

# Kerala Backwaters - 12 Days



**Duration:** 11 Nights / 12 Days

## **Itinerary:**

Kerala is known as “Gods own Country” with glorious beaches, jungles filled with wildlife, backwaters, temples - Kerala gives everything. Cochin India’s one of the interesting city called “Queen of Arabian Sea” and Munnar a beautiful hill station with plantation of tea with wild life reserve like Periyar and Alleppey known as best place for Houseboats with Cruise and Kovalam one side by azure blue waters, and on the other, by a sumptuous spread of green palm groves Beach lying in languorous indolence under thatched umbrellas.

## **Day 1: Cochin:**

Meet on arrival at Cochin Airport and transfer to Hotel. **Cochin**- commercial capital and the most cosmopolitan city of Kerala, Kochi is also known as the Queen of the Arabian Sea. Rest of the day free to relax. Overnight.

## Day 2: Cochin:

Morning breakfast and full day city tour visit to **St. Francis Church** - built completely of timber and later reconstructed in stone masonry, **Pierce Leslie Bungalow** - this charming mansion was the office of Pierce Leslie, this building reflects Portuguese, Dutch and local influences, **Loafer's Corner/Princess Street** - the traditional meeting place and hangout of the jovial fun loving people of the area. Return to hotel and overnight.

## Day 3: Cochin / Munnar:

Morning breakfast checkout and proceed to **Munnar** - one of the most popular hill stations in India is situated at the confluence of three mountain streams. On arrival check into resort/hotel, lunch. Later on half day sightseeing, visit to **Lock Heart Gap** - This is an ideal place for adventure tourism and trekking. **Echo Point** - This scenic place gets its name from the natural echo phenomenon here. Echo Point is on the way to Top Station. **Nyayamakad** - is a land of breathtaking waterfalls. Return to resort/hotel, dinner and overnight

## Day 4: Munnar:

Morning breakfast and proceed to full day sightseeing, visit to **Anayirankal** - It's a lush green carpet of tea plants. **Pothamedu** - offers an excellent view of the tea, coffee and cardamom plantations in Munnar. **Tea Museum** - Munnar is perhaps the choicest of places to preserve and showcase some of the exquisite and interesting aspects on the genesis and growth of tea plantations in Kerala's high ranges. Return to resort/hotel, dinner and overnight

## Day 5: Munnar / Thekkady:

Morning breakfast, check out and proceed to **Thekkady** - The very sound of the word Thekkady conjures up images of elephants, unending chains of hills and spice scented plantations. Enroute to Thekkady visit to **Powerhouse Waterfalls**-cascades down a steep rock 200m above sea level. On arrival check into the resort/hotel. Lunch and relax. Later on visit to **The Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary** - situated on the banks of the Periyar Lake - an artificial lake, at Thekkady. Return to resort/hotel, dinner and overnight

## Day 6: Thekkady / Kumarakom:

Morning breakfast, checkout and drive to Kumarakom - an unbelievably beautiful paradise of mangrove forests, emerald green paddy fields and coconut groves interspersed with enchanting waterways and canals adorned with white lilies. Evening visit to **Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary** - An enchanting backwater destination, which is spread across 14 acres, is a favorite haunt of migratory birds and an ornithologist's paradise. Overnight.

## Day 7: Kumarakom / Alleppey:

Morning breakfast, check out and board your House Boat. The Houseboat takes you around the backwaters of Kumarakom and Alleppey. All meals on board the houseboat. Overnight in the house boat.

### **Day 8: Alleppey / Varkala:**

Morning breakfast, checkout and proceed to Varkala - is a seaside resort and spa. It is also an important Hindu centre of pilgrimage. Check into a resort on arrival and relax at the beach. Overnight.

### **Day 9: Varkala:**

Morning breakfast and full day free to relax at the beach. Overnight.

### **Day 10: Varkala / Kovalam:**

Morning breakfast, check and proceed to Trivandrum – **Kovalam**- is an internationally renowned beach with three adjacent crescent beaches. It has been a favorite haunt of tourists, on arrival transfer to a beach resort and rest of the day free. Overnight.

### **Day 11: Kovalam:**

Morning breakfast and proceed for a full day sightseeing, visit to **Vizhinjam Rock Cut Cave**- the granite cave here encloses a one-celled shrine with a loose sculpture, **Kuthiramalika (Puthenmalika) Palace Museum, Sree Chithra Art Gallery** - the collection also includes paintings from China, Japan, Tibet and Bali, **The Zoological Park** - it is like a small jungle in the heart of the city. A reptile house with different species of snakes is also located in the premises, **University Observatory** - Located at the highest point in the city, one can have a bird's eye view of the city. Return to resort. Overnight.

### **Day 12: Kovalam / Trivandrum:**

Morning breakfast checkout and drive to Trivandrum Airport to board the flight for onward destination. Tour Ends.

### **Inclusions:**

- Per person rates – applicable for minimum of 2 persons staying together sharing same room and vehicle with other combination.
- Accommodation with breakfast and taxes in specified or similar properties.
- Accommodation with all meals and tax at Alleppey – House Boat.
- Transportation by A/C Car, driver allowance, fuel, parking charges, interstate taxes as per the itinerary only. Driving from morning 08.00am to 20.00hrs
- All applicable Taxes

- No hidden cost

### **Exclusions:**

- Lunch, dinner and personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, tips, etc.,
- Air / Train Ticket.
- Entry tickets, camera / video Camera fee.
- Local or accompanying guide charges
- Any Visa / Insurance
- Any items other than mentioned in cost includes.

### **Term & Conditions:**

- Rates are not valid for peak Festive season i.e. New Year , Diwali , Pushkar fair etc.
- Rates are based on Hotels Subject to Availability at the time of making Reservation. In case of unavailability in mentioned hotels,alternate accommodation will be arranged in a similar category hotel.
- Rates are subject to change if there is any Fair & Festival, Major conference, events in travel destination
- Early check in / late checks out is subject to availability of rooms.
- Cancellation charges would be as per the company policy.
- Vehicle confirmed will be as per Itinerary and not at disposal. AC will work only in the plains and will be switched off during hill drives.
- All sightseeing mentioned are subject to weather conditions, political conditions & traffic conditions in the destination.
- Any sightseeing missed due to natural calamities / weather conditions is non-refundable.
- All entrances fees will be on direct payment basis as per Itinerary.
- It is not advisable to travel in night, if necessary supplement charge applicable

### **Travel Basics:**

- Passport and valid Visa
- Water Bottle with a Filtering System
- Daily Medications
- Phone Chargers
- Camera
- ID Proof
- Toilet Papers
- Walking Shoes
- Ear Phones
- Cap
- Power bank
- Sun Screen Lotion
- Wipes
- Ladies basics

- Mosquito Creame/bands/net depending upon your itinerary.

## India Visa Guidelines:

Yes, Australian passport holders **require a visa** to enter India for tourism, business, medical, or other purposes

**e-Tourist Visa (Most Common):** Valid for tourism, sightseeing, short-term yoga programs, and visiting friends/relatives.

Validity options: - 30 days (double entry), 1 year (multiple entry), 5 years (multiple entry)

**Stay limit:** 90 days per visit

### **e-Business Visa**

For attending meetings, business discussions, or exhibitions

Valid for 1 year (multiple entries), 180 days stay per visa

### **e-Medical Visa**

For short-term medical treatment in India

Valid for 60 days with triple entry

## How to Apply:

- Apply online via the official Indian government portal: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/>
- No physical visit required, Upload passport scan and photograph, Payment is made online, Approval typically within 3–5 working days

## Documents Required:

- Valid Australian passport (minimum 6 months validity from date of arrival)
- Recent passport-size photograph (as per specs)
- Copy of return/onward flight ticket may be asked
- Additional documentation for business or medical visas

## Booking Terms:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Need 50% payment of the package cost, 60 days prior to departure date
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