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MUZIRIS SIGNATURE TRAILS



ONCE UPON A TIME

there was a port that was at the centre of the world's attention. It was the busiest of ports with sailors, explorers and traders making a beeline for it. After the Romans conquered Egypt, it rose to become a key centre for trade between the Red Sea and Indian Ocean regions. Pepper, precious stones, silk, beads, ivory and pottery were exported from here to West Asia and Rome in exchange for gold coins, glass, wine and wheat. For years, this fabled land mesmerised Babylonians, Assyrians, Egyptians, Arabs, Chinese, Romans and Greeks.

So important was the port that it found mention in the 1st century AD travelogue, the Periplus of the Erythrean Sea and in ancient Tamil Sangam texts such as Akananuru and Purananuru. The Roman naturalist Pliny the Elder, who lived between 23 AD and 79 AD, refers to Muziris in his encyclopaedic work Natural History, as 'primum emporium Indiae' or India's first emporium. And then one day, Muziris disappeared. Over the years, the world searched high and low for the almost mythical port and the best guesses for the location of Muziris centred on the mouth of the Periyar River, at a place called Kodungalloor.





TIME STARTS HERE

The Muziris Heritage Project will be a first-of-its-kind voyage into history. Here shrines, forts, palaces, seminaries, cemeteries, boatyards and markets will take you back in time to reveal a million stories of yore. Add to that a cluster of museums spread over the project area - like the Traditional Lifestyle Museum at Chendamangalam that recaptures life as it existed ages ago, the Paliyam Palace Museum that depicts the eventful history of Kochi, the Sahodaran Ayyappan Museum and Abdul Rehman Museum that offer glimpses into the lives of two of Kerala's finest leaders. Complementing this will be various performing arts that represent the non-physical aspect of the heritage of Muziris. The Muziris project has been envisaged without tampering the region's rich bio-diversity, strong social structure and healthy ecosystem.

In the initial phase of the project, eight of the 27 odd museums will be opened to the public along with two archaeological sites, namely, Pattanam and Kottappuram Fort, as well as two synagogues including the Paravur Synagogue that unveils the story of Jews in Kerala. Visitor centres, a virtual reconstruction centre, facilities to travel by boat on the River Periyar to various monuments, cycle tours of the area and circuit tours etc. will enhance the experience.

SACRED LEGACY



Experience the timeless harmony of Muziris, an ancient gateway where civilizations have converged for over two millennia. 'Sacred Legacy' invites you on a profound journey through the Shaiva-Vaishnava-Shakta traditions of Indian philosophy, the serene paths of Christian Harmony, the poignant history of the Jewish Circuit, and the majestic elegance of Islamic Heritage. In this unique landscape, ancient temples, historic churches, synagogues, and mosques have stood side-by-side for centuries—a living testament to human tolerance and shared history. Discover the enduring spirit of a land where diverse faiths breathe as one, offering a rare glimpse into the heart of global coexistence.





SHELTERING FAITH

Jewish Heritage Circuit

Discover the timeless legacy of Muziris, the ancient gateway where the world once gathered for the legendary spice trade. As the historic first home of the Jewish diaspora in India, this heritage circuit offers a rare journey through centuries-old cultural tapestries and architectural wonders. Experience the perfect harmony of lost history and serene natural beauty, where every path tells a story of a glorious past and a peaceful present. Unveil the secrets of the ancient port and rediscover a world of heritage.



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Starting Point:
Paravur Synagogue

Duration: 7 hours

Paravur Synagogue | Chendamangalam Synagogue & Cemetery
Mala Synagogue | Mala Jewish Cemetery | MarekkadKadavu

BLESSED SAGA

Christian Harmony Circuit

Trace the 2000-year-old footsteps of faith in the historic land of the Cheraman Perumals. This curated Christian Heritage Circuit connects the historic shrines of Kottikkavu, Manjumatha, Chettikkad, and Marthoma, offering a rare glimpse into the dawn of Christianity in the East. The highlight of this exclusive experience is a scenic boat cruise through the legendary spice routes, culminating at the majestic Kottappuram Fort. A perfect harmony of apostolic history, colonial legacy, and the tranquil beauty of Kerala's backwaters, this tour offers a world-class cultural immersion.





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Starting Point:
Kottakkavu Church

Duration: 7 hours

Kottakkavu Church | Manjumatha Church | Chettikkad Church
Marthoma Pontifical Shrine | Kottappuram Fort

MONUMENTAL MOSQUE

Islamic Heritage Circuit

Explore the profound Islamic heritage and authentic flavors of ancient Muziris. This curated circuit traces the history of India's first mosque and the legacy of the ancient royal era. Along with visits to historic forts and museums, a special highlight of this journey is the immersion into traditional Muslim cuisine, where ancient Arabian spice traditions meet local culinary styles. It is a perfect blend of spiritual history and a unique culinary heritage, offering an unforgettable experience for every traveler.



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Starting Point:
Cheraman Juma Masjid

Duration: 7 hours

Cheraman Juma Masjid | Cheraman Parambu | Kottappuram Fort
Kottappuram Waterfront | Abdul Rahman Sahib Museum
Culinary Heritage Experience



THE HOLY TRIO

Shaiva - Vaishnava - Shaktheya Circuit

A Heritage Pilgrimage Experience a unique pilgrimage through the heart of ancient Muziris, a land steeped in the legacy of the Cheraman Perumals. This circuit offers a rare opportunity to witness the harmonious blend of Kerala's traditional Shaiva, Vaishnava, and Shaktheya traditions. Connecting four sacred shrines that are part of the Muziris Heritage Project, this journey immerses you in the ancient spiritual culture and heritage where history and devotion intertwine seamlessly.



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Starting Point:
Visitors Centre

Duration: 5 hours (Half Day)

Visitors Center | Thrikkulasekharapuram Sri Krishna Temple
Keezhthali Mahadeva Temple | Thiruvanchikulam Mahadeva Temple
Kodungallur Sree Kurumba Bhagavathi Temple

A tropical beach scene featuring several palm trees with green and yellow fronds leaning over a stone wall. The wall is built from irregular stones and has a section of reddish-brown material. The foreground shows calm water reflecting the scene. The background is a dense green forest.

SOUL OF GRAMA

Village Trails of Muziris



Experience the heartbeat of Kerala with Solo Grama, a journey into the quiet, authentic villages of the Muziris heritage zone. Wander through Chendamangalam, where traditional handlooms and ancient palaces tell stories of a royal past. Explore the peaceful streets of Mala, home to rare Jewish history, and unwind in the lush, green landscapes of Chappara. This is not just a tour; it is your chance to step back in time. Witness the simple rhythms of village life, meet local artisans, and discover a world where history lives in every corner. Join us to find the hidden treasures of a bygone era in the warm embrace of rural Muziris.

CHENDAMANGALAM HERITAGE CIRCUIT

To truly experience the heritage of ancient Muziris, visit Chendamangalam village. The legacy of the historic handlooms lives on through active weaving and age-old trade traditions, complemented by the grandeur of Paliyam Palace. Nearby, chendamangalam reveals the region's deep Christian roots and the dynamic art of Chavittu Nadakam. The sites form the vibrant, living essence of the Muziris Heritage Project.



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Starting Point:
Paliyam Palace

Duration: 7 hours

Paliyam Palace | Paliyam Nalukettu | Chendamangalam Shopping
Centre AM Karimbadam Handloom | Kurumba Thuruth

A man with a white cloth draped over his shoulder is climbing a coconut tree. He is using a tool to tap the tree. The background is filled with lush green palm leaves.

CHAPPARA

SHATTERED HULLS

Discover the raw soul of the Kodungallur backwaters with a journey that blends legend and lifestyle. Uncover the mystery of Chappara, the hidden 'Rock of Death,' before immersing yourself in the authentic rhythms of rural Kerala—from witnessing the art of toddy tapping and traditional fishing to mastering local spices in a hands-on cooking session. It's more than a tour; it's your gateway to the living traditions and timeless flavors of the Muziris hinterlands."



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Starting Point:
**Muziris International
Convention Centre**

Duration: 7 hours

Coconut climbing | Toddy tapping | experiencing the cuisine of villages
Canoeing and Fishing | Watching shrimp farm



MALA

**HIDDEN
HAMLET**

Step into Mala, the hidden heartbeat of the ancient Muziris civilization. A historic crossroads where Jewish, Christian, Muslims and local traditions seamlessly intertwined, Mala remains a living museum of multicultural harmony. From the echoes of the historic synagogue to its serene landscapes, this village offers a timeless journey back to the golden age of the global spice trade. It's not just a tour; it's an encounter with history itself."



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Starting Point:
Mala Synagogue

Duration: 7 hours

Mala Synagogue | Cashew Factory | Oxbow Lake | Sambaloor Church
Pottery Making | Anappara | Coir Manufacturing



EDUTAINMENT PROGRAM

Embark on an extraordinary journey where the classroom moves to the great outdoors! Our Muziris Edutainment Project is a specially curated experience for students, blending ancient heritage with hands-on learning. Discover the secrets of a 2,000-year-old civilization as you explore historic monuments and the legendary ancient harbor. Witness the incredible craftsmanship behind traditional boat building, feel the pulse of nature through scenic backwater boating, and unwind on the golden sands of our pristine beaches. From the architectural marvels of the past to the vibrant ecology of today, this tour offers students a rare opportunity to see history breathe and nature speak. Join us for a day of discovery, inspiration, and fun in the heart of Muziris—where every corner is a lesson and every moment is an adventure!





ROOTS RELICS

Are you ready to listen to a story 3,000 years in the making? The echoes of a bustling port—where Roman coins and Arabian spices were once exchanged—still resonate in this soil. From the corridors of the Paliyam Palace to the sacred silence of the Synagogue, we uncover the legacy of a global citizen. Welcome to Muziris, where education meets exploration!



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Starting Point:
Paravur Synagogue

Duration: 7 hours

Paravur Synagogue | Karimbadam Handloom
Palam Palce | Paliam Nalukettu | Kottapuram Fort | Munakkal Beach

DAY 1

LEGACY QUEST

A curated two-day journey into the heart of an ancient global gateway. From the grandeur of historic palaces to the rhythmic life of ancestral boatyards and weaving hamlets, this study tour offers a rare window into the vibrant Muziris heritage. Join us to explore the enduring harmony and maritime brilliance of a civilization that once anchored the world's spice trade.”



Starting Point:

Paravur Synagogue (Day 1)

Fish Farm Munambam (Day 2)

Paravur Synagogue | Paliam Palace | Paliam Nalukettu | chendamangalam Shopping Street
Kottapuram Kotta | Sea Mouth (one hour boating)

DAY 2



Fish Farm Munabam | Boat Yard | Boat ride on Fishing Boat | Munabam Fishing Harbour



A CRUISE THROUGH THE GOLDEN AGE OF SPICE TRADE

Step back into The Golden Age of maritime glory with a journey that celebrates the timeless spirit of Muziris. At the heart of this experience is a captivating boat journey along the historic spice routes, offering a unique perspective of the legendary ancient harbor. This curated trail seamlessly blends the serenity of the backwaters with the charm of pristine beaches and the echoes of ancient heritage sites. It is an invitation to immerse yourself in the natural splendor and the rich cultural tapestry of a land that once connected the world. Come, sail through history and rediscover the enduring legacy of Muziris

ANCESTRAL ANCHORS (FULL DAY PACKAGE)

Embark on a full-day voyage that bridges the ancient glory of Muziris with the spirit of Renaissance Kerala. Ancestral Anchors takes you through historic spice routes to explore timeless monuments and the landmarks of social reform that shaped Kerala's destiny. Experience an immersive journey where the maritime heritage of the Golden Age meets the living history of a land that redefined its future.

PERIYAR GATEWAY (HALF DAY)

Discover the soul of Muziris on a curated half-day voyage along the majestic Periyar River, the historic lifeline of ancient trade. Navigate the legendary spice routes to reach the Muziris Heritage Museums, where timeless monuments and relics reveal the rich maritime legacy of a land that once connected the world. Experience a journey where the tranquility of the Periyar meets the living history of an ancient civilization.

GOLDEN HOUR (SUNSET CRUISE (1 HOUR)

Experience the majesty of the Golden Age with a boat journey to the great estuary, where the historic river meets the Arabian Sea. Discover the soul of Muziris as you sail through legendary spice routes and breathtaking coastal vistas.





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