

# WAYANAD



Wayanad (Wayanadu) is the green paradise full of plantations, wildlife, and forest and lies in the north-east of Kerala. Wayanad Hills are contiguous to the protected area network of Mudumalai in Tamil Nadu on the south-east and Bandhipur in Karnataka on north-east, thus forming a vast land mass for the wild life to move about. Clean and pristine, enchanting and hypnotizing, this land is filled with history and culture.

The vast stretches of mist-capped mountains, green meadows of valleys, white water springs, blue water lakes and wild forests express the splendid natural beauty of Wayanad. Loaded with charming waterfalls, caves, resorts, and homestays, Wayanad tourism is known for its zest ranches and natural life.

## ● EDAKKAL CAVES



What makes Edakkal Caves truly amazing is the unique intricate stone carvings that date back to the Neolithic and Mesolithic ages. The caves are two natural formations that are believed to have been formed by a large split in a huge rock. Thus, they have been called Edakkal, meaning a stone in between. The caves lie in the Ambukuthi Hills and tourists can enjoy a trekking expedition to explore the caves. It takes around an hour to reach the top of the hill and as you go higher, the way gets steeper. You can stop for refreshments at stalls present on either sides of the steep trek and enjoy brilliant views of the scenery. On your way to the caves, the aroma

emanating from the coffee plantations takes you to another world, making your experience a memorable one.

Entrance Fee: 20 per head (extra charges for still and video cameras).

Visiting Time: 10 AM to 6 PM.

Visit Duration: 3 to 4 hours.

Phone: 1-800-425-4747 (Kerala Tourism)

## ● BANASURA SAGAR DAM



Lying in the lap of the Banasura hills in the Wayanad district is the picturesque Banasura Sagar dam. Banasura Dam is the largest earthen dam in the country and the second-largest in Asia. The view of the sprawling reservoir from the top of the dam is breathtaking. Adventures like speed boating are readily available, and a trek up to the Banasura Peak is filled with streams, diverse flora, fauna, lush tropical green and majestic waterfalls. An earthen dam, also known as an embankment dam is created by placing mounds of clay, sand, rock or soil. The view of Banasura Lake from the top of the hill is mesmerising.

Banasura Sagar Dam is opened all days including weekends from 9 am to 5 pm

Entry Fee: 10 per person

450 for 5 persons for speed boating charge

Visiting Duration :2-3Hours