

Tour Name: Must See Places of Kerala & Tamilnadu with Kovalam Beach

Tour Duration: 14 Nights/ 15 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/4swkbpe4>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through the enchanting landscapes of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, where rich history meets breathtaking natural beauty. Begin in Cochin, exploring its colonial charm and vibrant culture, before cruising the tranquil backwaters of Alleppey. Discover the wildlife of Thekkady and the lush tea plantations of Munnar, then delve into the spiritual heart of India with visits to iconic temples in Madurai and Rameshwaram. Experience the serene beaches of Kanyakumari and Kovalam, where sun-kissed shores invite relaxation. This meticulously crafted itinerary offers a perfect blend of cultural immersion and scenic adventures, creating unforgettable memories of South India's splendors.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Cochin

- Arrive at Cochin International Airport and meet your driver for the transfer to your hotel in Fort Kochi.
- Explore the charming streets of Fort Kochi, starting with the iconic Chinese Fishing Nets, where you can witness traditional fishing methods against the backdrop of the Arabian Sea.
- Visit St. Francis Church, the oldest European church in India, known for its historical significance and beautiful architecture, including the tomb of Vasco da Gama.
- Stroll through the Dutch Cemetery, reflecting on the colonial history of the region while admiring colonial-era buildings.
- Discover the Santa Cruz Basilica, renowned for its stunning stained glass windows and vibrant murals, showcasing Kerala's rich cultural heritage.
- Explore Jew Town and visit the Paradesi Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in the Commonwealth, famous for its exquisite architecture and historical artifacts dating back to the 16th century.
- Walk through the spice markets and local shops, experiencing the vibrant atmosphere and sampling local snacks, such as banana chips and spicy pickles.

- In the evening, enjoy a traditional Kathakali dance performance at a local theater, immersing yourself in Kerala's rich cultural heritage.

Day 2: Cochin - Alleppey (60kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Alleppey, known for its stunning backwaters, passing through picturesque landscapes dotted with coconut palms and lush rice fields.
- Arrive in Alleppey and board a traditional houseboat, where you'll be greeted with a refreshing welcome drink and a brief introduction to the cruise itinerary.
- Cruise through the tranquil backwaters, witnessing lush green paddy fields, coconut groves, and local life along the shores. Spot traditional rice barges and fishermen casting their nets.
- Visit a local village, interacting with residents to learn about their traditional lifestyle, agriculture, and crafts, enhancing your cultural experience.
- Enjoy a delicious lunch on the houseboat featuring local Kerala cuisine, with options like fish curry, appam, and coconut-based dishes.
- Spend the evening relaxing on the houseboat, enjoying serene views and the sounds of nature as the sun sets over the backwaters.

Day 3: Alleppey - Thekkady (160kms)

- Begin your day with breakfast on the houseboat.
- Disembark and drive to Thekkady, a renowned wildlife destination surrounded by spice plantations and rich biodiversity.
- Visit a spice plantation to learn about cardamom, pepper, and other spices, with a guided tour that includes tastings of fresh spices and insights into their uses in cooking and medicine.
- Arrive in Thekkady and check into your hotel, where you can relax and freshen up.
- In the evening, enjoy a nature walk through nearby trails, guided by a local expert, to appreciate the diverse flora and fauna of the region.

Day 4: Thekkady

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before participating in a bamboo rafting or nature walk activity, offering a unique perspective of the serene surroundings.
- Embark on a boat safari in Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. Spot diverse flora and fauna, including elephants, deer, and various bird species while drifting on the serene lake.

surrounded by dense forest. Look out for monkeys and other wildlife along the shores.

- Return to your hotel for relaxation or explore the vibrant local market, sampling fresh produce and local crafts, perhaps picking up souvenirs.
- Optionally, attend a Kalaripayattu performance, showcasing the traditional martial art of Kerala.

Day 5: Thekkady - Munnar (100kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel before driving to Munnar, famous for its sprawling tea plantations and stunning mountain scenery.
- Arrive in Munnar and check into your hotel, surrounded by breathtaking views of rolling hills covered in tea.
- Visit the Tea Museum to learn about the history of tea production in the region, with guided tastings of various teas and insights into the tea-making process. Discover the art of tea plucking and processing.
- Spend the evening exploring the local market, sampling local snacks, or enjoying a leisurely walk through the tea gardens, witnessing the stunning sunset over the hills.

Day 6: Munnar

- Breakfast at the hotel to kickstart your day.
- Stop at Photo Point, a picturesque location perfect for capturing the lush landscapes and tea gardens, ideal for photography enthusiasts.
- Explore the beautiful tea gardens and enjoy a guided tour of a tea estate, witnessing the tea-picking process and learning about tea cultivation from local workers.
- Visit Eravikulam National Park to see the endangered Nilgiri Tahr and enjoy panoramic views of rolling hills, waterfalls, and lush valleys. Explore scenic trails and diverse wildlife.
- Trek to Anamudi Peak, the highest peak in South India, for breathtaking scenery and a rewarding hiking experience amid rich biodiversity.
- Discover the Atukkad Waterfalls, a hidden gem surrounded by dense greenery, where you can enjoy the cool, refreshing ambiance and take stunning photographs.
- Visit the Kundala Lake, known for its serene surroundings and beautiful views, where you can enjoy pedal boating or simply relax by the lakeside.

- In the evening, visit Chinnakanal Waterfalls, a scenic spot perfect for unwinding amidst nature and enjoying the sound of cascading water.

Day 7: Munnar - Madurai (160kms)

- Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before departing for Madurai.
- Arrive in Madurai and check into your hotel, then head out to visit the iconic Meenakshi Amman Temple, known for its stunning architecture, intricate carvings, and vibrant festivals. Spend time exploring the temple complex and learning about its history.
- Explore the nearby Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace, a magnificent example of Indo-Saracenic architecture, with beautifully landscaped gardens and historical significance. Don't miss the evening sound and light show if available.
- Optionally, visit the Gandhi Memorial Museum to learn about Mahatma Gandhi's influence on the Indian independence movement and his connection to Madurai.

Day 8: Madurai - Trichy - Thanjavur (190kms)

- Start with breakfast at the hotel before driving to Thanjavur, stopping in Trichy to visit Sriranganatha Swami Temple, a magnificent temple complex dedicated to Lord Vishnu, known for its towering gopurams and intricate carvings.
- Next, visit Rock Fort Temple, where you'll climb to the top of the fort for panoramic views of the city. The ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva features stunning rock-cut architecture and holds great historical significance.
- Explore Jambukeshwara Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, renowned for its unique feature of an underground water flow representing the element of water, with beautiful sculptures and vibrant rituals.
- After sightseeing, drive to Thanjavur and check into your hotel, enjoying a restful evening.

Day 9: Visit Great Living Chola Temples in Thanjavur, Darasuram & Gangaikondacholapuram (150kms round)

- After breakfast, embark on a day trip to the Great Living Chola Temples.
- Explore the famous Brihadeeswarar Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its grand architecture and impressive 66-meter tall vimana, adorned with intricate carvings. Discover its fascinating history and architectural brilliance.
- Visit the Thanjavur Palace, which houses a museum displaying art and artifacts from the Chola dynasty, including royal portraits and ancient weapons.

- Head to Darasuram, renowned for its exquisite carvings and architectural brilliance, featuring the remarkable Airavatesvara Temple. Marvel at the intricate stonework and unique design, a testament to Chola artistry.
- Visit Gangaikondacholapuram, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, showcasing stunning temple architecture and rich history, particularly the grandeur of the Brihadeeswarar Temple. Learn about the significance of these temples in the Chola dynasty.
- Return to Thanjavur for an evening at leisure, exploring local markets for traditional handicrafts and silk sarees, and perhaps sampling local cuisine at a recommended restaurant.

Day 10: Thanjavur - Rameshwaram (250kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before embarking on your drive to Rameshwaram, an important pilgrimage site and one of the Char Dham, known for its religious significance.
- Arrive in Rameshwaram and check into your hotel, taking a moment to relax and refresh before your excursions.
- Visit the Ramanathaswamy Temple, renowned for its long corridors and sacred waters, which hold immense significance for Hindu pilgrims. Participate in rituals and explore the temple's stunning Dravidian architecture adorned with intricate carvings.
- Explore Agni Theertham Beach, a serene location where it is believed that pilgrims take a holy dip before entering the temple. Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere and the scenic views of the ocean.
- Head to Dhanushkodi, a ghost town located at the southeastern tip of Pamban Island, where you can witness the remnants of a once-thriving town. Enjoy breathtaking views of the confluence of the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean.
- Visit Rama Setu, the legendary bridge believed to have been built by Lord Rama, which offers stunning views of the ocean and the surrounding landscape. Learn about its mythological significance while soaking in the natural beauty of the area.
- Return to your hotel in Rameshwaram for an evening at leisure, reflecting on the day's spiritual and scenic experiences.

Day 11: Rameshwaram - Kanyakumari (310kms)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before heading to Kanyakumari, the southernmost tip of India.
- Arrive and check into your hotel.

- Rest time to relax and witness the breathtaking sunset from the beach, where the sun dips into the ocean, creating a magical ambiance.

Day 12: Kanyakumari - Kovalam (80kms)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before visiting the iconic Vivekananda Rock Memorial, a serene tribute to Swami Vivekananda, and the nearby Thiruvalluvar Statue, enjoying panoramic views of the sea and learning about their significance.
- Explore the Kanyakumari Temple, dedicated to the goddess Kanyakumari, known for its spiritual significance and beautiful architecture, attracting devotees from all over India.
- Visit local markets for souvenirs or take a boat ride to Pamban Island, enjoying the scenic views and peaceful surroundings, ideal for a relaxing experience.
- Visit Nagercoil to see the St. Francis Xavier Church, a beautiful church known for its stunning architecture and peaceful ambiance, making it a serene place for reflection.
- Explore Padmanabhapuram Palace, an architectural marvel showcasing the history of the region with its intricate wooden carvings, historical artifacts, and lush gardens that narrate the royal heritage of Travancore.
- After sightseeing, drive to Kovalam and check into your hotel, where you can unwind and prepare for the relaxing beach days ahead.

Day 13: Kovalam

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Napier Museum, which showcases Kerala's rich heritage through art and historical artifacts, including exquisite sculptures, ancient bronzes, and antique jewelry, providing insights into the region's cultural history.
- Explore the Sri Chitra Art Gallery, home to an impressive collection of traditional and modern Indian art, featuring works by renowned artists, including traditional Kerala paintings and masterpieces from the Raja Ravi Varma school.
- Visit the Kuthiramalika Palace Museum, offering insights into the royal history of Travancore, with its exquisite architecture and artifacts from the royal family, including paintings and royal paraphernalia.
- Explore the Kerala Arts and Crafts Village, where you can appreciate traditional crafts and artworks, and purchase local handicrafts as souvenirs, including handwoven textiles and pottery.

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- Visit the Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram, known for its intricate architecture and deep religious significance. Admire the majestic deity reclined on the serpent Anantha and the temple's ornate carvings.
- Take a leisurely stroll at Lighthouse Beach, famous for its historic lighthouse and scenic beauty; walk along the shoreline to capture stunning views of the Arabian Sea and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere.
- Consider visiting Hawa Beach, known for its calm waters, perfect for swimming and relaxation, or explore nearby shops and local eateries for a taste of local cuisine.
- End your day with an optional sunset view from the beach, soaking in the tranquil ambiance as the sun sets over the horizon.

Day 14: Kovalam

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, followed by another day of leisure in Kovalam.
- Spend the day free to relax and engage in personal activities, such as indulging in Ayurvedic treatments, yoga sessions, or exploring local shops and cafes.
- Optional activities include beach games, sunbathing, or simply enjoying the tranquil surroundings.

Day 15: Kovalam - Trivandrum Airport (20kms) or Cochin Airport (250kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out.
- Transfer to Trivandrum Airport or Cochin Airport for your onward journey, concluding your memorable tour of Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)

Valid for Travel: Until 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	4,139	2,276	2,014	2,020	1,831	1,814	1,709	1,629
4★ Deluxe	4,881	2,595	2,334	2,339	2,150	2,133	2,028	1,949
5★ Luxury	6,331	3,540	3,070	3,076	2,887	2,870	2,764	2,685

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 663 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,085 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,799

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 97 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 162 | 5★ Luxury: USD 285

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:

- Any flight ticket
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in 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
- Alleppey x 1 night: Deluxe Houseboat (AC During Night Only)
- Thekkady x 2 nights: Abad Green Forest/ Hotel Treetop
- Munnar x 2 nights: Abad Copper Castle/ Elysium Garden Hill Resort
- Madurai x 1 night: JC Residency/ Hotel Royal Court
- Thanjavur x 2 nights: Sangam Hotels
- Rameshwaram x 1 night: Daiwik Hotel/ Vinayaga by Poppys

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- Kanyakumari x 1 night: Sparsa Kanyakumari/ The Seashore Hotel
- Kovalam x 3 nights: Abad Harmonia Beach Resort/ Uday Suites Shanghumugham Beach

4-Star Hotels

- Cochin x 1 night: Casino Hotel/ Le Maritime
- Alleppey x 1 night: Premium Houseboat (Full Time AC)
- Thekkady x 2 nights: Amritara Shalimar Spice Garden/ The Elephant Court
- Munnar x 2 nights: Elixir Hills Resort/ Tea County Munnar
- Madurai x 1 night: Fortune Pandiyan Hotel/ Regency Madurai by GRT Hotels
- Thanjavur x 2 nights: GReaT Trails Riverview Resort
- Rameshwaram x 1 night: The Residency Towers
- Kanyakumari x 1 night: Sparsa Kanyakumari/ The Seashore Hotel
- Kovalam x 3 nights: Estuary Sarovar Portico /Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel

5-Star Hotels

- Cochin x 1 night: Kochi Marriott Hotel/ Xandari Harbour
- Alleppey x 1 night: Luxury Houseboat (Full Time AC)
- Thekkady x 2 nights: Spice Village/ Hills & Hues
- Munnar x 2 nights: Chandys Windy Woods/ Blanket Hotel & Spa
- Madurai x 1 night: Courtyard by Marriott/ The Gateway Hotel Pasumalai
- Thanjavur x 2 nights: Svatma
- Rameshwaram x 1 night: The Residency Towers
- Kanyakumari x 1 night: Sparsa Kanyakumari/ The Seashore Hotel
- Kovalam x 3 nights: Raviz Kovalam/ Vivanta by Taj - Green Cove

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

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- 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.

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- 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.