

Romantic Honeymoon Gateway

Thekkady - Alleppey - Thekkady

Tour PackagesCustomised

Tour Basics •

Duration: 04 Days, 03 Nights **Route:** Thekkady - Alleppey - Thekkady

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About This Trip •

Begin your journey through Kerala with a scenic drive that takes you into the heart of the Western Ghats, arriving at the charming highland town of Thekkady. Nestled amid forested hills and spice-scented air, Thekkady is the gateway to the famous Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, one of India's most celebrated ecological reserves. This expansive sanctuary, declared a tiger reserve in 1978, spans over 777 square kilometres, offering a haven for wildlife enthusiasts, photographers, and nature lovers alike. Dense green forests, placid lakes, and the quiet presence of untamed wildlife give Thekkady a character that's both peaceful and thrilling.

Once in Thekkady, the sense of being enveloped by nature is immediate. The calm of the forest, the cool breeze drifting through the trees, and the calls of exotic birds provide a tranquil setting to unwind and reconnect with nature. Thekkady offers many experiences that highlight its natural richness. A serene boat ride across the Periyar Lake gives travelers a chance to observe wildlife along the water's edge. With a bit of luck, one might catch sight of elephants cooling off in the shallows, bison grazing near the banks, or deer cautiously emerging from the woods. For those who seek a more rugged adventure, an optional jeep safari takes you deeper into the sanctuary's trails, navigating through offbeat paths and dense undergrowth.

But Thekkady is not only about forests and wildlife; it is also a fragrant paradise for spice lovers. Visitors can explore sprawling spice plantations that cultivate a diverse range of spices, including cardamom, cinnamon, pepper, and nutmeg. Walking through these plantations is both an aromatic and educational experience, as local farmers explain the cultivation techniques that have been passed down through generations. An optional elephant ride adds another memorable moment, offering a gentle exploration of the area from a different vantage point.



After soaking in the natural wonders of Thekkady, the journey flows seamlessly into the serene waterways of Alleppey. Often referred to as the "Venice of the East," Alleppey offers an entirely different landscape, one of calm canals, lush paddy fields, and rustic village life. Upon arrival, a traditionally designed houseboat becomes your floating retreat as you begin a leisurely cruise through Kerala's backwaters. These backwaters are not just scenic; they are alive with culture. As the boat glides through quiet waters, everyday life along the banks unfolds like a slow film, children waving from footbridges, fishermen hauling in their nets, and women balancing pots on their heads as they return from the market.

The surroundings are postcard-perfect, with lines of coconut trees reflecting on the water's surface, small shrines peeking out from thick foliage, and narrow canal paths winding through villages that seem untouched by time. The slow rhythm of the houseboat, the soft lull of the water, and the rich tapestry of local life create a soothing experience that allows travellers to disconnect from the chaos of the world completely.

As the journey draws to a close, travellers carry with them more than just photos; they return with the warmth of Kerala's people, the unforgettable sights of its wildlife and landscapes, and the peaceful rhythm of its backwaters echoing in memory. From misty mountains and vibrant jungles to tranquil lakes and traditional village life, this Kerala experience blends nature, culture, and tranquillity into a seamless escape.

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Itinerary •

Day 1: Journey to Thekkady – Gateway to Wilderness

- Begin your scenic drive to Thekkady, a charming town nestled in the Western Ghats. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel and take time to relax.
- Renowned for its rich biodiversity, Thekkady is home to the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, officially designated a Tiger Reserve in 1978.
- Spanning 777 square kilometres, this biodiverse reserve encompasses over 360 square kilometres of dense evergreen forest and serves as a haven for nature lovers.
- Enjoy the tranquil ambience of the forested hills before settling in for the night.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel at Thekkady

Meals: Nil

Day 2: Exploring Thekkady – Wildlife, Spices & Day; Adventure

- Start your day with a hearty breakfast and head out for local exploration.
- One of the highlights is the boat ride on Periyar Lake, a serene experience that offers glimpses of wild animals, including elephants, bison, and deer, at the water's edge.
- For adventure seekers, an optional jeep safari through the forested trails adds an adrenaline rush.
- Visit the fragrant spice plantations to learn about Kerala's rich spice heritage.
- You can also opt for an elephant ride for a unique perspective on the jungle.
- Return to your hotel for an overnight stay in Thekkady.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel at Thekkady



Meals: Breakfast

Day 3: Cruise through the Backwaters of Alleppey

- After breakfast, check out and drive to Alleppey, the famed "Venice of the East."
- Upon arrival, board a traditionally crafted houseboat and set sail on a peaceful backwater cruise.
- Watch the village life unfold along the canals, admire lush paddy fields, coconut groves, and ancient shrines dotting the water's edge.
- A freshly prepared traditional Kerala meal will be served onboard.
- Spend a magical night on the houseboat as you float through the scenic backwaters.

Hotel: Stay at the Houseboat at Alleppey

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4: Departure

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast onboard as your houseboat returns to the dock.
- Disembark and begin your journey back home with unforgettable memories of Kerala's natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural richness.

Hotel: Nil

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions •

2-night stay in Thekkady with breakfast.

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

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



Daily Breakfast.

Candlelight Dinner, cake, & Room decoration.

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.

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FAQs •

Q: What is the best time to visit Thekkady and Alleppey?

A: The ideal time to visit Thekkady and Alleppey is between October and March, when the weather is pleasant, perfect for sightseeing, wildlife spotting, and enjoying serene backwater cruises on your Kerala Honeymoon Trip.

Q: How many days are ideal for a trip to Kerala, covering Thekkady and Alleppey?

A: A 4-day, 3-night itinerary is ideal for exploring Thekkady's wildlife and spice plantations, as well as experiencing a traditional houseboat cruise in Alleppey, making it an unforgettable Kerala Honeymoon Trip.

Q: Is Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary open throughout the year?

A: Yes, the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary is open year-round. The dry season, from November to April, offers the best chances for wildlife sightings during your Kerala Honeymoon Trip.

Q: Can I spot tigers in Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary?

A: Tiger sightings are rare, but you can often spot elephants, bison, deer, and a variety of exotic birds on this Kerala Honeymoon Trip.

Q: What activities can I do in Thekkady besides the wildlife sanctuary?

A: Visitors can enjoy spice plantation tours, jeep safaris, elephant rides, nature walks, and visits to viewpoints and tea estates, all part of the experiences offered in your Kerala Honeymoon Trip.

Q: Is the boat ride at Periyar Lake included in the trip?

A: Boat rides are usually optional and can be booked separately at the lake. Many Kerala Honeymoon Trip itineraries offer



this experience as an add-on.

Q: What is special about Alleppey houseboat stays?

A: Alleppey houseboats provide a unique overnight stay cruising through Kerala's peaceful backwaters. Guests enjoy village life, lush landscapes, and the calming rhythm of Kerala, making it a highlight of the Kerala Honeymoon Trip.

Q: Are meals included during the houseboat stay in Alleppey?

A: Yes, all meals are freshly prepared and served onboard the houseboat, allowing couples to savour authentic Kerala cuisine during their Kerala Honeymoon Trip.

Q: Will the houseboat in Alleppey have air conditioning?

A: Deluxe houseboats have AC operational from 9 PM to 6 AM. Full-time AC is available on premium or luxury houseboats for an additional cost.

Q: Is this Kerala trip suitable for honeymooners?

A: Absolutely! This Kerala Honeymoon Trip is designed for couples, offering a perfect mix of romantic relaxation, adventure, and cultural immersion.

Q: Are private transfers included in the Kerala Honeymoon Trip?

A: Yes, private AC sedan transfers with a dedicated driver are included for all sightseeing and intercity travel as per the itinerary.

Q: What kind of accommodation is provided in Thekkady?

A: Accommodations include comfort-category resorts or plantation stays, depending on availability and package type. Luxury upgrades are also available to enhance your Kerala Honeymoon Trip.

Q: Are there any cultural dress codes to be aware of in Kerala?

A: Yes, modest dressing is appreciated, especially when visiting temples and religious sites. Avoid wearing revealing clothing in public spaces.

Q: What should I pack for Thekkady and Alleppey?

A: Pack light cotton clothes, a pair of warm clothes for Thekkady's cooler evenings, comfortable footwear, rain gear (June-Sept), and sunscreen/insect repellent for your Kerala Honeymoon Trip.

Q: Is it safe for first-time tourists to travel to Kerala?

A: Yes, Kerala is one of India's safest and most tourist-friendly states, known for its hospitality and well-maintained tourist infrastructure, making this Kerala Honeymoon Trip highly recommended for couples.

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