

Tour Name: Kerala Backwater & Andaman Island

Tour Duration: 14 Nights/ 15 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/v5eedyc>

Tour Overview

Embark on a mesmerizing journey through Kerala's tranquil backwaters and the pristine islands of Andaman with our "Kerala Backwater & Andaman Island" tour. Begin in Cochin, where historic sites like Fort Kochi and the vibrant culture of Kathakali dance await. Traverse Munnar's tea estates and Thekkady's wildlife sanctuaries, soaking in nature's splendor. Experience the serenity of Kumarakom's backwaters before cruising on a traditional houseboat in Alleppey. Fly to the Andaman Islands for sun-kissed days at Neil and Havelock Islands, where turquoise waters and coral reefs beckon, culminating in cultural explorations in Port Blair. This journey promises a blend of relaxation, adventure, and cultural immersion across two of India's most enchanting regions.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Cochin

- Arrive in Cochin and transfer to your hotel.
- Attend a traditional Kathakali Dance Show, an ancient form of Kerala dance-drama showcasing vibrant costumes, intricate makeup, and dramatic storytelling through rhythmic movements.

Day 2: Cochin - Munnar (140km)

- After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a full day of sightseeing in Cochin:
- Explore Fort Kochi and witness the unique Chinese fishing nets that dot the coastline, a remnant of Kerala's maritime history.
- Visit St. Francis Church, the oldest European church in India, and delve into its colonial-era architecture and historical significance.
- Discover the Jewish Synagogue, adorned with exquisite Belgian glass chandeliers and Chinese porcelain tiles that narrate tales of Cochin's multicultural heritage.
- Tour Mattancherry Palace, also known as the Dutch Palace, renowned for its impressive collection of Kerala murals depicting Hindu temple art, portraits of the Rajas of Kochi, and scenes from the Ramayana.

- Wander through the bustling spice markets of Mattancherry, where the air is filled with the aromas of cardamom, cinnamon, and pepper.
- Glide along the tranquil backwaters of Cochin on a scenic cruise, observing daily life along the waterways and catching glimpses of waterfront villages.

Day 3: Munnar

- After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to Munnar, a picturesque hill station known for its expansive tea estates and misty landscapes:
- Visit the Tea Museum housed in a colonial-era bungalow, where you'll unravel the history and process of tea cultivation in Munnar, accompanied by tastings of freshly brewed varieties.
- Explore Mattupetty Dam, a marvel of engineering nestled amidst rolling hills and verdant valleys, offering opportunities for boating amidst serene surroundings.
- Journey to Echo Point, where the hills reverberate with your voice in a natural echo phenomenon, complemented by panoramic views of mist-covered mountains and lush greenery.
- Embark on a trek to Lakkam Waterfalls, cascading from steep rocks amidst dense forests, offering a refreshing retreat into nature's embrace.

Day 4: Munnar - Thekkady (110km)

- After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Thekkady, renowned for its wildlife sanctuary and spice plantations:
- Embark on a scenic boat safari on Periyar Lake within the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, where sightings of elephants, tigers, and a variety of bird species await amidst the tranquil waters and dense forests.
- Visit spice plantations to witness firsthand the cultivation of cardamom, pepper, cinnamon, and cloves, learning about their medicinal and culinary uses.
- Attend a vibrant cultural show at Kadathanadan Kalari Centre, showcasing the ancient martial art form of Kalaripayattu, with its dynamic movements and traditional weaponry skills.
- Explore Mangala Devi Temple, perched atop a hill offering panoramic vistas of the Western Ghats and the plains below, ideal for capturing breathtaking sunset views.

Day 5: Thekkady - Kumarakom (140km)

- After breakfast at the hotel, journey to Kumarakom, a serene village nestled along the shores of Vembanad Lake:
- Visit Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary, a haven for birdwatchers with its diverse avian species amidst lush mangroves and water lilies.
- Set sail on a tranquil sunset cruise across Vembanad Lake, India's longest lake, where shimmering waters reflect the hues of the setting sun amidst serene backdrops of coconut palms and paddy fields.
- Immerse yourself in the rustic charm of Kerala's village life with a visit to local communities, experiencing traditional activities and cultural insights firsthand.

Day 6: Kumarakom - Alleppey

- After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Alleppey, renowned for its enchanting backwaters and houseboat cruises:
- Embark on an overnight houseboat cruise through Alleppey's labyrinthine network of canals and lagoons, offering a glimpse into rural Kerala life amidst swaying palms and waterside villages.
- Indulge in traditional Kerala cuisine prepared onboard, featuring fresh catch from the backwaters and locally sourced ingredients.
- Visit St. Mary's Forane Church, a testament to Alleppey's Christian heritage with its serene ambiance and intricate architecture.
- Explore the vibrant local markets, brimming with handicrafts, spices, and souvenirs that capture the essence of Kerala's coastal culture.

Day 7: Alleppey - Cochin (75km) / Port Blair

- After disembarking from the houseboat and breakfast at the hotel, drive back to Cochin for your onward journey or fly to Port Blair in the Andaman Islands.
- Explore Cochin further with visits to the Kerala Folklore Museum, showcasing traditional art, artifacts, and performances that celebrate Kerala's rich cultural heritage.
- Relax at Cherai Beach, renowned for its golden sands and tranquil shores, ideal for unwinding amidst serene coastal vistas.

Day 8: Port Blair - Neil Island (by scheduled ferry)

- After breakfast at the hotel, take a ferry to Neil Island, known for its laid-back ambiance and pristine beaches:
- Discover Bharatpur Beach, offering opportunities for snorkeling amidst vibrant coral reefs teeming with marine life in clear azure waters.
- Explore Laxmanpur Beach during low tide, where natural coral formations form a picturesque bridge across the beachfront, perfect for sunset strolls and photography.
- Marvel at the natural rock formations of Howrah Bridge, sculpted by the sea's relentless waves and tides, offering a glimpse into nature's artistic prowess.

Day 9: Neil Island

- After breakfast at the hotel, explore more of Neil Island's natural beauty and local culture:
- Visit Elephant Beach, a paradise for water sports enthusiasts with its clear waters and colorful coral reefs ideal for snorkeling and underwater adventures.
- Immerse yourself in the island's rural life with visits to local villages, where you can interact with islanders and sample authentic Andamanese cuisine.
- Relax and unwind at Sitapur Beach, known for its tranquil ambiance and breathtaking sunrise views over the Bay of Bengal, providing moments of serenity amidst nature's splendor.

Day 10: Neil Island - Havelock (by scheduled ferry)

- After breakfast at the hotel, board a ferry to Havelock Island, famed for its pristine beaches and underwater marine life:
- Unwind at Radhanagar Beach, voted as Asia's best beach for its expansive white sands and turquoise waters, perfect for swimming and sunbathing.
- Visit Kalapathar Beach, named after its black rock formations and offering spectacular sunset vistas against a backdrop of swaying palms and clear skies.
- Trek to Elephant Beach for more aquatic adventures, including snorkeling amidst vibrant coral gardens and encountering diverse marine species.

Day 11: Havelock

- After breakfast at the hotel, delve deeper into Havelock's natural wonders and local attractions:
- Embark on scuba diving or snorkeling expeditions at Havelock's renowned dive sites such as Aquarium and Mac Point, exploring the underwater world of colorful corals and exotic fish.
- Explore local markets bustling with stalls selling handmade crafts, jewelry, and local produce, perfect for souvenir shopping and cultural insights.
- Visit the Marine Park to learn about the Andaman Islands' rich biodiversity through interactive exhibits and a thrilling glass-bottom boat ride.

Day 12: Havelock

- After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning at leisure to relax amidst Havelock's scenic beauty and ecological reserves:
- Visit Radha Nagar Beach No. 7, renowned for its untouched natural beauty and pristine shoreline, offering opportunities for beachcombing and tranquil moments amidst the azure waters.

Day 13: Havelock - Port Blair (by scheduled ferry)

- After breakfast at the hotel, return to Port Blair by ferry and check-in at your hotel:
- Visit Cellular Jail, a poignant symbol of India's struggle for independence, where you can explore its historic corridors and cells that echo with stories of sacrifice and resilience.
- Attend the Sound and Light Show at Cellular Jail, a mesmerizing evening spectacle that narrates the saga of India's freedom fighters through light, sound, and dramatic storytelling.
- Explore Samudrika Marine Museum, showcasing the Andaman Islands' marine ecosystem with exhibits on coral reefs, marine life, and conservation efforts.

Day 14: Port Blair

- After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a day of exploration and relaxation in Port Blair:
- Visit Chidiya Tapu, known as the "Bird Island" for its diverse avian population and stunning sunset views over the Bay of Bengal, offering a serene retreat into nature's tranquility.

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- Explore local markets brimming with fresh seafood delicacies, handicrafts, and souvenirs that capture the essence of Andamanese culture and cuisine.
- Relax and unwind at Corbyn's Cove Beach, a popular coastal retreat offering water sports activities such as jet skiing, banana boat rides, and parasailing amidst scenic surroundings.

Day 15: Port Blair - Departure

- After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your onward journey:
- Depending on your flight schedule, visit the Anthropological Museum to delve into the indigenous tribes of the Andaman Islands or explore Sagarika Emporium for shopping, where you can find handicrafts and souvenirs crafted by local artisans.

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	3,743	2,022	1,780	1,800	1,660	1,613	1,540	1,485
4★ Deluxe	4,758	2,571	2,329	2,349	2,209	2,163	2,089	2,034
5★ Luxury	7,686	4,125	3,785	3,806	3,666	3,619	3,545	3,490

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Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	3,652	1,950	1,707	1,728	1,588	1,541	1,468	1,413
4★ Deluxe	4,516	2,446	2,204	2,224	2,084	2,038	1,964	1,909
5★ Luxury	7,831	4,183	3,843	3,863	3,723	3,676	3,603	3,548

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 799 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,265 | 5★ Luxury: USD 2,737

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 63 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 174 | 5★ Luxury: USD 387

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Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 14 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:

- Cochin - Port Blair flight fare approx INR 7, 500 per person in economy class.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- 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 14 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Cochin x 1 night: The Tower House/ The Killians
- Munnar x 2 nights: Abad Copper Castle/ Elysium Garden Hill Resort
- Thekkady x 1 night: Abad Green Forest/ Hotel Treetop
- Kumarakom x 1 night: Eastend Lake Song/ Abad Whispering Palm
- Alleppey x 1 night: Deluxe Houseboat (AC During Night Only)

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- Port Blair x 3 nights: Hotel De Pebbles/ Sun City Resort
- Neil Island x 2 nights: TSG Aura Resort/ Pearl Park Beach Resort
- Havelock x 3 nights: Havelock Island Beach Resort/ Silver Sand Village Resort

4 Star Hotels

- Cochin x 1 night: Casino Hotel/ Le Maritime
- Munnar x 2 nights: Elixir Hills Resort/ Tea County Munnar
- Thekkady x 1 night: Amritara Shalimar Spice Garden/ The Elephant Court
- Kumarakom x 1 night: Gokulam Grand Resort & Spa/ Rhythm Kumarakom
- Alleppey x 1 night: Premium Houseboat (Full Time AC)
- Port Blair x 3 nights: Seashell/ Fortune Resort Bay Island
- Neil Island x 2 nights: Seashell/ Symphony Summer Sands Beach Resort
- Havelock x 3 nights: Seashell/ Silver Sand Beach Resort

5 Star Hotels

- Cochin x 1 night: Kochi Marriott Hotel/ Xandari Harbour
- Munnar x 2 nights: Chandys Windy Woods/ Blanket Hotel & Spa
- Thekkady x 1 night: Spice Village/ Hills & Hues
- Kumarakom x 1 night: Coconut Lagoon/ The Zuri
- Alleppey x 1 night: Luxury Houseboat (Full Time AC)
- Port Blair x 3 nights: Seashell/ Fortune Resort Bay Island
- Neil Island x 2 nights: Seashell/ Symphony Summer Sands Beach Resort
- Havelock x 3 nights: Barefoot at Havelock

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.
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- **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.