700.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 2	INR 30,300.00	~~INR 32,300.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 4	INR 26,000.00	~~INR 28,000.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 6	INR 25,500.00	~~INR 27,500.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00

Itinerary •

Day 1: Arrival in Cochin – Journey to Munnar (Approx. 4 Hours)

- Upon your arrival at Cochin International Airport or Ernakulam Railway Station, you'll be warmly welcomed by our representative.
- Embark on a scenic drive towards the misty hills of Munnar, a charming hill station nestled in the Western Ghats.
- En route, witness picturesque waterfalls and lush green valleys that make the drive memorable.
- Once you arrive, check in at the hotel and unwind. Spend the evening at leisure, enjoying

Munnar’s cool climate and serene charm.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Munnar

Meals: Nil

Day 2: Explore the Enchanting Beauty of Munnar

- Begin your day with a hearty breakfast, followed by a local sightseeing tour of Munnar.
- Rising 1,600 meters above sea level, Munnar unfolds where the mountain streams of Mudrapuzha, Nallathanni, and Kundale converge, creating a hill station of enchanting charm and calm serenity.
- Once a favoured summer retreat for British officials, Munnar is now famed for its rolling tea gardens and mist-covered hills.
- Today's highlights include visits to:

1. Mattupetty Dam
2. Kundala Lake
3. Echo Point

- Later in the afternoon, head to Rajamalai (Eravikulam National Park), home to the endangered Nilgiri Tahra, a rare mountain goat species found only in this region.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Munnar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3: Munnar to Thekkady (Approx. 4 Hours)

- After breakfast, check out and proceed on a scenic drive to Thekkady. home to the renowned Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary.

- On arrival, check in to your hotel and prepare for an exciting afternoon of nature exploration.
- The Periyar Sanctuary, sprawling across 777 sq. km. of lush tropical forests, is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts.
- It’s known for its rich biodiversity, scenic beauty, and unique topography.
  Optional activities available at extra cost:

1. Boating on Periyar Lake
2. Spice Plantation Visit
3. Elephant Ride

- Spend your evening soaking in the wilderness of Thekkady.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Thekkady

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4: Thekkady to Kumarakom (Approx. 5 Hours)

- Post breakfast, proceed towards the peaceful backwaters of Kumarakom.
- Upon arrival, check into your backwater resort or hotel.
- Nestled along the Vembanad Lake, Kumarakom is a quaint village known for its serene canals, paddy fields, and migratory birdlife.
- Enjoy a laid-back afternoon exploring the nearby attractions or opt for a houseboat cruise, canoe ride, or motorboat tour to fully experience Kerala’s famed backwaters.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Kumarakom

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5: Kumarakom to Cochin (Approx. 2 Hours)

- After breakfast, check out and drive back to Cochin (Kochi).
- Dedicate your afternoon to uncovering the cultural richness and historic landmarks of this lively port city, celebrated worldwide as the 'Queen of the Arabian Sea.
- Sightseeing highlights in Cochin include:

1. Dutch Palace
2. Jewish Synagogue
3. Jew Town and Market
4. St. Francis Church
5. Chinese Fishing Nets

- Experience the colonial charm and multicultural heritage of this coastal city.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Cochin

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6: Departure from Cochin

- After a relaxed breakfast, check out of your hotel.
- Depending on your departure schedule, we'll transfer you to Cochin Airport or Ernakulam Railway Station.
- Return home with cherished memories of your rejuvenating Kerala escape through hills, wildlife, and serene backwaters.

Hotel: Nil

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions •

1 night stay in Thekkady with breakfast.

2-night stay in Munnar with breakfast.

1 night stay in Kumarakom with breakfast.

1 night stay in Cochin 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: Is the road journey comfortable between destinations?

A: Yes, roads are scenic and well-maintained. Some hill routes are winding, so carry motion sickness medicine if needed.

Q: Can I stay on a houseboat in Kumarakom instead of a hotel?

A: Yes, the itinerary can be customised for a houseboat stay upon request.

Q: Is Eravikulam National Park open year-round?

A: It's open from October to June, but closed during the monsoons and breeding season (February–March). Booking is recommended.

Q: Are local markets or handicraft shops included in the tour?

A: Yes, especially in Cochin and Thekkady, where you can shop for spices, tea, coir products, and souvenirs.

Q: Can I watch cultural shows like Kathakali or Kalaripayattu?

A: Yes, optional shows are available in Cochin and Thekkady and can be arranged locally.

Q: What wildlife can I see during the Periyar boat ride?

A: Common sightings include elephants, deer, wild boars, and water birds.

Q: Is this itinerary suitable for families and seniors?

A: Yes, it's family-friendly with moderate travel times and customizable activities.

Q: Are there any festivals during the tour?

A: Onam (Aug–Sep), Christmas, and New Year are great festive times. Neelakurinji blooms once every 12 years in Munnar.

Q: Is the tour wheelchair-accessible?

A: Partially. Some areas, like the Munnar hills, may be less accessible. Custom arrangements can be made with notice.

Q: What should I pack?

A: Light clothing, a jacket for hill stations, walking shoes, sunscreen, rain gear (for monsoons), and mosquito repellent.

Q: How early should I book this tour during peak season?

A: At least 30–45 days in advance is recommended during peak months (October to March) due to high demand for accommodations and park entries.

Q: Are guides included at sightseeing spots?

A: Local guides are not included by default but can be arranged upon request, especially at heritage sites such as the Dutch Palace or wildlife areas.

Q: Is Wi-Fi available at the hotels during the tour?

A: Yes, most hotels in Munnar, Thekkady, Kumarakom, and Cochin offer complimentary Wi-Fi, though speed may vary in remote areas.

Q: Are meals included in the tour package?

A: Breakfast is typically included. Meals such as lunch and dinner are not part of the package, allowing flexibility to explore local cuisine.

Q: Can I replace Alleppey with Kumarakom in this itinerary?

A: Indeed, the itinerary is flexible and can be tailored to your preferences, whether that means exploring Alleppey for a unique backwater experience or enjoying a full-day houseboat cruise.

Q: What’s the best time to take this tour?

A: The best time is from October to March, when the weather is pleasant. Monsoon (June–September) is ideal for lush landscapes, but with occasional rain.

Q: Do I need any permits for the national parks or wildlife areas?

A: For Eravikulam National Park and Periyar Sanctuary, entry tickets are required and can be arranged in advance or at the gates.

Q: Are ATMs and medical facilities available during the tour?

A: Yes, ATMs and basic medical facilities are available in all major towns en route, including Munnar and Thekkady.

Q: Is vegetarian food easily available in all locations?

A: Yes, vegetarian meals are widely available and easily found in restaurants and hotels throughout Kerala.

Q: Can honeymooners or couples opt for this tour?

A: Absolutely. This tour is highly popular among honeymooners due to the romantic settings in Munnar and the backwaters in Kumarakom.

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