

# South India & Kerala Classic

Backwaters, hill stations, temples and beaches — the soft, green, spice-scented south.

Duration	11 Days · 10 Nights
Country	India
Locations	Bangalore, Mysore, Ooty, Munnar, Thekkady, Alleppey, Cochin, Kovalam
From (USD)	\$1386 per person
Difficulty	Easy
Max group	12

## Overview

9 days through Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala — Mysore palaces, the temples of Madurai, tea plantations of Munnar, Periyar wildlife, and a houseboat night in Alleppey's backwaters. Ends on the beaches of Kovalam.

## Highlights

- Houseboat night on Alleppey backwaters
- Mysore Palace lit-up Sunday night
- Tea plantation walk in Munnar
- Periyar wildlife boat safari
- Cochin's Chinese fishing nets at sunset

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

### Day 1 — Arrive Bangalore

Arrival, briefing.

**Stay:** 5★ Bangalore | **Meals:** Welcome dinner | **Transfer:** Airport pickup | **Distance:** —

### Day 2 — Bangalore → Mysore

Drive to Mysore. Mysore Palace, Chamundi Hill.

**Stay:** Lalitha Mahal | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC sedan | **Distance:** Bangalore → Mysore · 145 km · 3 hrs

### Day 3 — Mysore → Ooty

Drive to Ooty (hill station) via Bandipur National Park (chance of elephants, gaur).

**Stay:** Savoy Ooty | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC sedan + safari | **Distance:** Mysore → Ooty · 130 km · 4 hrs

### Day 4 — Ooty → Coimbatore → Munnar

Toy train Ooty-Coonoor, then drive to Munnar tea country.

**Stay:** Tea Sanctuary Munnar | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** Train + AC sedan | **Distance:** ~150 km

### Day 5 — Munnar — tea & nature

Tea museum, tea plantation walk, Eravikulam National Park.

**Stay:** Tea Sanctuary | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC vehicle | **Distance:** Within Munnar

### Day 6 — Munnar → Thekkady (Periyar)

Drive to Thekkady. Periyar Lake boat safari.

**Stay:** Spice Village Thekkady | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC sedan + boat | **Distance:** Munnar → Thekkady · 110 km · 3.5 hrs

### Day 7 — Thekkady → Alleppey

Drive to Alleppey. Board your private kettuvallam houseboat.

**Stay:** Private Houseboat | **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner on boat | **Transfer:** AC sedan + boat | **Distance:** Thekkady → Alleppey · 140 km · 3.5 hrs

### Day 8 — Alleppey backwaters → Cochin

Wake up on the backwaters. Drive to Cochin (Fort Kochi).

**Stay:** Brunton Boatyard Cochin | **Meals:** Breakfast on boat | **Transfer:** AC sedan | **Distance:** Alleppey → Cochin · 60 km · 1.5 hrs

### Day 9 — Cochin

Chinese fishing nets, Mattancherry Palace, Jew Town, Paradesi Synagogue, evening Kathakali dance.

**Stay:** Brunton Boatyard | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** Walking + AC vehicle | **Distance:** City

### Day 10 — Cochin → Kovalam (beach)

Drive to Kovalam — Kerala's premier beach.

**Stay:** Leela Kovalam | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC sedan | **Distance:** Cochin → Kovalam · 220 km · 5 hrs

### Day 11 — Kovalam · Departure

Beach morning, transfer to Trivandrum airport.

**Stay:** — | **Meals:** Breakfast | **Transfer:** AC sedan | **Distance:** —

## Inclusions

- ✓ 5★ hotels + 1 night private houseboat
- ✓ All transfers AC vehicle
- ✓ English-speaking guide each city
- ✓ Daily breakfast + houseboat full board
- ✓ All entries
- ✓ Kathakali show
- ✓ Wildlife boat safari

## **Exclusions**

X Flights to/from Bangalore-Trivandrum

X Visa

X Lunches & dinners except houseboat

X Tips

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