

# Captivating Kerala 7 days



Uncover the delights of tropical Kerala in the south of India. Visit historic Fort Kochi and the picturesque hill station of Munnar with its verdant tea plantations and spend a night aboard a houseboat, gliding along the tranquil, palm fringed backwaters.

## TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Kochi / Ends in: Kochi
- Departs: Saturdays October - April
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:6, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 3
- Hotel Rating: 7 nights 3 - 4 star and heritage hotels  
1 night deluxe air conditioned houseboat
- Tour Guide: Yes (for groups of 6 or more)

## ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

## TOUR MAP:



## QUICK WEB LINKS

India Prices ::: Why Us for India? ::: India Reviews ::: Our India Blog ::: Golden Triangle Tours ::: Kerala Tours ::: Top Spots in India :::  
Festivals & Events ::: Hotels in India ::: Tiger Spotting ::: India - Useful Info ::: FAQs on India ::: India Visas ::: India Gallery

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## Day 1: Kochi

Saturday. Welcome to Kochi. Arrive Kochi airport, included transfer to hotel. Kochi is long famed in the history books, Kochi (formerly known as Cochin) offered refuge to Jews more than 2,500 years ago. The Portuguese founded the first European colony in Kochi in the 16th century. The Dutch quickly followed and eventually, the British. The cosmopolitan mix of cultures makes the city fascinating. This evening we watch a Kathakali performance. Kathakali is the fascinating traditional dance form of Kerala.

Overnight - [Kochi](#)



## Days 2 - 3: Munnar

Kochi - Munnar. This morning we enjoy a guided tour of historic Fort Kochi. We see the elegant Chinese fishing nets and explore the winding streets of the old town, visiting St Francis' Church, Parsi Synagogue (exterior only) and a Dutch palace.

After our sightseeing in Kochi we drive east to Munnar - a picturesque hill station nestled on the verdant slopes of tea plantations. Located at a lofty height of 1600m, Munnar in South India offers breathtaking views of the surrounding hills carpeted with tea plantations. From many locations in Munnar, one can view Anamudi (2695m), South India's highest peak. The rest of the afternoon is free to relax or explore the area. The next morning we'll visit a tea plantation, where we learn about the various stages of tea processing. Overnight - [Munnar](#)



## Day 4:

Munnar - Alleppey - Kerala backwaters. We set off early this morning to visit the Tea Museum of Munnar. After its a scenic 4 - 5 hour drive to Alleppey. Mid afternoon, we board a simply furnished private rice-boat for a journey through the lush backwaters. Our private rice-boat takes us sedately along the enchanting palm-fringed backwaters, covering a distance of some 20 kms, during which time the boat glides past local villages and fascinating scenes of everyday rural life. Watch a beautiful sunset over the backwaters and enjoy tasty meals (starting with a late lunch) prepared by the onboard chef using fresh local produce.

Overnight - [Deluxe rice boat](#)

## Days 5 - 6: Kumarakom

Keralan Backwaters - Kumarakom. We disembark the houseboat after breakfast this morning at Kumarakom. Perched sleepily amongst a tangle of lush tropical waterways known as the Keralan backwaters, Kumarakom is technically a cluster of islands on Lake Vembanad - one of Asia's largest freshwater lakes. This is an ideal place to relax for the next two days and enjoy the beautiful scenery. There is also a wonderful bird sanctuary spread across 14 acres, which is a favoured haunt of migratory birds and certainly worthy of a visit. Overnight - [Kumarakom](#)



## Day 7: Kochi

Alleppey - Kochi - breakfast. Today marks the end of our memorable journey. After breakfast we travel back to Kochi and transfer to the airport. Please note: flights from Kochi should depart after 2pm.

### WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

### Trip Highlights

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- Kochi - Fort Kochi, Dutch Palace, St Francis' Church and Chinese fishing nets
- Munnar Hill Station and tea plantations
- Spice plantation
- Kumarakom - A picturesque cluster of islands
- Lake Vembanad - one of Asia's largest freshwater lakes
- The palm-fringed backwaters
- Coastal Alleppey - gateway to the backwaters
- Kathakali dance performance

16 FEB - 22 FEB	USD \$1,339	USD \$769
02 MAR - 08 MAR	USD \$1,339	USD \$769
30 MAR - 05 APR	USD \$1,339	USD \$769
12 OCT - 18 OCT	USD \$1,339	USD \$769
09 NOV - 15 NOV	USD \$1,339	USD \$769
23 NOV - 29 NOV	USD \$1,339	USD \$769

## What's Included

- 6 breakfasts
- 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- 5 nights 3-4 star and heritage hotels, 1 night deluxe air-conditioned houseboat
- Guided tour of the Tea Museum in Munnar
- Houseboat cruise along the Keralan backwaters
- Guided tour of Fort Kochi
- Traditional Kathakali dance show
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on day 1 and day 7
- Services of local English speaking specialist guides
- English speaking Indian tour leader for groups of 6 or more
- All relevant transfers and transportation

## Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Kerala - Premium Houseboat Supplement	USD \$79	USD \$79

## What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Entrance Fees: \$20-25 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$20-25 USD

## PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,339

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers. To date we have not cancelled a single trip

### 2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
03 NOV - 09 NOV	USD \$1,339	USD \$769
17 NOV - 23 NOV	USD \$1,339	USD \$769
15 DEC - 21 DEC	USD \$1,339	USD \$769

### 2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
19 JAN - 25 JAN	USD \$1,339	USD \$769