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KERALA: GOD'S OWN COUNTRY

Cochin • Munnar • Thekkady • Alleppey • Kovalam • Cochin

7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS
Ex. Cochin Roundtrip

Tour Overview: A balanced 8-day expedition exploring the mist-clad hills of the Western Ghats, renowned spice trails, tranquil backwaters with a traditional houseboat stay, and pristine Arabian Sea beaches, concluding with historic landmarks across Travancore and Cochin.

NIGHT STAY & ROUTE SUMMARY

Day	Route & Key Activity Highlights	Night Halt
Day 01	Arrival Cochin + Fort Kochi Sightseeing & Heritage Walk	Cochin – 1 Night
Day 02	Cochin → Munnar via Cheeyappara & Valara Waterfalls	Munnar – Night 1
Day 03	Munnar Sightseeing: Mattupetty Dam, Echo Point, Tea Estates	Munnar – Night 2
Day 04	Munnar → Thekkady: Spice Plantations & Periyar Lake	Thekkady – 1 Night
Day 05	Thekkady → Alleppey | Traditional Houseboat Cruise	Alleppey Houseboat – 1 Night
Day 06	Alleppey → Kovalam | Check-in & Beachfront Relaxation	Kovalam – Night 1
Day 07	Kovalam & Trivandrum: Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Museum	Kovalam – Night 2
Day 08	Kovalam → Cochin Airport/Station Departure Transfer	Tour Concludes

DAY-WISE TOUR ITINERARY



DAY 01: ARRIVAL IN COCHIN | FORT KOCHI SIGHTSEEING

Heritage & Coast

Arrive at Cochin International Airport or Railway Station with warm reception and transfer to your hotel. After freshening up, proceed for Fort Kochi sightseeing. Behold the iconic 14th-century cantilevered Chinese Fishing Nets along Vasco da Gama Square, visit St. Francis Church (India's oldest European church), Mattancherry Dutch Palace, and the vibrant Jew Town antique markets. Late evening stroll at Marine Drive.

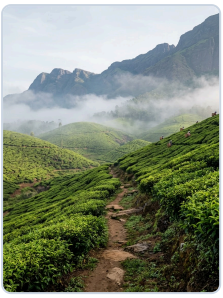
Overnight: Cochin **Meals:** Dinner **Key Sight:** Chinese Fishing Nets & Heritage Precinct

DAY 02: COCHIN → MUNNAR (SCENIC WESTERN GHATS DRIVE)

Hills & Cascades

After breakfast, embark on an exhilarating drive ascending into the Western Ghats towards Munnar (approx. 130 km / 4 hrs). En route, pause at the tiered Cheeyappara Waterfalls and Valara Waterfalls flowing amidst dense rainforests. Enjoy stops at panoramic spice gardens and valley viewpoints. Check in at Munnar resort and enjoy a refreshing evening overlooking tea valleys.

Overnight: Munnar **Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner **Drive:** Cochin to Munnar (approx. 4 hrs)



DAY 03: MUNNAR LOCAL SIGHTSEEING & TEA TRAILS

High Altitude Vistas

Full-day exploration of Munnar. Visit Mattupetty Dam with optional speed boating, Echo Point where mountain echoes ring clear, picturesque Kundala Lake, and Photo Point surrounded by undulating tea carpets. Tour the KDHP Tea Museum to discover orthodox tea making, and subject to seasonal ticket access, visit Eravikulam National Park (habitat of the rare Nilgiri Tahr mountain goat).

Overnight: Munnar **Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner **Key Sight:** Tea Plantations & Mattupetty Dam

DAY 04: MUNNAR → THEKKADY (SPICE PLANTATIONS & PERIYAR)

Cardamom Hills

Post breakfast, check out and drive along scenic hill routes to Thekkady (Periyar). Arrive and check into your resort. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided spice plantation walk discovering cardamom, black pepper, vanilla, and cinnamon cultivation. Optional experiences include Periyar Lake wildlife boat cruise or evening Kathakali classical dance and Kalaripayattu martial arts shows.

Overnight: Thekkady **Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner **Activity:** Guided Spice Plantation Tour



DAY 05: THEKKADY → ALLEPPEY | HOUSEBOAT CRUISE

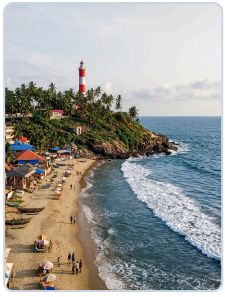
Backwater Heaven

After breakfast, descend toward the world-famous backwater capital of Alleppey. Board an authentic Kerala Houseboat (Kettuvallam) by noon. Cruise leisurely through serene canals, emerald lagoons, and paddy fields of Kuttanad. Savor traditional Kerala meals prepared fresh on board by private chefs while viewing timeless village waterways. Overnight anchored amidst tranquil waters.

Overnight: Deluxe Alleppey Houseboat

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Key Sight: Vembanad Backwaters



DAY 06 & 07: KOVALAM BEACH & TRIVANDRUM HERITAGE

Beach & Culture

Day 06: Check out from houseboat and drive to Kovalam. Check in to beach resort and relax along Lighthouse Beach and Hawah Beach.
Day 07: Morning excursion to Trivandrum. Visit the sacred Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple (subject to strict traditional dress code), Napier Museum, and Sri Chitra Art Gallery. Evening at leisure watching the Arabian Sea sunset.

Overnight: Kovalam (2 Nights) **Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner **Key Sight:** Kovalam Lighthouse Beach

DAY 08: KOVALAM → COCHIN DEPARTURE

Tour Conclusion

After breakfast, check out and begin the scenic return drive to Cochin as per your onward flight or train schedule. Transfer directly to Cochin Airport / Ernakulam Railway Station, concluding your memorable holiday across God's Own Country.

Meals: Breakfast **Drop-off:** Cochin Airport / Railway Station

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- **07 Nights Stay:** Cochin (1N), Munnar (2N), Thekkady (1N), Houseboat (1N), Kovalam (2N).
- **Meal Plan:** Daily breakfast & dinner at hotels; all meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) on Houseboat.
- **Private AC Vehicle:** Dedicated car for all intercity transfers and detailed sightseeing.
- **Included:** Driver allowance, tolls, parking, fuel charges, and Cochin airport pickup & drop.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL NOTES

- **Houseboat Operation:** Air conditioning in Deluxe houseboats operates from 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM in bedrooms.
- **Temple Dress Code:** Padmanabhaswamy Temple strictly requires dhotis for men and sarees/salwars for women.
- **Optional Sightseeing:** Periyar boat safari, Eravikulam passes, and cultural shows payable directly.
- **Schedule Flexibility:** Sightseeing sequence may adjust to accommodate local traffic and weather conditions.

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