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Cochin (Kerala), India

Popularly referred to as 'God's Own Country', Kerala provides some of the most alluring tourist destinations. Kerala makes for a retreat all year round and is a perfect destination for year end too. The destination attracts travellers from across the globe for its serene mountains, scenic hills, tranquil backwaters, rollicking beaches and an authentic Ayurveda system of wellness. Kerala can be an ideal and preferred destination for anyone, be it a backpacker or an upscale city slicker, to start the New Year on a delightful note.

A must attend during year end is Cochin Carnival, a prominent event in Kerala hosted every year in the last week of December. It runs with the New Year and ends with a massive procession on New Year's Day through Fort Kochi. The highlight of the carnival is the massive procession on New Year's day. Led by an embellished elephant and accompanied by drums and music, it provides an enchanting spectacle. There is also staging of different South and North Indian folk dances during the festivity.

