

# IDUKKI



Idukki is an alluring retreat for tourists in God's Own Country. Clad in dense green forest and crowned with verdant mountains, it boasts of Anamudi, the highest peak in India. Besides, it also takes pride in being the abode of the second largest arch dam in the world. Being a part of Chera Dynasty and the home of many early European settlers, Idukki has grabbed a place in history. It has been an important business hub for many ages as teak, rosewood, sandalwood, ivory and peacock etc are said to be exported from here to many far-off countries. Idukki bears testimony of a stone-age civilization, though many historians believe Paleolithic men inhabited here. Remnants of Menhir and Tombs belonging to stone-age were excavated in 1947-48 near Udumbanchola and Peermede.

- **IDUKKI DAM**



The Idukki dam is constructed across the Periyar River, in a valley between the Kuravan and Kurathi hills in Kerala. The awe-inspiring, majestic dam, which stands at 167.68 meters (550 ft), is one of the highest arch dams in Asia. The dam, which is one of the Idukki tourist places, constructed by the

Kerala government in 1975 and supports 780 MW hydroelectric power station that draws electricity from this dam. The sheer magnitude of the structure along with the mountains, verdant vegetation, and 60 sq. km placid lake, which is created by the 3 dams, Idukki dam, Cheruthoni and Kulamavu, captivate the visitors.

Timings: 9am to 5pm only on Public Holidays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Entry Fees: Rs 25 for adults and Rs 5 for children. The tariff for a 15-minute boat ride for 5 persons is Rs. 600.

Trip Duration: 1-2 Hours

- **IDUKKI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**



Spread across an area of 70 sq. kms, the Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the famous tourist places in Idukki. Situated at an altitude of 450 to 748 meters, the sanctuary occupies the forest land between the Cheruthoni and Periyar rivers, and is a natural habitat for several species of animals. Featuring a picturesque lake around the sanctuary, the whole region is covered by tropical, and

evergreen trees. This is one of the most popular things to do in Idukki.

Operating hours of Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary is from 08:00AM to 04:00PM.

Entry Fee: INR 15 (INR 7 for children) and international visitors must pay a fee of INR 150 to enter the sanctuary.

Visiting Duration: 2 Hours