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The route almost every first-time visitor takes, and for good reason: hills, forest and water in five nights with no drive longer than four hours.

5 nights / 6 days Route: **Kochi – Munnar – Thekkady – Alleppey – Kochi**

From **₹32,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1**KOCHI → MUNNAR**

Arrive and climb into the hills

Morning flight from Ahmedabad lands in Kochi by about 11 am. Our driver meets you and you head straight up to Munnar (130 km, 4 hours) with a lunch stop and a pause at Cheeyappara waterfalls. Check in by evening; the temperature drops to 15–18°C, so keep a light jacket handy.

Stay: **Munnar** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2**MUNNAR**

Tea country

Eravikulam National Park early (opens 8 am; closed Feb–Mar for calving season), then the Tea Museum and a walk through the estates. Afternoon drive to Mattupetty Dam, Echo Point and Kundala Lake. Gujarati thali for dinner in town.

Stay: **Munnar** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day

3**MUNNAR → THEKKADY**

Spice forests

Leave after breakfast for Thekkady (110 km, 3½ hours) through cardamom and pepper plantations. Afternoon spice-garden walk, then the boat ride on Periyar Lake (book the 3:30 pm slot). Evening Kalaripayattu show is worth the ₹300 ticket.

Stay: **Thekkady** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
4

THEKKADY → ALLEPPEY

Onto the water

Descend to the plains (140 km, 4 hours) and board your private houseboat at Alleppey by 12:30 pm. The boat cruises the backwaters through the afternoon, anchors at sunset, and the on-board cook prepares dinner — we confirm pure-veg or Jain in writing beforehand.

Stay: **Houseboat** · Meals: **Lunch, Dinner**

Day
5

ALLEPPEY → KOCHI

Fort Kochi

Breakfast on the boat, disembark at 9 am and drive to Kochi (60 km, 1½ hours). Afternoon in Fort Kochi: Chinese fishing nets, St Francis Church, Mattancherry Palace. Evening Kathakali show at 6 pm, arrive at 5 pm to watch the make-up.

Stay: **Kochi** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
6

KOCHI → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Airport is 40 km from Fort Kochi; leave 3 hours before departure. Lulu Mall is on the way if you have time for shopping.

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Return Ahmedabad–Kochi flights
- + 5 nights in inspected 3★/4★ hotels and a private houseboat
- + Private AC vehicle for the whole trip
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner; all meals on houseboat
- + Periyar boat ride and Eravikulam entry
- + Airport pickup and drop

Not included

- Lunches on sightseeing days
- Kathakali and Kalaripayattu tickets
- Travel insurance
- GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹32,000–38,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹48,000–60,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative, including flights at normal fares. Diwali and Christmas weeks run 20–30% higher.

Good to know

Getting there. Fly: IndiGo and Air India Express fly Ahmedabad–Kochi non-stop daily, about 2 h 30 m. Kochi (COK) is the right airport for Munnar, Thekkady and Alleppey. Thiruvananthapuram (TRV) is better for Kovalam and Varkala and usually needs one stop.

Food. Munnar town has several Gujarati and North Indian restaurants; hotels serve Gujarati thali for groups on request. Houseboat cooks prepare pure-veg and Jain meals when told in advance — we confirm this in writing for every booking.

Permits and rules. No permits needed anywhere in Kerala. Eravikulam National Park is closed roughly February to early April for the tahr calving season — check before booking if it matters to you. Padmanabhaswamy Temple admits Hindus only and requires dhoti for men and saree or dhoti over trousers for women.

Pack

- Light woollen or fleece for Munnar evenings (12–15°C in winter)
- Comfortable walking shoes for estate walks
- Umbrella or light raincoat in any month — Kerala rains without warning
- Mosquito repellent for the houseboat
- Swimwear for Kovalam
- Modest clothing for temples; dhoti is provided at Padmanabhaswamy but carry a shawl
- Motion-sickness tablets for the winding Munnar road

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