



Kerala :Malayalam: കേരളം?; Kēraḷam, is a state on the tropical Malabar Coast of southwestern India.It is one of the most popular tourist destinations in India. Named as one of the "ten paradises of the world" and "50 places of a lifetime" by the National Geographic Traveler magazine, Kerala is especially known for its ecotourism initiatives. Its unique culture and traditions, coupled with its varied demographics, has made Kerala one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world.

ITINERARY NAME	ROUTING	DURATION
Backwater Magic	Cochin – Munnar – Thekkady -Kumarakom - Cochin	6 Nights / 7 Days
Splendors Of Kerala	Cochin - Thekkady - Kumarakom - Kovalam	7 Nights / 8 Days
Best Of Kerala	Cochin – Munnar - Thekkady –Kumarakom - Kettuvalam - Alleppey – Kanyakumari - Kovalam	9 Nights / 10 Days
Kovalam Weekend	Kovalam	3 Nights / 4 Days
Varkala Weekend	Varkala	2 Nights / 3 Days
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TOURIST MAP OF KERALA



BACKWATER MAGIC

Package ID : TN 1257
 Routing : Cochin → Munnar → Thekkady → Kumarakom → Cochin
 Starting Point : Cochin
 End Point : Cochin
 Duration : 06 Nights / 07 Days

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Cochin →(130 Km's) Munnar →(120 Km's) Thekkady →(130 Km's) Kumarakom →(90 Km's) Cochin

Day 01: Cochin – Munnar (130 Km's / 4 Hrs)

Arrive Cochin airport or railway station. Transfer to Munnar (130 kms / 4 hrs), one of the most popular hill stations in southern India known for its sprawling tea gardens. Arrive & check in hotel. Evening go for a stroll in tea gardens near your hotel. Stay overnight.

Day 02: Munnar Sightseeing

This morning after breakfast you will proceed on a sightseeing tour of the picturesque Mattupettu Dam, where you have an opportunity to go boating, you continue your tour to Echo Point. Also visit Top Station, Eravikulam Park, Anamudi etc. Evening free at leisure. Stay overnight.

Day 03: Munnar – Thekkady (120 Km's / 3.5 Hrs)

After Breakfast transfer to Thekkady (120 kms / 3.5 hrs). Set in the heart of the Cardamom Hills of Kerala is Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve, offering a rare opportunity to enjoy South India's wildlife. Arrive and check in hotel. Afternoon visit spice plantations. Stay overnight.

Day 04: Thekkady Sightseeing

Morning enjoy a boat safari on Periyar Lake to view the varied fauna of this region. After breakfast rest of the day free at leisure. One can enjoy an Ayurvedic Massage at the hotel. Afternoon Visit Spice Plantations. Evening shopping of spices. Stay overnight.

Day 05: Thekkady - Kumarakom / Alleppey (130 kms / 4 hrs)

Today you will be transferred by road to Kumarakom (130 kms / 4 hrs) a charming village on the Vembanad Lake. Check in to your resort in-time to view the spectacular sunset. Stay overnight.

Day 06: Kumarakom / Alleppey – Cochin (90 kms / 1.5 hrs)

Transfer by road to Cochin (90 kms / 1.5 hrs). Arrive and check in hotel. This afternoon you visit the Jewish synagogue, Dutch Palace, and end your tour with a visit to the Chinese fishing nets. Stay overnight.

Day 07: Depart Cochin

Morning after breakfast transfer from your hotel to airport / railway station for flight / train to onward or home destination. Tour ends with sweet memories...



SPLENDORS OF KERALA

Package ID : TN 1258
 Routing : Cochin → Thekkady → Kumarakom → Kovalam
 Starting Point : Cochin
 End Point : Kovalam
 Duration : 07 Nights / 08 Days

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Cochin →(120 Km's) Thekkady →(130 Km's) Kumarakom →(154 Km's) Kovalam

Day 1: Arrive in Cochin

Arrive in Cochin, the commercial capital of Kerala. This afternoon, you visit the Jewish synagogue built in 1568, walk to the adjacent Dutch Palace, and see the famous Chinese fishing nets. Stay overnight.

Day 2: Cochin – Thekkady (120 kms / 3.5 hrs)

Morning, transfer by road to Thekkady (120 kms / 3.5 hrs) to visit the Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve. Late afternoon, enjoy a boat safari on Periyar Lake to view the varied wild life of this region. Stay overnight.

Day 3: Thekkady

The day is at leisure OR you may take an optional guided nature walk in the Periyar wildlife sanctuary or a boat ride on Lake Periyar. Stay overnight.

Day 4: Thekkady – Kumarakom (130 kms / 4 hrs)

Transfer to Kumarakom (130 kms / 4 hrs), hidden away in Kerala's famous backwaters, is one of Southern India's most discreet holiday destinations, en-route you will stop to see the spice plantations. Stay overnight.

Day 5: Kumarakom

The day is at leisure to relax by the poolside of your hotel OR enjoy an optional backwater cruise OR pamper yourself with some Ayurvedic beauty treatments. Stay overnight

Day 6: Kumarakom – Kovalam (154 kms / 3-4 hrs)

Today, you will be transferred by road to Kovalam (154 kms / 3-4 hrs) one India's finest beach destination. Stay overnight.

Day 7: Kovalam

The day is at leisure to relax by the poolside of your resort OR take an optional excursion to Kanyakumari. Stay overnight.

Day 8: Depart Kovalam

Transfer to Trivandrum airport / railway station. Tour ends with sweet memories...



BEST OF KERALA

Package ID : TN 1259
 Routing : Cochin → Munnar → Thekkady → Kumarakom → Kettuvalam → Alleppey → Kanyakumari → Kovalam
 Starting Point : Cochin
 End Point : Kovalam [Click Here For Rates & More Info](#)
 Duration : 09 Nights / 10 Days

Cochin →(130 Km's) Munnar →(120 Km's) Thekkady →(130 Km's) Kumarakom → Kettuvalam → Alleppey →(193 Km's) Kanyakumari → (53 Km's) Kovalam

Day 1: Arrive in Cochin

Arrive in Cochin, the gateway to 'Gods own Country'. This afternoon, you will visit the Jewish synagogue, the Dutch Palace, the Chinese fishing nets and enjoy a fabulous sunset cruise of Cochin Harbour. Stay overnight.

Day 2: Cochin – Munnar (130 kms/4 hrs)

Today, you will be transferred by road to Munnar (130 kms/4 hrs), one of southern India's most popular hill stations. Stay overnight.

Day 3: Munnar

This morning, you will proceed on a sightseeing tour of the picturesque Mattupettu Dam, where you have an opportunity to go boating, you continue your tour to Echo Point. Stay overnight.

Day 4: Munnar – Thekkady (120 kms / 3.5 hrs)

Transfer to Thekkady, (120 kms / 3.5 hrs). Enjoy a boat safari on Periyar Lake to view the varied wildlife of this region. Stay overnight.

Day 5: Thekkady – Kumarakom (130 kms / 4 hrs)

Today you will be transferred by road to Kumarakom (130 kms / 4 hrs) a charming village on the Vembanad Lake, en-route you will stop to see the spice plantations. Stay overnight.

Day 6: Kumarakom - Kettuvalam (House Boat)

Today you will board a Kettuvalam the famous Houseboats of Kerala. You spend the day cruising through the unique web of lakes, lagoons, canals and rivers . You stay the night onboard your Houseboat.

Day 7: Kettuvalam - Alleppey – Kanyakumari (193 kms / 4-5 hrs)

This morning, you will disembark at the Alleppey boat jetty and will be transferred to Kanyakumari (193 kms / 4-5 hrs) the lands end of India. You will visit the Vivekananda Rock Memorial and return to the mainland to see the spectacular sunset in the Arabian Sea. Stay overnight.



Day 8: Kanyakumari - Kovalam (53 kms / 2 hrs).

Early This morning, you witness the magnificent sunrise over the Bay of Bengal. You are later transferred by road to Kovalam (53 kms / 2 hrs). Stay overnight.

Day 9: Kovalam

This entire day is at leisure. OR take an optional sightseeing and shopping tour of Trivandrum. Stay overnight.

Day 10: Depart Kovalam

Transfer to Trivandrum airport / railway station. Tour ends with sweet memories...

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KOVALAM WEEKEND

Package ID TN 2991
 Routing Kovalam
 Starting Point Kovalam
 End Point Kovalam
 Duration 03 Nights / 04 Days

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This enchanting strip of golden sands is laced with the rich greenery of coconut palms. A former fishing village, Kovalam is just 16 kms away from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala's capital city. Kovalam is an evergreen and pleasant climatic beach resort. It is a dreamy place for tourists all over the world. On the southern side is the most popular - Lighthouse Beach. Going further south on the beach one can have a spectacular view of the Vizhinjam mosque. The beach offers not only swimming and sunbathing but also has handicrafts, jewellery and cloth shops spread along the waterfront. Sumptuous sea-food including lobsters available at the beachside restaurants just add the icing to the cake. The underwater views, which are visible during snorkeling, are really marvelous. Crystal clear blue waters of the Arabian Sea, miles of white sands washed away by the surf, the rocky promontories and coconut groves makes this beach nothing less than a paradise. No wonder, it is known as the "Paradise of the South".



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VARKALA WEEKEND

Package ID TN 4081
 Routing Varkala
 Starting Point Varkala
 End Point Varkala
 Duration 02 Nights / 03 Days

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Varkala, a small town in Kerala, could very well be called the Land of sand, beaches and clear blue water. If you're looking for beaches and are fed up with the crowds & steep prices, then its well worth checking out Varkala. The beaches around this area are excellent and it extends out all around the cliff face for 500 meters. Varkala, 42 km away from Thiruvananthapuram, is the best spot along the Kerala coast to watch the sunset.

The sight of the sun melting into the sea would blossom your poetic sense. The mineral waters gushing from the hill is believed to have medicinal properties.

Varkala also houses a leading pilgrim centre in Kerala. The 800-year old Janardhana temple, dedicated to Ayyappan and Hanuman, atop the hill has brought a sobriquet for the region, Southern Kasi (Benares). Non-Hindus are not permitted to enter the inner sanctum but can explore around the temple.



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ITINERARY NAME	ROUTING	DURATION
SOUTH INDIA ITINERARY'S		
KARNATAKA		
Scenic South	Bangalore - Coorg - Ooty - Mysore - Bangalore	7 Nights / 8 Days
Classical Karnataka	Bangalore - Mysore - Ooty	6 Nights / 7 Days
Blue Mountain Tour	Bangalore - Mysore - Ooty - Kodai - Coimbatore.	6 Nights / 7 Days
Coorg Weekend	Coorg	3 Nights / 4 Days
Mysore Weekend	Mysore	2 Nights / 3 Days
KERALA		
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Best Of Kerala	Cochin - Munnar - Thekkady -Kumarakom - Kettuvalam - Alleppey - Kanyakumari - Kovalam	9 Nights / 10 Days
Kovalam Weekend	Kovalam	3 Nights / 4 Days
Varkala Weekend	Varkala	2 Nights / 3 Days
TAMILNADU		
Southern Splendors	Chennai - Mahabalipuram - Kanchipuram - Pondicherry - Trichy - Madurai	6 Nights / 7 Days
Hills Of Tamilnadu	Coimbatore - Ooty - Kodaikanal - Madurai	6 Nights / 7 Days
Temple Towns Of Tamilnadu	Chennai - Trichy - Tanjore - Madurai	5 Nights / 6 Days
Ooty Weekend	Coimbatore - Ooty - Coimbatore	3 Nights / 4 Days
Mahabalipuram	Mahabalipuram	2 Nights / 3 Days
Chennai Weekend	Chennai	2 Nights / 3 Days
LAKSHADWEEP		
Agatti Island	Agatti Island Beach Resort (Lakshadweep)	Tailor Made
ANDAMAN NICOBAR		
Port Blair	Port Blair	4 Nights / 5 Days
Andaman Nicobar Packages	Tailor Made	Tailor Made
PONDICHERRY		
Pondicherry	Chennai - Pondicherry - Chennai	2 Nights / 3 Days
NORTH INDIA ITINERARY'S		
HIMACHAL		
Himachal Delights	Delhi - Shimla - Manali - Chandigarh - Delhi	6 Nights / 7 Days
Himalayan Splendor	Delhi - Shimla - Kullu - Manali - Dharamshala - Dalhousie - Chakkibank	9 Nights/10 Days
Highlights Of Himachal	Delhi - Kasauli - Shimla - Kufri -Chandigarh - Delhi	6 Nights / 7 Days
Exciting Himachal	Delhi - Parwanoo - Shimla - Manali - Chandigarh - Delhi	7 Nights / 8 Days
Northern Delights	Jammu - Dharamshala - Khajjiar - Dalhousie - Jammu	6 Nights / 7 Days

DELHI[Golden Triangle](#)
[Delhi Weekend](#)Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Delhi
Delhi4 Nights / 5 Days
2 Nights / 3 Days**UTTARANCHAL**[Kumaon Delights](#)
[Wonders Of Kumaon](#)Delhi - Corbett - Kausani - Nainital - Delhi
Delhi - Mussourie - Corbett - Almora - Nainital
- Delhi6 Nights / 7 Days
7 Nights / 8 Days[Classical Kumaon](#)Delhi - Mussourie - Ranikhet - Binsar - Almora
- Nainital - Delhi07 Nights / 08
Days[Char Dham](#)Delhi - Haridwar- Barkot - Yamunotri - Barkot -
Uttarkashi - Gangotri - Uttarkashi -
Rudraprayag- Kedarnath - Rudraparayang -
Badrinath - Joshimath - Rishikesh - Haridwar -
Delhi11 Nights / 12
Days[Do Dham -
Yamunotri-Gangotri](#)Delhi - Haridwar - Barkot - Yamunotri - Barkot
- Uttarkashi - Gangotri - Uttarkashi - Rishikesh
- Hardwar - Delhi

6 Nights / 7 Days

[Do Dham -
Badrinath-Kedarnath](#)Delhi - Haridwar - Rudraprayag - Kedarnath -
Rudraprayag - Badrinath - Joshimath -
Rishikesh - Delhi

7 Nights / 8 Days

RAJASTHAN[Golden Triangle](#)
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Rajasthan](#)
[Romance Of Desert](#)Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Delhi
Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Jodhpur - Udaipur
Jaipur - Bikaner - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur - Udaipur4 Nights / 5 Days
8 Nights / 9 Days
7 Nights / 8 Days[Romance Of Desert](#)Jodhpur - Manwar - Jaisalmer - Bikaner -
Jodhpur06 Nights / 07
Days

Udaipur Weekend

JAMMU - KASHMIR[Kashmir Delights](#)Jammu - Srinagar - Gulmarg - Sonmarg -
Pahalgam - Jammu

5 Nights / 6 Days

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Sonemarg - Pahalgam - Jammu

7 Nights / 8 Days

[Vale Of Kashmir](#)Srinagar - Gulmarg - Sonmarg - Pahalgam -
Srinagar

6 Nights / 7 Days

LADAKH[Rendezvous Ladakh](#)
[Mystical Leh](#)Leh - Hemis - Khardungla Pass - Leh
Leh - Khardungla Pass - Uleytopko - Leh3 Nights / 4 Days
5 Nights / 6 Days**WEST INDIA ITINERARY'S****GOA**[Goa Packages](#)

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Mumbai3 Nights / 4 Days
13 Nights / 14
Days[Ratnagiri](#)
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2 Nights / 3 Days**DIU - DAMAN**[Diu Beaches](#)
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Daman3 Nights / 4 Days
2 Nights / 3 Days

EAST INDIA ITINERARY'S

SIKKIM - BENGAL

The Last Shangrilla	Bagdogra – Pelling – Gangtok – Lachung - Bagdogra	8 Nights / 9 Days
Eastern Chills	Darjeeling - Gangtok	5 Nights / 6 Days
Best Of Eastern Himalayas	Bagdogra - Darjeeling - Gangtok - Kalimpong - Bagdogra	6 Nights / 7 Days

NEPAL - BHUTAN

Classical Nepal Himalayan Kingdom	Kathmandu - Pokhara - Kathmandu Kathmandu - Chitwan - Pokhara - Kathmandu	5 Nights / 6 Days 7 Nights / 08 Days
Bhutan Packages	Tailor Made	Tailor Made

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Ajmer – Puskar	Jaipur - Ajmer - Pushkar - Ajmer - Jaipur	4 Nights / 5 Days
Char Dham	Delhi - Haridwar- Barkot - Yamunotri - Barkot - Uttarkashi - Gangotri - Uttarkashi - Rudraprayag- Kedarnath - Rudraparayag - Badrinath - joshimath - Rishikesh - Haridwar - Delhi	11 Nights / 12 Days
Do Dham - Yamunotri-Gangotri	Delhi - Haridwar - Barkot - Yamunotri - Barkot - Uttarkashi - Gangotri - Uttarkashi - Rishikesh - Hardwar - Delhi	6 Nights / 7 Days
Do Dham - Badrinath-Kedarnath	Delhi - Haridwar - Rudraprayag - Kedarnath - Rudraprayag - Badrinath - Joshimath - Rishikesh - Delhi	7 Nights / 8 Days
Land Of Sikh Gurus	Delhi - Chandigarh - Amritsar - Delhi	6 Nights / 7 Days
Legend Of Krishna	Delhi - Brindavan - Mathura - Agra - Delhi	5 Nights / 6 Days
Spiritual Experience	Varanasi - Allahabad - Khajuraho - Orchha - Bhopal - Indore	10 Nights / 11 Days
Vaishnodevi Tour	Jammu - Katra - Mata Vaishnao Devi Temple - Katra - Jammu	02 Nights / 03 Days
Footsteps Of Buddha	Varanasi - Bodhgaya - Patna - Kushinagar - Balrampur - Lumbini - Kathmandu	9 Nights / 10 Days
Churches Of South	Chennai (Madras) - Thanjavur - Velanganni - Madurai - Trivandrum - Kollam (Quilon) - Kottayam - Cochin - Kozhikode (Calicut) - Mumbai (Bombay) - Goa	13 nights / 14 days
Temple Towns Of Tamilnadu	Chennai - Trichy - Tanjore - Madurai	05 Nights / 06 Days
Temple Trails	Chennai (Madras) - Mamallapuram (Mahabalipuram) - Chidambaram - Trichy - Madurai - Kanya Kumari - Trivandrum	10 nights / 11 days

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10 nights and 11 days Tour Itinerary: - Delhi - Bhubaneshwar - Puri - Kolkata - Darjeeling - Gangtok - Kalimpong

12. Orissa Tribal Tours

12 Nights / 13 Days Tour Itinerary:- Bhubaneshwar-Ratna - Giri - Baliguda - Belghar - Kothagarg - Rayagada - Jeypore -Ankadeli - Lamptaput - Kunduli - Nandapur - Laxmipur - Rayagada - Taptaoani - Chilka - Puri

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Until the early 1980s, Kerala was a relatively unknown destination. The tagline "God's Own Country", which was used in its tourism promotions, soon became synonymous with the state. In 2006, Kerala attracted 8.5 million tourist arrivals, an increase of 23.68% over the previous year, making the state one of the fastest-growing destinations in the world.

Kerala among the Third World's longest-lived, healthiest, most gender-equitable and most literate regions. Popular attractions in the state include the beaches at Kovalam, Cherai and Varkala; the hill stations of Munnar, Nelliampathi, Ponmudi and Wayanad; and national parks and wildlife sanctuaries at Periyar and Eravikulam National Park. The "backwaters" region, which comprises an extensive network of interlocking rivers, lakes, and canals that centre on Alleppey, Kumarakom, and Punnamada (where the annual Nehru Trophy Boat Race is held in August), also see heavy tourist traffic. Heritage sites, such as the Padmanabhapuram Palace and the Mattancherry Palace, are also visited. Cities such as Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram are popular centres for their shopping and traditional theatrical performances. During early summer, the Thrissur Pooram is conducted, attracting foreign tourists who are largely drawn by the festival's elephants and celebrants.