

# District tourism dept prepares travel packages

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**Kochi:** Tourism department in the district is planning to start operations by introducing various packages, including trips to various locations in Ernakulam. The department is preparing one-day packages to start with and later will come up with more projects.

One-day tour packages to locations like Thattekkad-Boothathankettu, Kochi city tour, Alappuzha-Fort Kochi, Kochi-Athirappilly, Munnar and Thekkadi have been prepared. "We will start the tourism activities as and when the government issues orders in this regard. Even if started, we will be conducting the operations by strictly follo-

wing Covid protocol," an official with the tourism department said. The department will soon start a booking counter at Durbar Hall ground. The cost of one-day tour package to Boothathankettu and Thattekkad is Rs 1,299. There will be special discount for group booking, the tourism department informed.

In the next phase, the department will prepare packages for two-day tour. Two-day tour packages are being prepared to locations like Thekkadi, Wayanad, Thenmala and Munnar. "If there are at least 18 tourists to a particular location, we will arrange a bus. Otherwise, we will provide cars or other air-conditioned vehicles. The district tourism promotion council

(DTPC) has a 24-seater luxury bus," an official with Ernakulam DTPC said. Officials are all set to provide updates on tour packages through WhatsApp. Anybody who would like to get updates from DTPC should just send the message 'Add Me' through WhatsApp to 790773301Dist1. Moreover, the officials will give clarifications to the queries of tourists through WhatsApp.

As part of World Tourism Day celebrations on Sunday, DTPC and responsible tourism mission have opened a pavilion near Ernakulam boat jetty to sell fish seedlings from September 27 to October 2. Those who want to buy the seedlings should register in advance. For details, contact-9847044688 or 9847331200.