

Tour Name: Kerala Nature & Pilgrimage Tour

Tour Duration: 11 Nights/ 12 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/2wdj8uey>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating voyage through Kerala with our Kerala Nature & Pilgrimage Tour. Begin in Trivandrum, where you'll explore cultural landmarks like the Napier Museum and the stunning Padmanabha Swamy Temple before relaxing on the golden sands of Kovalam. Journey to Kanyakumari, where you'll be witnessing the dramatic confluence of three seas and visit iconic monuments like the Vivekananda Rock Memorial. Traverse through Rameshwaram and Madurai, delving into sacred temples and vibrant history. Experience the lush beauty of Thekkady's spice plantations and the serene hill station of Munnar, before immersing yourself in Kerala's famed backwaters on a houseboat in Alleppey. Conclude your journey in Cochin, where historical treasures and cultural performances round off your unforgettable exploration of this southern paradise.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Trivandrum

- Upon arrival at Trivandrum airport, you will be met by our representative who will assist with your transfer to the hotel.
- Check-in and relax. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the local surroundings or unwind at your own pace. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2: Kovalam

- After breakfast, begin your city tour of Trivandrum with a visit to the Napier Museum, which houses a rich collection of archaeological and historical artifacts. The museum's architecture is also worth noting, reflecting the traditional Kerala style.
- Explore the Sri Chitra Art Gallery, known for its exquisite collection of traditional Indian art and paintings, including works from the Rajput, Mughal, and Tanjore schools.
- Visit Kuthiramalika Palace, renowned for its intricate wood carvings and historical significance. The palace was built by the Travancore royal family and showcases traditional Kerala architecture.

- Pay a visit to the Padmanabha Swamy Temple, a stunning example of Dravidian architecture and a revered site for devotees. The temple is famous for its intricate sculptures and the deity Vishnu in a reclining posture.
- Later, visit Kovalam Beach, famous for its crescent-shaped shoreline and serene environment. The beach is ideal for sunbathing, swimming, and enjoying the local seafood. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3: Kovalam - Kanyakumari (85kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Kanyakumari, the southernmost tip of India, known for its breathtaking views and cultural significance. The journey offers scenic vistas of the rural countryside.
- Check-in at the hotel and visit the Vivekananda Rock Memorial, a significant pilgrimage site dedicated to Swami Vivekananda. The memorial is situated on a rock island and offers panoramic views of the ocean.
- Explore the Thiruvalluvar Statue, a monumental tribute to the ancient Tamil poet and philosopher. The statue stands on a separate rock island and symbolizes the unity of all Tamil people.
- Visit Kanyakumari Temple, dedicated to the goddess Kanyakumari, and experience the vibrant local atmosphere. The temple is an important pilgrimage site and features beautiful architecture.
- Enjoy the beautiful sunset at the tip of India, where the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal, and the Indian Ocean meet, creating a spectacular natural phenomenon. Return to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 4: Kanyakumari - Rameshwaram (325kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Rameshwaram, a sacred city known for its religious significance and architectural marvels. The drive takes you through scenic landscapes and rural areas.
- Check-in at the hotel and visit the Ramanathaswamy Temple, renowned for its grand architecture and spiritual importance. The temple features massive corridors and a sacred well.
- Explore Agnitheertham, a sacred bathing spot where Lord Rama is believed to have taken a ritual dip. The site is considered holy and is frequented by pilgrims seeking blessings. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5: Rameshwaram - Madurai (175kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Madurai, a city famed for its vibrant temples and historical landmarks. The drive provides glimpses of South India's rural and cultural landscape.
- Check-in at the hotel and visit the Meenakshi Amman Temple, known for its stunning Dravidian architecture and intricate sculptures. The temple complex includes colorful gopurams (gateway towers) and vibrant courtyards.
- Explore Thirumalai Nayak Palace, a grand structure showcasing the opulence of the Nayak dynasty. The palace features a blend of Dravidian and Islamic architectural styles.
- Visit the Gandhi Museum, which offers insights into the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. The museum is housed in a former palace and displays personal artifacts and photographs related to Gandhi's life. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 6: Madurai - Thekkady (140kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Thekkady, known for its spice plantations and wildlife sanctuary. The journey through the Western Ghats offers stunning views of lush greenery and hills.
- Check-in at the hotel and take a tour of a spice plantation to see crops like cardamom, cinnamon, and pepper. The tour provides insights into the cultivation and processing of these aromatic spices.
- In the evening, enjoy a Kalaripayattu performance, showcasing traditional martial arts, and a Kathakali dance show, known for its elaborate costumes and dramatic storytelling. Both performances offer a deep dive into Kerala's rich cultural heritage. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 7: Thekkady - Munnar (110kms)

- Early morning, embark on a boat safari in Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary to spot wildlife such as elephants, deer, and various bird species. The sanctuary is known for its diverse flora and fauna, set against the backdrop of the Periyar Lake.
- Return to the hotel for breakfast, then drive to Munnar via Ramakkalmedu, known for its panoramic views and windy climate. The drive offers picturesque views of tea plantations and rolling hills.
- On arrival in Munnar, check-in at the hotel and relax amidst the scenic beauty of the hill station. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 8: Munnar

- After breakfast, spend the day exploring Munnar's picturesque landscapes. Visit Mattupetty Dam, offering opportunities for boating and scenic views of the surrounding hills and tea estates.
- Visit Echo Point, known for its natural echoes and tranquil surroundings. The point is surrounded by lush green hills and offers a peaceful atmosphere.
- Explore Kundala Lake, a serene spot perfect for boating and enjoying the lush greenery of the area. The lake is surrounded by picturesque hills and tea gardens.
- Tour the Tea Museum to learn about the history and process of tea production in Munnar. The museum showcases antique tea-processing equipment and provides a detailed explanation of tea cultivation. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 9: Munnar - Kumarakom (150kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Kumarakom, a tranquil backwater destination. The drive offers scenic views of Kerala's rural landscape.
- Check-in at the hotel and visit Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary, home to a diverse range of avian species and a haven for birdwatchers. The sanctuary features serene backwaters and lush vegetation, attracting numerous migratory birds. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10: Kumarakom - Alleppey (50kms)

- After breakfast, transfer to Alleppey boat jetty and board a houseboat for a leisurely cruise through the enchanting backwaters of Kerala. The houseboat provides a unique experience to explore the tranquil waterways and traditional village life.
- Sail through the scenic backwaters, observing lush landscapes, coconut palms, and local village activities. Enjoy the serene surroundings and spend the night on the houseboat. Overnight on the houseboat.

Day 11: Alleppey - Cochin (60kms)

- After breakfast, disembark from the houseboat and drive to Cochin, a historic city with a rich blend of cultures and architecture.
- Check-in at the hotel and go on a city tour of Cochin. Visit the Dutch Palace, known for its historical murals and architecture, and the Jewish Synagogue, one of the oldest active synagogues in India, featuring beautiful Chinese tiles and a rich history.
- Explore St. Francis Church, the oldest European church in India, with historical significance related to Vasco da Gama. See the Chinese Fishing Nets, an iconic

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symbol of Cochin's maritime heritage, where traditional fishing techniques are still practiced.

- In the evening, enjoy a Kathakali performance, a traditional dance-drama known for its vibrant costumes, intricate makeup, and dramatic storytelling. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12: Cochin - Departure

- After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for your departure flight.
- Depart with cherished memories of your Kerala journey, having experienced the diverse landscapes, rich culture, and spiritual heritage of the region.

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	3,149	1,723	1,502	1,568	1,421	1,389	1,310	1,250
4★ Deluxe	3,817	2,024	1,802	1,869	1,721	1,690	1,610	1,551
5★ Luxury	4,872	2,668	2,333	2,399	2,252	2,221	2,141	2,081

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	3,020	1,632	1,410	1,477	1,329	1,298	1,218	1,159
4★ Deluxe	3,433	1,823	1,602	1,668	1,521	1,489	1,410	1,350
5★ Luxury	4,040	2,252	1,917	1,983	1,836	1,805	1,725	1,665

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 534 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 901 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,426

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 71 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 123 | 5★ Luxury: USD 213

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Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 11 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.
- 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 11 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Kovalam x 2 nights: Abad Harmonia Beach Resort/ Uday Suites Shanghumugham Beach
- Kanyakumari x 1 night: Sparsa Kanyakumari/ The Seashore Hotel
- Rameshwaram x 1 night: Daiwik Hotel/ Vinayaga by Poppys
- Madurai x 1 night: JC Residency/ Hotel Royal Court
- Periyar x 1 night: Abad Green Forest/ Hotel Treetop

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

4 Star Hotels

- Kovalam x 2 nights: Estuary Sarovar Portico/ Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel
- Kanyakumari x 1 night: Sparsa Kanyakumari/ The Seashore Hotel
- Rameshwaram x 1 night: The Residency Towers
- Madurai x 1 night: Fortune Pandiyan Hotel/ Regency Madurai by GRT Hotels
- Periyar x 1 night: Amritara Shalimar Spice Garden/ The Elephant Court
- Munnar x 2 nights: Elixir Hills Resort/ Tea County Munnar
- Kumarakom x 1 night: Gokulam Grand Resort & Spa/ Rhythm Kumarakom
- Alleppey x 1 night: Premium Houseboat (Full Time AC)
- Cochin x 1 night: Casino Hotel/ Le Maritime

5 Star Hotels

- Kovalam x 2 nights: Raviz Kovalam/ Vivanta by Taj - Green Cove
- Kanyakumari x 1 night: Sparsa Kanyakumari/ The Seashore Hotel
- Rameshwaram x 1 night: The Residency Towers
- Madurai x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ The Gateway Hotel Pasumalai
- Periyar x 1 night: Spice Village/ Hills & Hues
- Munnar x 2 nights: Chandys Windy Woods/ Blanket Hotel & Spa
- Kumarakom x 1 night: Coconut Lagoon/ The Zuri
- Alleppey x 1 night: Luxury Houseboat (Full Time AC)
- Cochin x 1 night: Kochi Marriott Hotel/ Xandari Harbour

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

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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.