

Tour Name: Kerala Tea Estate, Spice Plantation & Backwater

Tour Duration: 6 Nights/ 7 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/8amzk8bx>

Tour Overview

"Kerala Tea Estate, Spice Plantation & Backwater" offers an immersive journey through Kerala's diverse landscapes and cultural treasures. Begin in historic Fort Kochi, where colonial architecture and bustling spice markets captivate the senses. Journey to Munnar, a hill station adorned with tea plantations and cascading waterfalls, before exploring the wildlife sanctuary of Thekkady and its spice-scented plantations. Cruise the serene backwaters of Kumarakom and Alleppey aboard traditional houseboats, discovering a world of tranquility amidst coconut groves and picturesque villages. This itinerary blends natural beauty with cultural experiences, promising a memorable exploration of Kerala's scenic delights and rich heritage.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Cochin

- Arrive at Cochin International Airport and transfer to your hotel in Fort Kochi. Fort Kochi, a historic area influenced by Portuguese, Dutch, and British colonial powers, welcomes you with its blend of cultures reflected in its architecture, cuisine, and lifestyle.
- Explore Fort Kochi's narrow streets lined with colonial-era buildings, art galleries, and cafes. Highlights include the St. Francis Church, the oldest European church in India, revered for its serene ambiance and historical significance.
- Wander through the bustling spice markets and local bazaars, where the air is filled with the aroma of spices like cardamom, pepper, and cloves. Experience the vibrant hustle and bustle of Kerala's commercial hub.
- Visit the Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Palace), an architectural gem showcasing Kerala murals illustrating Hindu mythological stories and the Ramayana epic.
- Explore the Jewish Synagogue, featuring exquisite Belgian chandeliers, hand-painted Chinese tiles, and ancient scrolls that narrate the legacy of Cochin's Jewish community.

Day 2: Cochin - Munnar (140kms)

- After breakfast, embark on a picturesque drive to Munnar, a hill station nestled in the Western Ghats. The journey offers panoramic views of tea plantations, waterfalls, and mist-covered hills.
- En route, stop at the Valara and Cheeyappara Waterfalls, where cascading waters amidst dense forests create a mesmerizing sight and a perfect spot for photography.
- Check-in at your hotel in Munnar, surrounded by expansive tea estates and serene landscapes, offering a tranquil retreat amidst nature's beauty.

Day 3: Munnar

- Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel, preparing for a day of exploration.
- Visit the Eravikulam National Park, known for its endangered Nilgiri Tahr (mountain goat) population. Enjoy a guided safari through the park's rolling hills and lush valleys, encountering wildlife in their natural habitat.
- Explore the Tea Museum, housed in a colonial-era building, to learn about Munnar's tea plantation history. Witness the tea-making process, from plucking to processing, and savor a cup of freshly brewed tea.
- Visit the Rose Garden, a haven for nature lovers, showcasing a spectrum of colorful blooms amidst meticulously manicured lawns and pathways.
- Explore Echo Point, where the mist-covered hills reverberate with your voice, offering panoramic views of the surrounding valleys and tea estates.

Day 4: Munnar - Thekkady (110kms)

- After a delicious breakfast, depart for Thekkady, renowned for its wildlife sanctuary and spice plantations, nestled in the lap of the Western Ghats.
- Embark on a thrilling boat safari on Periyar Lake within Periyar National Park, surrounded by dense forests and hills. Keep an eye out for elephants, deer, and a variety of bird species along the lake shores.
- Visit a spice plantation to explore the aromatic world of spices like cardamom, pepper, cinnamon, and cloves. Engage in a guided tour to understand their cultivation, harvesting, and processing techniques.
- In the evening, attend a Kalaripayattu martial arts performance, showcasing the ancient martial traditions of Kerala with impressive feats of agility, strength, and weaponry.

Day 5: Thekkady - Kumarakom (140kms)

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before departing for Kumarakom, a tranquil backwater destination on the shores of Vembanad Lake.
- Visit the Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary, a paradise for bird watchers with its diverse avian species, including migratory birds like Siberian cranes and herons.
- Optionally, pamper yourself with a rejuvenating Ayurvedic massage at a reputed spa in Kumarakom, known for its therapeutic treatments and serene ambiance.

Day 6: Kumarakom - Alleppey

- After breakfast, proceed to Alleppey, fondly called the Venice of the East, renowned for its backwaters and houseboat cruises.
- Board a traditional houseboat for an overnight cruise through the scenic backwaters of Alleppey. Relax as you glide past coconut palms, paddy fields, and quaint villages.
- Experience traditional Kerala hospitality on board, with delicious cuisine prepared using locally sourced ingredients. Witness a stunning sunset over the palm-fringed backwaters, painting the sky in hues of orange and pink.

Day 7: Alleppey - Cochin (60kms)

- Enjoy breakfast on the houseboat before disembarking at Alleppey and driving back to Cochin.
- Conclude your Kerala tour with a leisurely stroll through Fort Kochi, soaking in its historic charm and vibrant street art scene.
- Optionally, visit the Kerala Folklore Museum to delve deeper into the cultural heritage of Kerala, showcasing traditional artifacts, costumes, and performing arts.

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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	1,833	1,005	883	925	841	821	775	741
4★ Deluxe	2,242	1,183	1,061	1,103	1,019	999	953	920
5★ Luxury	2,965	1,620	1,430	1,473	1,388	1,368	1,323	1,289

Valid for Travel: 16 April 2027 to 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	1,741	933	811	853	769	748	703	669
4★ Deluxe	1,984	1,051	929	971	887	866	821	787
5★ Luxury	2,383	1,329	1,139	1,182	1,097	1,077	1,032	998

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 326 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 557 | 5★ Luxury: USD 911

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 47 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 73 | 5★ Luxury: USD 143

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 6 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.

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- 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 6 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)

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)

5 Star Hotels

- Cochin x 1 night: Kochi Marriott Hotel/ Xandari Harbour
- Munnar x 2 nights: Chandys Windy Woods/ Blanket Hotel & Spa

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- 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)

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.

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- **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.