

Kerala Extension

Duration: 7 days/ 6 nights

Route: Arrive Kochi – Munnar – Thekkady – Alleppey – Departure Kochi

SHORT ITINERARY

Day	Itinerary	Meal plan
1	Arrive Kochi (By Flight 15kg Baggage)	Breakfast
2	Kochi – Munnar	Breakfast
3	Munnar	Breakfast
4	Munnar – Thekkady	Breakfast
5	Thekkady – Periyar National Park And Spice Plantation	Breakfast
6	Thekkady – Alleppey	Breakfast
7	Alleppey – Departure Kochi	

THE EXPERIENCE

Day 1 Arrive Kochi (By Flight)

Proceed to airport to board flight for Kochi. Upon arrival at Kochi Airport, meet and greet by our representative followed by transfer to your hotel.

In the afternoon, proceed for a guided tour of the city. Visit the Mattancherry Palace, popularly known as the Dutch Palace. Continue to the adjacent Paradesi Synagogue, located at the end of a rustic lane in the historic Jew Town district. Next, visit two of the city's most important Christian shrines. St Francis's Church from the Portuguese period and Santa Cruz Basilica, whose cream-coloured neo-Gothic exterior contrasts with the frescoed arches and multi-coloured floor tiles of the interior. While driving along the coast, at the harbour's mouth, you can observe the rare and still-functioning Chinese fishing nets. The tour ends in the heart of the well-preserved Fort Kochi area, where you can wander through the historic streets and alleys flanked with Dutch and Portuguese buildings such as David Hall, Thakur House and Bastion Bungalow.

Overnight in Kochi.

Day 2 Kochi – Munnar (110km – 4 Hrs)

Check out after a hearty breakfast and drive to Munnar over rugged hills, rolling oceans of tubby green tea bushes, through luscious grasslands, before passing the Pallivasal tea estates. This will be your first glimpse of Munnar. On arrival, check-in at the hotel. At a height of 1,500 metres, set amidst mountains once known

as the High Range of Travancore, Munnar is a bustling hub of tea plantations. Prepare to be captivated by its dense carpet of tea, sprinkled with Acacias and Red Gum trees, and delighted by its freshly brewed cuppas. Enroute to Munnar take a break for Spice Plantation tour - Munnar is the heaven of spices, and this spice tour will leave your senses tingling with joy. Wander in the captivating farms and witness the plantation of spices like black pepper, cardamom, ginger, curcuma, cinnamon, etc.

Overnight in Munnar.

Day 3 Munnar

Continue with a full day sightseeing of Munnar, watching the mountain goats in the Rajamalai wildlife Sanctuary. Then head to the the Kannan Devan Hills, the perfect getaway with panoramic views of the Munnar Tea Estates and the lake. After lunch you will proceed to Mattupetty, with the rare chance of seeing a herd of wild elephants on the way to Mattupetty Dam.

Next up is the Tea Museum's photographs and machinery during the revolution of the industry, which includes the original tea roller, the 'Rotovane,' and the 'Pelton Wheel'. Today you will also experience the Kathakali & Martial Arts show.

Overnight in Munnar.

Day 4 Munnar – Thekkady (105 Kms – 3 Hrs)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to the spice capital and check into your next hotel. Along the way you will also explore Thekkady. The afternoon is at your leisure. Feel free to walk through the spice market in the Kumily Village. Make sure you leave room in your suitcase for the finest cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, and mace!

First up is the Kathakali, a mixture of art, music, dance, and drama, with majestic costumes, elaborate makeup, and mythological stories. Kalaripayattu is the oldest form of martial arts, with elaborate movements and the sounds of slashing swords. Return to the hotel.

Overnight in Thekkady.

Day 5 Periyar National Park And Spice Plantation

After breakfast at the hotel, explore Periyar and then proceed to Periyar National Park. The reserve's range of flora and fauna is breath-taking and includes more than 100 orchid species and trees such as mangoes and banyans, as well as wildlife like elephants and Bengal tigers. The River Periyar, which is known as the 'lifeline of Kerala', originates in the park's dense forests. Stroll around Lake Periyar, where, with a bit of luck, you can observe herds of wild elephants and bison drinking. The lake also attracts many species of local and migratory birds. Enjoy a boat ride on shared basis (subject to operation).

In the afternoon, visit a spice plantation garden to breathe in the fragrances of spices such as cardamom, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, nutmeg, pepper and vanilla as well as tea and coffee. Return to hotel with rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Thekkady.

Day 6 Thekkady – Alleppey (127 Kms – 4 Hrs)

Post breakfast, check out of the hotel and depart to Alleppey via Kuttikanam which is a hill station in Idukki district and is best known for trekking and adventure sports.

You can explore the cardamom and tea plantations which surround the entire place. Later head to Alleppey and experience the memorable cruise through the iconic backwaters of Kerala. Alleppey is the most popular backwater cruising destination in Kerala and is termed as “Venice of the East”. Kerala claims its title as ‘God’s Own Country’ due to its captivating charm and wonder.

Your comfortable and luxurious houseboat will take you through paddy fields and lined up coconut trees. Indulge in some traditional Kerala cuisines served on board made with various tasty spices and flavours. Marvel the Chinese fishing nets, ancient temples, rustic buildings, paddy fields and swaying coconut trees along the coastline. Having experienced an overnight stay in a houseboat, you have lived a perfect vacation in Kerala.

Overnight in Houseboat.

Day 6 Alleppey – Departure Kochi

Bid farewell to Alleppey and drive to Kochi. On arrival, transfer to Kochi airport to board your onward flight back to Delhi or other destination.

Have a fantastic trip!

ACCOMMODATION LIST (or similar)

City	4-star accommodation	5-star accommodation
Kochi	Casino	Fragrant Nature
Munnar	The Siena Village	Fragrant Nature
Thekkedy	Hotel PepperVine	The Elephant Court
Alleppey	Houseboat	

SERVICES INCLUDED

- ✓ Flight to Cochin [Baggage 15kg]
- ✓ TRANSPORT: Air-conditioned transportation for the entire trip
- ✓ Airport transfers
- ✓ Entrances for the sightseeing
- ✓ Assistance of representative at the airport
- ✓ Accommodation on twin sharing basis
- ✓ Entire stay with breakfast except for houseboat where all meals are included

SERVICES not INCLUDED

- ✗ Visa Fees
- ✗ Early check-in, late check-out
- ✗ Tipping for Guides, Drivers and other local staffs
- ✗ Anything not mentioned in programme



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