

12-Day Kerala & Tamil Nadu Tour Package

A Complete South India Journey of Hills, Backwaters, Heritage & Culture

Overview

Experience two of South India's most distinctive states on one carefully paced 12-day journey. This itinerary combines Kerala's tea-covered hills, wildlife, backwaters and coastal heritage with Tamil Nadu's temples, historic cities and living culture. As a local [kerala tour operator](#), Troper Tours can coordinate the journey across both states with a practical route, private transfers and customizable stays.

The trip is ideal for first-time visitors who want a balanced holiday rather than a rushed checklist. Travelers can explore our [kerala tour packages](#) for additional Kerala-focused options and combine the experience with our [tamilnadu tour packages](#) for extended South India travel.

At a Glance

Duration	12 Days / 11 Nights
Regions	Kerala & Tamil Nadu
Suggested Route	Kochi → Munnar → Thekkady → Alleppey → Kovalam → Madurai → Thanjavur → Pondicherry → Mahabalipuram → Chennai
Best For	Couples, families, friends, first-time India visitors and cultural travelers
Travel Style	Private, flexible and customizable

12-Day Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival in Kochi & Local Exploration

Arrive at Cochin International Airport and meet your driver. Transfer to Kochi and check in. Depending on arrival time, explore Fort Kochi, St. Francis Church, the Chinese fishing nets and the historic streets around Mattancherry. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Kochi.

Day 2 – Kochi to Munnar

After breakfast, drive towards Munnar, Kerala's celebrated hill station. En route, enjoy the changing scenery of waterfalls, spice-growing areas and mountain roads. On arrival, check in and relax. Munnar's high-altitude landscape is known for tea plantations, valleys and cool weather. Overnight in Munnar.

Day 3 – Munnar Sightseeing

Spend the day exploring Munnar. Visit selected viewpoints and attractions such as Mattupetty Dam, Echo Point, tea plantations and the Tea Museum, subject to opening times. Enjoy scenic drives through the Western Ghats and return to the hotel for a relaxed evening. Overnight in Munnar.

Day 4 – Munnar to Thekkady

Travel from Munnar to Thekkady through scenic mountain and plantation landscapes. After check-in, enjoy a spice plantation experience or a guided nature activity. Thekkady is a gateway to the Periyar landscape and offers opportunities for wildlife-oriented experiences. Overnight in Thekkady.

Day 5 – Thekkady to Alleppey

Morning at leisure in Thekkady, followed by a drive to Alleppey, famous for its network of canals, lagoons and backwaters. Check in to a traditional Kerala houseboat or a backwater-side stay, depending on the selected package. Enjoy a peaceful cruise through village landscapes. Overnight in Alleppey.

Day 6 – Alleppey to Kovalam

After breakfast, continue south towards Kovalam. Check in and spend the rest of the day at leisure. Relax by the coast or explore the nearby beach area and local cafés. Overnight in Kovalam.

Day 7 – Kovalam to Madurai

After breakfast, travel from Kerala into Tamil Nadu towards Madurai. On arrival, check in and explore the city depending on arrival time. Madurai is one of South India's major cultural and temple cities. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Madurai.

Day 8 – Madurai Temple & Heritage Tour

Explore Madurai's historic highlights, including the Meenakshi Amman Temple complex and surrounding heritage areas. Take time to experience the city's markets, food and traditional atmosphere. Overnight in Madurai.

Day 9 – Madurai to Thanjavur

Drive towards Thanjavur, an important center of Tamil architecture, art and heritage. Visit the Brihadisvara Temple and explore the historic surroundings. The day offers a deeper look at the Chola architectural legacy. Overnight in Thanjavur.

Day 10 – Thanjavur to Pondicherry

Continue to Pondicherry, known for its French-influenced heritage streets, waterfront promenade and distinctive cultural character. Explore the French Quarter, White Town and the seafront at a relaxed pace. Overnight in Pondicherry.

Day 11 – Pondicherry to Mahabalipuram to Chennai

Depart for Mahabalipuram and explore its remarkable shore-side heritage monuments, including the Shore Temple area and rock-cut architecture. Continue to Chennai and check in. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Chennai.

Day 12 – Chennai Departure

After breakfast, transfer to Chennai International Airport or your onward destination. The tour concludes with memories of Kerala's landscapes and Tamil Nadu's heritage.

Why Choose This Kerala & Tamil Nadu Journey?

- Combines Kerala nature and backwaters with Tamil Nadu's temple and heritage circuits.
- A balanced 12-day route designed to avoid unnecessary backtracking.
- Private vehicle and driver arrangements can be customized around your arrival and departure points.

- Hotel categories can be selected according to your preferred comfort level and budget.
- The itinerary can be modified for families, couples, senior travelers, photographers or cultural travelers.

For travelers looking for broader [kerala holiday packages](#), this itinerary can also be adjusted to add more time in Munnar, Alleppey, Thekkady, Kovalam or other Kerala destinations.

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Travel Planning with Troper Tours

Whether you are comparing a [travel agency in Kerala](#) for a private South India holiday or looking for specialist [kerala tour packages](#) and [tamilnadu tour packages](#), this 12-day route provides a strong starting point. Families can also consider our [Kerala family package](#), while couples may prefer our [Kerala honeymoon package](#) for a shorter Kerala-focused holiday.

Inclusions & Exclusions

Typical Inclusions

- Accommodation according to the selected hotel category.
- Daily breakfast at hotels, unless otherwise specified.
- Private transportation for the itinerary.
- Airport / railway station transfers as applicable.
- Driver allowances, tolls and standard parking charges.
- Houseboat stay or backwater experience in Alleppey, if included in the selected plan.
- Assistance from Troper Tours during the trip.

Typical Exclusions

- International or domestic airfare unless specifically included.
- Personal expenses, laundry, shopping and telephone charges.
- Entry tickets, boating fees and optional activities unless included.
- Lunches and dinners unless specifically mentioned.
- Travel insurance.
- Any service not expressly listed under inclusions.

Customisation Options

The 12-day itinerary can be customized based on flight timings, hotel preferences, travel pace and interests. You can add or remove destinations, upgrade accommodations, include cultural experiences, or extend the trip into other parts of South India.