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"place":"1. Alleppey - The backwater hot spot",
"description":"Alleppey tops this list of best tourist places in Kerala with pictures. Its backwater trips, houseboat stays, and serene beauty attract a fair number of people to its territory. In fact it is the most popular place to experience Kerala's backwaters. Lord Curzon's depiction of Alleppey as the Venice of the East is not a hyperbole. A houseboat vacation is what people look for on their visit to Alleppey. There are expanses of paddy fields, quaint chapels, interesting fishing villages, lakes filled with water lilies which make for some of the best places to see in Kerala.",
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"description":"Thekkady is simply a heaven hidden in thick forests and wild
vegetation. You get to see the near extinct species of animals including
tigers, sambars, gaurs and lion tailed macaques. Also, there are elephants,
lions, deers, bison, boars, and the Great Indian tigers. Probably, the most
favored among the Kerala's tourist places, Thekkady boasts of abundant beauty
and exotic wildlife. Its trekking path from Moozhiyar to Thekkady Gavi is one
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celebrations, deep strong massages, Ayurvedic treatments, sunbathing fests,
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is always buzzing with activities. People from different countries, cultures,
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which is rated amongst the best tourist places in Kerala. Many Indian movies,
like Rang De Basanti, are filmed in the fort premises. The sea breeze passing
through your hair, the pleasant weather and good company are key ingredients
to have good time in Bekal. Owing to exotic beauty and serenity, Bekal is
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cuisine", "description":"Kozhikode, also known as Calicut, is one of the most
active commercial cities in Kerala. The place is famous for its culture,
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historical sites, educational institutions, and culinary experiences. The architecture of the city has strong influences of the Dutch and the British. It is known for its authentic Malabar food and the exotic spices that make the food so delicious. When in Calicut, don't miss on delicacies like Dum Biryani, Kallummakkaya, Chatti Pathiri, and Dal Halwa.", "image": "https://d27k8xmh3cuzik.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Kozhikode-in-Kerala.jpg", "besttime": "September to May", "airport": "Karipur International Airport in Calicut is just 28 km away.", "railwaystation": "Kozhikode Railway Station is well within the city limits."}, {"place": "10. Varkala - One of Kerala's most scenic seashores", "description": "Varkala is one of the best seaside places in Kerala. The enticing coastline with cliffs on one side and lush greenery on the other attracts thousands of tourists and water-adventure enthusiasts to the beach. It is popular for activities like boat riding, surfing, parasailing, jetting, horse-riding are the life of the beach. The unmatched beauty of the beach is at its prime during sunsets. The hues of colorful rays make for a surreal atmosphere. Add a dash of luxury by choosing from the most exotic beach resorts in Kerala, around Varkala and you are set.", "image": "https://d27k8xmh3cuzik.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Varkala-in-Kerala.jpg", "besttime": "August to mid-May", "airport": "Trivandrum International Airport is 53 km away.", "railwaystation": "Varkala Sivagiri Railway Station is well within the city limits."}, {"place": "11. Kannur - The picture perfect coastal town", "description": "Kannur, formerly known as Cannanore is another scenic places to visit in Kerala, popular for weaving industries. Feel the charm of this beautiful colonial town, located at the north eastern coast of Kerala with its sun-kissed beaches bordered by luxuriant cashew plantations, ancient temples, splendid monuments and British and Dutch style buildings.", "image": "https://d27k8xmh3cuzik.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/kannur-est-places-kerala-refurnb73673.jpg", "besttime": "October to March to enjoy a cool climate.", "airport": "Calicut International Airport", "railwaystation": "Kannur Main"}, {"place": "12. Kasargod - A coastal paradise in Kerala", "description": "Located close to Bekal, tucked between Western Ghats on one side and azure Arabian Sea on the other, Kasargod is an entrancing beauty of 'God's own country.' Featuring rolling hills, plush coconut plantations, soothing sea breeze, and host of heritage temples, it attracts peace-loving travelers but and considered as one of the most photogenic places in Kerala.", "image": "https://d27k8xmh3cuzik.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/kasargod-est-places-kerala-refurnb73773.jpg", "besttime": "June to November and January to February. Avoid summer months as they are warm and humid.", "airport": "Mangalore International Airport", "railwaystation": "Kasargod has its own railhead"}, {"place": "13. Kizhunna Beach - For complete solace and serenity", "description": "Listed as one of the secluded beaches in Kerala, Kizhunna Beach is beautiful, less crowded and pristine. Adorned by reddish and black cliffs and bordered by lush green palm plantations, Kizhunna Beach is the ideal place to relax, unwind and rejuvenate. People visit this scenic beach during weekends and indulge in sunbathing, beach strolls, and swimming.", "image": "https://d27k8xmh3cuzik.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Kizhunna-beach-est-places-kerala-refurnb73673.jpg", "besttime": "Round the year, except June to August.", "airport": "Calicut International Airport", "railwaystation": "Kannur"}, {"place": "14. Idukki - The true gem of Kerala", "description": "If relaxation and rejuvenation is your priority, plan a trip to Idukki. Nestled amidst verdant hills and luxurious forests, Idukki allures ardent travellers, nature enthusiasts, and photography buffs with its

stunning natural aura and attractions. Surrounded by aromatic tea and spice plantations, Idukki is undeniably one of the best places in Kerala perfect for treks, nature walks, and bird watching.", "image": "https://d27k8xmh3cuzik.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Idukki-est-places-kerala-refurnb73673.jpg", "besttime": "June to August and November to January", "airport": "Kochi", "railwaystation": "Theni- 60 kms from Idukki."}, {"place": "15. Munroe Island - For an exciting canal cruise in through Kerala backwaters", "description": "Perched at the confluence of Ashtamudi Lake and River Kallada, 27 kms from Kollam, Munroe Island is popular for canal cruise in Kerala. Named after Colonel Munroe, this place showcases scenic rural landscape of Kerala with thatched houses, coconut plantations, narrow canals, lagoons and mangrove forests. Counted as one of the best places to visit in Kerala, Munroe Island is also famous for Kallada Boat Race held in September every year.", "image": "https://d27k8xmh3cuzik.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Munroe-island-est-places-kerala-refurnb73673.jpg", "besttime": "Throughout the year, except monsoon.", "airport": "Trivandrum International Airport", "railwaystation": "Munroe Island Railway Station"}, {"place": "16. Kavvayi Backwaters (island) - The stunning backwater landscape", "description": "To enjoy the real charm of Kerala backwater, Kavvayi Backwaters island should be on your list. Counted as third largest backwater in the state and one of the most scenic places to see in Kerala, Kavvayi Backwaters island is formed at the confluence of River Kavvayi and its tributaries Kuppithodu, Konkol and Kuniyan. One can cruise in houseboats in and around the islands on Kavvayi Backwaters, locally known as Kavvayi Kayal.", "image": "https://d27k8xmh3cuzik.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Kavvayi-Backwaters-est-places-kerala-refurnb73673.jpg", "besttime": "October to March, for soothing weather.", "airport": "Calicut International Airport", "railwaystation": "Payyanur"}, {"place": "17. Kuttanad - Rice bowl of Kerala", "description": "Located in Alappuzha region, Kuttanad is one of the best places in Kerala to see and experience rural landscape with charming villages, backwater, rivers and agricultural lands. Moreover, Kuttanad is the perfect place to see the globally famous traditional Heritage Agricultural System of Kerala with farmland bordered by canals and inland waterways.", "image": "https://d27k8xmh3cuzik.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Kuttanad-est-places-kerala-refurnb736731.jpg", "besttime": "October to March months are extremely pleasant.", "airport": "Cochin International Airport", "railwaystation": "Alappuzha"}, {"place": "8. Thrissur - Experience rich cultural heritage and pomp", "description": "Thrissur boasts of its rich cultural extravaganza along with scenic splendour like picturesque waterfalls and beaches. Famous for Thrissur Pooram and Onam celebrations, this small quaint town of Kerala is fittingly acknowledged as the 'cultural capital of Kerala.", "image": "https://d27k8xmh3cuzik.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Thrissur-est-places-kerala-refurnb73673.jpg", "besttime": "October to March is best time to visit Thrissur. One can also visit during April and May to experience the grandeur of Thrissur Pooram festival.", "airport": "Cochin International Airport", "railwaystation": "Trichur has its own railway station and well connected with Trivandrum, Chennai, Bangalore, Pune, Mumbai and Delhi."}, {"place": "19. Palakkad - A nature's delight", "description": "Just like a beautiful picture postcard, Palakkad features most awesome weather, picturesque mountains, sparkling lakes, beautiful dams, lush green forests and majestic temples and forts. With vast sprawling paddy estates and tea

plantations, Palakkad, one of the most scenic places in Kerala is aptly known as the 'granary of Kerala'.

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