



Earthbound Expeditions

Kerala Tour

8 days, from US\$987 per person

Duration

8 days

Group size

Unlimited People

Country

India

Kerala tour in India: known as God's own country Kerala is a strip of a state on the southwestern edge of the Indian peninsula, just 650 km long and 120 km at its widest. This land, sandwiched between the Arabian Sea to the west and a...

Day by day

Day 1

Cochin Arrival by flight

Today morning you will arrive at Cochin International Airport. Following customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, an Earthbound representative will meet you as you EXIT the ARRIVALS TERMINAL building and transfer you to your hotel. Proceed for check-in. Relax for the day and in the evening proceed for a private Sunset Cruise on Kochi Harbour. In the one hour cruise you can enjoy seaside view of Fort Kochi like Bolgatty Island, Willington Island, the Kochi shipyard and the structurally impressive Chinese fishing nets. Overnight at Cochin.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: None, arrival day Night: Hotel, Cochin Meals: None

Day 2

Cochin

Post breakfast. Proceed for half day sightseeing of Cochin including Asia's best preserve Synagogue, the Dutch Palace and the oldest European Church in India – the St. Francis Church where Vasco De Gama was originally buried. A leisurely walk through the Fort Cochin area which gives you a close look at the operation of the huge cantilevered Chinese fishing nets etc. In the evening proceeds to the Cultural Art Center that showcase Kerala's best known dance drama Kathakali. Interesting make up application demonstration of the show starts an hour before the show. Overnight at Cochin.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Cochin Meals: Breakfast

Day 3

Cochin – Munnar – 130Kms – 3Hrs

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and drive to Munnar. A scenic drive to the famous hill station Munnar at an altitude of nearly 6000 ft. Here the British government established their summer retreat many years ago, thus avoiding the summer heat of the coastal regions. On reaching Munnar, check in to your Hotel / Resort and get tuned to the new chilling atmosphere. Later on, you can pay a visit to the famous 'Tea Museum' in Munnar Town surrounded by tea Gardens- the only Museum of its kind; which illustrates the timeworn method of Tea production! Then opt for a little shopping at own convenience. Overnight at the Munnar.

Altitude: 1,600 m On foot: None, 3 hr drive Night: Hotel, Munnar Meals: Breakfast

Day 4

Munnar

This day is devoted to sightseeing in & around the mesmeric Munnar. Start with a visit to the Eravikulam national park (Rajamala National Park), which is located about 15 km away from Munnar. This park is home to 'Nilgiri Tahr' (endangered mountain goat) and 'Atlas Moth' (one of the world's biggest moths) plus, plenty of exotic plants. Go trekking inside the park and rekindle your adventurous self. After charging up the self, visit the pleasant Dam Reservoir area at Mattupetty. Here you may avail boating facilities too. Later, visit 'Eco Point' – a spot where, as its name implies, you can hear multiple echoes of your own sound. This is also an ideal location for nature walks. After enjoying Echo Point, go to 'Kundala' – the location of an artificial dam & catchment area; set in a fantasy filmy style. As night falls, return to your lodgings at Munnar. Overnight stay at Munnar.

Altitude: 1,600 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Munnar Meals: Breakfast

Day 5

Munnar- Thekkady – 90 kms – 2 Hrs 30 mins

Transfer to Thekkady, Drive through one of those most picturesque hill highways of Kerala. Periyar has one of the world's most fascinating Natural wildlife reserves noted for its geography, diverse wildlife and scenic beauty. Upon arrival proceed for check in. You will be taken to some of the spice plantations in the area that grow some of the finest quality spices in the world. The most popular spices are cardamom, pepper, cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon. The plantations also contain shops where guests may purchase these spices. Proceed for 1½-hour boat trips around the Periyar Lake which is the main way to tour the sanctuary without taking a guided walk. Sighting the elephants from the boat is very easy, as they come in herds near the lake to frolic in the water. Overnight at Thekkady.

Altitude: 900 m On foot: None, 2–3 hr drive Night: Hotel, Thekkady Meals: Breakfast

Day 6

Thekkady- Alleppey

Today After breakfast, transfer to the Houseboat Embarkation point. The Kerala houseboats used to form an inseparable ingredient of the way of life in Kerala, this traditional boat is locally called as Kettuvallom. Your private boat will be facilitated with bed rooms, bath rooms, living area, sun deck, dining and beautiful corridor. The boat will also have a Kitchen that prepares all your Lunch onboard. A Journey through the curving and winding Kerala backwaters in houseboats of Kerala is an experience of returning to nature. The boat will be anchored in the lake for overnight stay.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: None, 4 hr drive Night: Houseboat, Alleppey Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

Alleppey – Kumarakom

After breakfast proceed to your island home and check-in to your pre-booked Water front Resort. A land breathtakingly beautiful, peacefully serene and pristine, it offers a magical experience. Enjoy the water front and view the spectacular sunset. Engage yourselves with activities at the resort like fishing expeditions, Cycling, Water sports etc. Overnight stay at Kumarakom.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: None, 1 hr drive Night: Resort, Kumarakom Meals: Breakfast

Day 8

Kumarakom- Cochin Airport – 90Kms / 2.5Hrs

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and transfer to Cochin Airport, to board your flight to your home town.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: None, 2–3 hr drive Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- Arrival- Departure Assistance.
- Accommodation in the above mentioned Hotels on double sharing basis for 07 Nights / 08 days
- Buffet breakfast for the duration of the stay.
- Overnight Deluxe/ Premium House boat cruise including all meals in the backwaters of Alleppey.
- Sunset Cruise, Cultural Show and Guided Sightseeing at Cochin
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Not included

- Air fare (Domestic / international)
- Any item of personal nature like, laundry, tips, camera etc
- Any alcoholic beverages

Spice Plantation Visit and Periyar boating at Thekkady

- Tea Museum visit and Eravikulam National park visit.
- All monument and entrance fee
- All sightseeing mentioned in the Itinerary
- Transportation Throughout the tour - Transfers, sightseeing/excursions & surface travel as per program using Air-conditioned Indigo/ Innova Car/ Tempo with English speaking driver inclusive of fuel charges, parking, taxes, drivers allowance etc.
- Government Service Tax