

Tour Name: Cochin to Thekkady & Alleppey

Tour Duration: 3 Nights/ 4 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3tpffr3a>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through Cochin to Thekkady & Alleppey tour. Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Kerala as you witness mesmerizing Kathakali performances and explore lush spice plantations. Discover the art of spice cultivation, walking through fragrant fields of cardamom, pepper, and cinnamon. Experience the tranquil backwaters aboard a traditional houseboat, gliding past palm-fringed landscapes and quaint villages. Indulge in Kerala's culinary delights with traditional meals infused with fresh spices. This itinerary promises a blend of cultural immersion, natural beauty, and serene houseboat experiences, offering a glimpse into the soul of Kerala's rich heritage and landscapes.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Cochin to Thekkady (170 kms)

- Arrive in Cochin, a bustling port city known for its rich history and cultural diversity. Transfer to your hotel and settle in.
- In the evening, immerse yourself in the vibrant traditions of Kerala with a Kathakali dance performance. Kathakali is a classical dance form that combines intricate facial expressions, hand gestures, and elaborate costumes to depict mythological stories.
- Following the Kathakali performance, witness a demonstration of Kalaripayattu, one of the oldest martial arts in the world. Marvel at the agility and precision of the fighters as they demonstrate various techniques.
- Overnight stay in Thekkady, anticipating the adventures ahead in the heart of Kerala's spice country.

Day 2: Thekkady

- After a wholesome breakfast at your hotel, embark on a fascinating tour of a local spice plantation. Wander through the verdant fields of cardamom, pepper, cinnamon, and cloves. Learn about the cultivation methods and the medicinal and culinary significance of these aromatic spices in Kerala's cuisine.
- Engage with knowledgeable guides who will enrich your understanding of spice cultivation and processing.
- Return to Thekkady for a delicious lunch featuring authentic Kerala flavors, freshly prepared with locally sourced ingredients.
- In the afternoon, experience the serene beauty of Periyar National Park with a boat safari on Periyar Lake. Glide along the tranquil waters surrounded by dense forests, keeping an eye out for elephants, deer, and a variety of bird species.

- After the boat safari, you have the option to explore more of Thekkady at leisure or indulge in optional activities like nature walks or a visit to nearby tribal villages.
- Overnight stay in Thekkady, relishing the natural wonders and cultural richness of Kerala.

Day 3: Thekkady to Alleppey (135 kms)

- Following breakfast, depart for Alleppey, often referred to as the Venice of the East for its intricate network of backwaters, canals, and lagoons.
- Check-in to your traditional houseboat and embark on a leisurely cruise through the picturesque backwaters of Alleppey. Marvel at the lush greenery, paddy fields, and coconut groves lining the waterways.
- Enjoy a sumptuous lunch onboard the houseboat, prepared with freshly caught fish and locally grown vegetables, cooked in traditional Kerala style.
- Spend the afternoon relaxing on the deck, soaking in the serene ambiance and observing village life along the backwaters.
- As the sun sets over the horizon, enjoy a delectable dinner served onboard, completing your enchanting houseboat experience in Alleppey.
- Overnight stay and dinner on the houseboat, surrounded by the tranquility of Kerala's backwaters.

Day 4: Alleppey to Cochin (60 kms)

- After a leisurely breakfast on the houseboat, disembark and drive back to Cochin, marking the end of your memorable Kerala journey.
- Alternatively, unwind at a nearby beach or indulge in some souvenir shopping at local markets, known for their spices, handicrafts, and unique Kerala artifacts.
- Transfer to Cochin Airport or railway station for your onward journey, bidding farewell to Kerala with cherished memories of its wildlife, spice plantations, and serene backwaters.

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Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)**Valid for Travel: 01 October 2026 – 15 April 2027**

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,046	583	518	545	498	485	460	441
4★ Deluxe	1,319	704	640	666	619	606	581	562
5★ Luxury	1,829	999	895	922	874	862	836	817

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,008	541	477	504	456	444	418	400
4★ Deluxe	1,183	628	564	591	543	531	506	487
5★ Luxury	1,419	787	682	709	662	649	624	605

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 189 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 341 | 5★ Luxury: USD 596

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 27 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 53 | 5★ Luxury: USD 107

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 3 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Any flight tickets.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.

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- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 3 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Periyar (Thekkady) x 2 nights: Abad Green Forest/ Hotel Treetop
- Alleppey x 1 night: Deluxe Houseboat (AC During Night Only)

4 Star Hotels

- Periyar (Thekkady) x 2 nights: Amritara Shalimar Spice Garden/ The Elephant Court
- Alleppey x 1 night: Premium Houseboat (Full Time AC)

5 Star Hotels

- Periyar (Thekkady) x 2 nights: Spice Village/ Hills & Hues
- Alleppey x 1 night: Luxury Houseboat (Full Time AC)

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- **Price Changes:** After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- **Role as Agent:** Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
- **Itinerary Changes:** All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.
- **Rate Modifications:** Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.
- **Liability Disclaimer:** We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- **Damage, Loss, or Injury:** We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- **Insurance:** We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- **Unforeseen Circumstances:** We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.