

# Kerala 8 Nights / 7 Days Itinerary

**Travel Style: Scenic | Cultural | Relaxing | Solo Travel Friendly**

**Arrival/Departure: Kochi (Cochin) International Airport**

## Day 1: Arrival in Kochi – Explore Fort Kochi & Marine Drive

- **Arrival:** Land at Kochi Airport, transfer to hotel in Fort Kochi.
- **Explore:**
  - **St. Francis Church** – India's oldest European church.
  - **Fort Kochi Street Art & Jew Town** – culture and photo-perfect lanes.
  - **Chinese Fishing Nets** at sunset.
  - Evening walk on **Marine Drive** or ferry ride.

**Stay:** Kochi (boutique hotel/homestay in Fort Kochi)

**Food Tip:** Try seafood at Fusion Bay or Kashi Art Café.

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## Day 2: Kochi to Munnar (130 km | 4-5 hrs)

- **Morning Drive:** Scenic ride through tea gardens, waterfalls.
- **En route:**
  - **Cheeyappara & Valara Waterfalls**
  - **Spice Garden Visit** – learn about Kerala spices.
- **Evening:** Check into your resort in Munnar and enjoy leisure time with valley views.

**Stay:** Munnar (tea estate view recommended)

**Tip:** Carry a light jacket; Munnar can be cool in evenings.

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## Day 3: Munnar Local Sightseeing

- **Eravikulam National Park** – Home to Nilgiri Tahr and stunning grasslands (closed in Feb–Mar).
- **Tata Tea Museum** – Explore Munnar's tea legacy.
- **Photo Point, Mattupetty Dam, Echo Point, and Kundala Lake.**
- Optional: Visit **Blossom Park** or go for a nature walk.

**Stay:** Munnar

**Tip:** Wake up early to catch foggy sunrises in tea plantations.

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## Day 4: Munnar to Thekkady (95 km | 3-4 hrs)

- **Drive:** A picturesque route with hairpin bends and spice plantations.
- En route: Visit spice shops and cardamom farms.
- At Thekkady:
  - 🐘♂ **Periyar Lake Boat Safari** – Spot elephants, sambar, wild boars.
  - 🌿 Optional: **Nature walk, Jeep Safari, or Elephant Camp visit.**

**Stay:** Thekkady (jungle lodge or spice garden stay)

**Evening:** Watch **Kathakali or Kalaripayattu** show.

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## Day 5: Thekkady to Alleppey (140 km | 4.5 hrs) – Houseboat Stay

- **Drive:** Scenic ride through paddy fields and backwaters.
- **By Noon:** Board a **private houseboat** at Alleppey.
  - Cruise through **Kuttanad canals**, villages, coconut groves.
  - Delicious Kerala meals served on board.
  - Enjoy sunset from the deck with chai.

**Stay:** Alleppey Houseboat (overnight on water)

**Note:** Houseboat halts after 5:30 PM; enjoy tranquil night.

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## Day 6: Alleppey to Marari or Varkala (Optional Beach Day)

- **Morning:** Disembark from houseboat.
- **Option A:** Relax at **Marari Beach** (30 min) – peaceful and clean.
- **Option B:** Drive to **Varkala Beach** (3.5 hrs) – beach with cliffs, cafés, and yoga vibe.
- Enjoy seafood, Ayurvedic massage, or beachside yoga.

**Stay:** Marari or Varkala (choose depending on mood)

**Tip:** Solo travelers love Varkala for its community vibe.

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## Day 7: Back to Kochi (If at Marari: 1.5 hrs | Varkala: 4.5 hrs)

- Return to Kochi with stops for shopping or café hopping.
- Optional visit to:
  - **Lulu Mall or Broadway Market** for souvenirs
  - Kerala Folklore Museum (optional)

**Stay:** Kochi (near airport or Fort Kochi)

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## Day 8: Departure from Kochi Airport

- Transfer to Cochin International Airport with beautiful memories and photos.
- Trip ends

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# Kerala Travel Essentials

Item	Details
Best Time to Visit	Oct – Mar
Travel Mode	Private cab or local buses + rickshaws
Houseboat Type	Private 1-bedroom deluxe or premium with meals
Local Food	Kerala Sadya, Karimeen Pollichathu, Appam with stew