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Sanctuaries & Reserves to be visited in Kerala ...



1. Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary



Periyar National Park Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary also called as “Thekkady Wildlife Sanctuary” is one of the ultimate or sizzling wildlife destinations in Kerala nestled in the hills of the Western Ghats. The Periyar Sanctuary which is extent above an area of 675 sq. km houses 26 sq. km Periyar Lake (heart of sanctuary) and many native or local, strange and threatened species of animals, birds and plants. No wonder here you will watch around 1800 flowering plants, 171 grass species, 143 species of orchids, 35 species of mammals, 265 species of birds and many more.

It's really not wrong to say Periyar Sanctuary is one of the place which closed tourists with some really interesting wildlife such as the Malabar Giant Squirrel, flying squirrel and lion tailed Macaques etc. as well as its thrilling activities like trekking, elephant riding in jungle, boating at the Periyar Lake and more are exciting.

Best Time to Visit : November to April .

2. Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary



Parambikulam Wildlife SanctuaryParambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary which is present day under attention of UNESCO for announced as a World Heritage Site is located in the Palakkad district of Kerala enthrall tourists through its various interesting features such as rich flora and fauna, four native tribes that have built their colonies in the sanctuary and last but not least wildlife in their natural place.

Here tourists look around 39 species of mammals, 16 species of amphibians, 268 varieties of birds, 61 species of reptiles, 124 types of butterflies and more, watch towers are also created here which helps tourists in spotting wildlife.

So it's not wrong say if you are a wildlife enthusiast, the Parambikulam Sanctuary is the good place to watch animals such as Lion Tailed Macaques, King Cobras, storks, rollers etc.

Best Time to Visit: November to April.

3. Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary



Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary, 40 km from Thodupuzha, is nestled between two rivers Cheruthoni and Periyar is a wonderful sanctuary which is extent above 77 sq.kilometres enclosed a thick cover of evergreen forests or a huge range of wildlife.

Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary offers tourist's boat rides in the rivers which provide a scenic view of the surroundings and a glimpse of wildlife such as Sambhars, Wild Dogs, Jungle Cats, and Tigers etc. Apart from breath-taking scenic wonders a point that captivates tourists is trekking, but for forest trekking is possible only with a prior permission from the forest department.

Best Time to Visit: December to April.

4. Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary



Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary which is also under attention of UNESCO for being announced as a World Heritage Site is situated on Tamil Nadu border at Rajamala Udumalpet Road (SH 17) in Idukki district.

Chinnar which is extent above 90 sq.km is different from other sanctuaries because of its sharp scrub forest as it receives rain for only 48 days in the year and hence ideal for particular or unique vegetation.

Beside thorny scrub forest, other highlights that enthrall tourists are: famous sandalwood forests, waterfalls, nature walks, trekking or camping inside the sanctuary. Watch towers are also created here for tourists to observe animals.

Best Time to Visit: December to April.

5. Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary



Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, portion of the Wayanad Plateau noted for an extension of Bandipur National Park and a part of the Nilgiri Biosphere extent above an area of 344 sq.km has comprises a lot of fascinating features such as rich brief forests, huge range of animals including tigers, leopards, elephants, wild dogs, civets, bears etc.

A wonderful valley called “Lakkidi” which is inside the sanctuary experiences the largest average rainfall in Kerala and tribal groups of the Paniyas, Kurumas, Adiyars, Kurichyas, Ooralis and Kattunaikkans.

No doubt here tourists can enjoy a good weather throughout year and elephant rides within the forest.

Best Time to Visit: June to October.

6. Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary



Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary which is not much larger as other Wildlife sanctuaries in Kerala is located near the Agasthyakoodam hill extends over 9.06 sq.Km. has home to a huge range of wild animals including tigers, leopards, sloth bears, elephants, sambhars etc., elephant rehabilitation centre, deer rehabilitation centre and a crocodile farm which houses about 20 mugger crocodiles.

No doubt here tourists get opportunities of lion and tiger safaris. So to get the entire experience of Kerala with sightseeing, nature walks, village walks and more on your wildlife tour browse the different Kerala Wildlife Packages by Travelogy India travel expert.

Best Time to Visit: October to March.

7. Peppara Wildlife Sanctuary



Peppara Wildlife SanctuaryPeppara Wildlife Sanctuary which is extent above an area of 53 sq. km is situated at about 50 km from the capital city of Thiruvananthapuram is famous for its dense forests, eucalyptus plantations, transparent or clear small rivers, rocky areaand a wide variety of species such as tigers, panthers, wild dogs, mouse deer etc. and about 13 native tribal groups that are still not spoiled by civilisation.

Best Time to Visit: October to March.

8. Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary



Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary which is located in the northernmost part of Kerala is famous for a number of hill ranges in compare to other wildlife sanctuaries of Kerala. Mostly all the number of hill ranges in Aralam Sanctuary have an elevation between 50 m to 1145 m but the largest peak is of “Katti Betta” as this hill is wrapped with rich semi-evergreen forests.

Being a part of the Western Ghats, the Aralam Wildlife sanctuary has many lucrative points that attract tourists such as rich flora and fauna and a wide variety of plants and animals.

Best Time to Visit: June to October.

9. Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary



Mangalavanam Bird SanctuaryMangalavanam Bird Sanctuary considered as a bird watcher's paradise is located in the heart of Kochi is well known for its mangroves and the wide population of wholly breeding birds.

The most generally observed birds that tourists spot here are the Little Cormorant and the Black Crowned Night Heron.

Best Time to Visit: May and July.

10. Thattekad Wildlife Sanctuary



Thattekad Wildlife Sanctuary Thattekad Wildlife Sanctuary also noted as “Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary” is one of the ultimate wildlife sanctuaries in Kerala which is famous for its dense population of birds (equivalent only to that of the Eastern Himalayas) and as many as 500 species of unusual or weird birds.

No wonder the most usually seen avian that tourists spot here are the Falcon Grey, Ceylon Frogmoth, Night Heron etc.

Best Time to Visit: May and July.

11. Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary



Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary, also called as “Vembanad Bird Sanctuary” is situated on the eastern bank of the Vembanad Lake (a biggest or greatest freshwater lake in Kerala or in India) no wonder a heaven for all the bird lovers and ornithologists. Besides the interesting Indian ranges of birds, like egret, cormorant, Brahminy kite, waterfowl and heron, this sanctuary is also a favourite destination to watch many wonderful migratory birds like Siberian Stork, Darter, Teal and Egret and many species of coastal and freshwater fishes.

As it is nestled on an island, one required or uses a boat to get there, so no doubt it increase your joy, as to discover the sanctuary and watch birds through a hired cruise or a motor boat or houseboat over the beautiful Vembanad Lake is really a charming experience .

Best Time to Visit: June and August