Thiruvananthapuram

Called the ‘Evergreen city of India’, Thiruvananthapuram is the capital of the state of Kerala. The city comprises beautiful beaches, long stretches of palm fringed shorelines, windy backwaters and historical structures. Along with its natural and historical significance, the city is also popular for its ancient temples that are renowned for their architecture making Thiruvananthapuram one of the most visited pilgrim centers of India.

Sree Padmanabha Swamy Temple

The eye-catching architecture is the prime attraction of this temple. The temple architecture has the right blend of both Kerala and Dravidian styles. Being one of the sacred 108 Vishnu temples in the country, many Hindu devotees visit this holy place every day. Lord Vishnu, the presiding deity in this temple is in the form of reclining on Anantha, the large hooded serpent.

Ponmudi Hill Station

Ponmudi is a breath-taking hill station situated at the southern stretch of Western Ghats. Located within a short driving distance from Thiruvananthapuram, the capital of [Kerala](https://www.india.com/travel/by-destination/kerala), Ponmudi literally means The Golden Peak. Located close to Agasthyar Hills, one of the biggest peaks in Western Ghats, Ponmudi offers excellent trekking and camping opportunities.

Kovalam Beach

Kovalam beach has for long been known as the "Paradise of the South".  
"Kovalam" means a grove of coconut trees and true to its name the village offers an endless sight of coconut trees. The crescent-shaped beach has three parts. The southern most beach, and the most popular, is light house beach.

Priyadarshini Planetarium  
This is one of the most versatile planetariums in the country. The main GM-11 star field projector here can project almost all the constituents of the visible universe. It can also simulate the star-studded night sky over any location on the earth, on any day up to 12,500 years back or 12,500 years into the future.

Kollam

Also known as Quilon or Desinganadu, Kollam is an old sea port town situated between Arabian Coast and the Ashtamudi Lake in Kerala. The most striking way to witness the beauty of this heaven is to take a cruise through its enthralling backwaters.

Jatayu’s Earth Centre

Spread across 65 acres of land, Jatayu Earth's Centre is a rock-themed park built to promote mythology and adventure. The world’s largest bird sculpture is the main attraction at Jatayupara Nature Park.

Ashtamudi Lake

The incredible beauty of Kerala, Ashtamudi Lake, it’s name has been derived from two words 'Ashta' meaning eight and 'Mudi' meaning branch, thereby stating the fact that lake has eight branches. It’s the second largest lake in Kerala. Thick coconut groves and palm trees can be seen all along the banks of the lake.

Thenmala Ecotourism Centre

Thenmala is India’s first planned eco-tourism destination located in the foothills of the Western Ghats of the Kollam district which is recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Thenmala means honey hill.

Pathanamthitta

Pathanamthitta district is known as the 'Headquarters of Pilgrimage Tourism', of the Kerala State. Situated near the Western Ghats and bordered by the hills, Pathanamthitta district is a treat to eyes with its vast unending stretches of forests, rivers and rural landscapes. Blessed by nature, the district is famous for its scenic beauty, fairs and festivals.

Aranmula

Aranmula, a UN heritage site, is famous for two things - the boat race and the Aranmula Parthasarathy Temple. Then, you can also buy an Aranmula Kannadi, an intricately-designed metal mirror made using a secret method that’s been passed down from over generations.

Gavi

Gavi is a great place to go to trekking, but you have to be accompanied by forest officials wherever you go. The way the people treat Mother Nature will create deep respect for Gavi, making it one of the top tourist spots in Pathanamthitta.

Konni Forest Reserve

The Konni Forest reserves are a great place to spend a day with your family if you’re visiting Pathanamthitta, especially because it’s a very well-organised forest resort with excellent guides willing to take you around the place.

Alappuzha

Alappuzha (Alleppey) is known as ‘the Venice of the East’. Offering the best tourist places in Alleppey, this charming place is the hub of Kerala’s backwaters and is home to a huge network of backwaters and more than thousand houseboats.

Vembanadu Lake

Famed as the longest lake in India, Vembanad Lake flaunts its enchanting beauty across several places in Kerala. However, while romancing the Alleppey Backwaters, you can enjoy the best of while relaxing in a houseboat.

Marari Beach

A perfect escapade for all the holiday mongers, Marari Beach (or Mararikulam Beach) showcases an ideal mix of leisure, fun, excitement, peace, and serenity. Home to some of the world-class Ayurvedic centres in India, this beach can keep you well-introduced with the vastness of the Arabian Sea and its swaying beauty!

Kuttanadu

A picturesque hamlet that spreads across both Alleppey and Kottayam district, Kuttanad is also known as the 'Rice Bowl of Kerala' due its vast paddy cultivation.  But the fact that Kuttanad is among the only few places in the entire globe where cultivation is actually done below the sea level, makes it a much more fascinating place to visit while on a Kerala tour.

KOTTAYAM

Kottayam district is famous for its rich heritage and literary tradition. It is renowned for its spice and rubber trade. Cradled by the backwaters and the Western Ghats, it is epitomised by its stretches of vast greenery, paddy fields and huge rubber plantations.

Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary

A paradise for bird watchers, Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary or Vembanad Bird Sanctuary is situated on the banks of Lake Vembanad in kavanar River basin. The place is spread across a huge area of 14 acres providing a natural habitat to about 91 species of local birds and 50 species of migratory birds.

Vaikom Mahadeva Temple

Vaikom Mahadeva Temple is an ancient temple in Kerala dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple is popular for its annual [Vaikathashtami](https://www.keralatourism.org/video-gallery/vaikom-festival/945" \t "_blank) festival and is considered as one of the oldest temples in Kerala.

Elaveezhapoonchira

Elaveezhapoonchira is one of the eminent tourist spots in the Indian state of Kerala. This is mainly a trekking destination that is surrounded by small hills.

IDUKKI

A landlocked district, Idukki is one of the most nature rich areas of Kerala. High ranges and wooded valleys are girded by rivers.As a tourist destination, Idukki offers diverse attractions like Wildlife sancturies, Hill stations, Dams, Spece plantation tours, Mountain treks, Elephant rides etc.

The Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary  
Lying close to the plantations, in the rich jungles of Periyar in Thekkady is one of the world's most fascinating natural wildlife reserves - the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. This is the only sanctuary in India where you can have the unique experience of viewing wildlife at close quarters from the safety of a boat on the lake.

Vagamon  
Grass covered hills, velvet lawns and the cool mountain air make Vagamon a perfect holiday retreat. A curious blend of religious mysticism and European legacies, this hillside village is a haven of tranquility.

Eravikulam National Park

It is the land of "Neelakurinji", a flower that blooms once in twelve years. he park holds the maximum viable population of the endangered Nilgiri Tahr including other little known fauna Nilgiri marten, ruddy mongoose, small clawed otter, dusky striped squirrel etc.

Munnar

Munnar, the famed hill station of south India, is a romantic locale where natural beauty is everywhere to visit, explore and to enjoy. Virgin forests, savannah, rolling hills, scenic valleys, numerous streams, huge splashy waterfalls, sprawling tea plantations and winding walkways are all part of the great holiday experience on offer for a traveler to Munnar.

ERNAKULAM

Ernakulam is the commercial capital of the Southern Indian State of Kerala, is sometimes referred to as the 'Queen of the Arabian Sea'.Ernakulam proudly boasts a rich cultural heritage, but is one of the most fast-paced and modern cities in India. It has one of the finest natural harbours of the world and a major Indian port.

Vypeen Island

Vypeen is one of the popular places to visit in Ernakulam in one day and certainly one of the best [islands in Kerala](https://traveltriangle.com/blog/islands-in-kerala/). A short and beautiful ferry ride from the city will take to this serene island which is dotted with beaches, backwaters and an array of restaurants and hotels.

Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary

One of the first bird sanctuaries in Kerala and undeniably a haven for nature enthusiasts. In the words of Salim Ali (world famous ornithologist), Thattekkad is the “richest bird sanctuary in India” since it is home to hundreds of different endangered species of migratory birds.

Fort Kochi

Set foot into Fort Kochi and you will be instantly transported to a different time period. This place is steeped in the history and culture of all who have occupied it through the ages. Its roots and essence are unique in its diversity.

Cherai Beach

Located on the north end of Vypin island in Kochi, [Cherai beach](https://traveltriangle.com/kerala-tourism/kochi/places-to-visit/cherai-beach" \t "_blank) is a 15 km stretch of wild and rugged beauty. Stunning lagoons, wide paddy fields and coconut grooves adorn the road to the beach.

THRISSUR

The cultural capital of Kerala, the Poorams or temple festivals in Thrissur draw in thousands of people every single year as these carnivals encapsulate every single part of Kerala's rich heritage.

Athirappilly Waterfalls

Standing 80 ft tall and about 330 ft wide, these falls are the largest in the state of Kerala.  
The majesty of this place can be understood by the fact that the falls are located on the Chalakudy River, that originates from the highest mountain in India outside of the Himalayas. A perfect place for a group outing, these falls are sometimes called the Niagra of India.

 Also known as the State Museum & Zoo, the Thrissur Zoo is located at about 2 km from the city centre, the zoo is more than just a place for showcasing the beautiful flora and fauna of the region.There is also a natural history museum and an art museum that have exhibits capturing the social and cultural heritage of Thrissur.

Vadakkunnathan Temple

An ancient temple of Kerala, the Vadakkunnathan Temple is also the oldest temple of the state dedicated to Lord Shiva. Following the architectural style of Kerala, the temple has monumental towers surrounding it. Thekkinkadu Maidan, which surrounds the temple from all sides is where the local festival of Thrissur Pooram is organized every year, granting this place an even more of spiritual importance.

Palakkad

Celebrated as the Granary of Kerala, Palakkad is a vast stretch of fertile plains interspersed with hills, rivers, mountain streams and forests. A potpourri of Tamil and Kerala culture, some of the finest Carnatic musicians hail from this district which continues to be a principally agrarian society.

Parambikulam Tiger Reserve

Romance, wildlife or adventure holidays - the forests and wildlife of Parambikulam won't let down you. The Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, a rich swathe of greenery brimming with wildlife, is a 285 square kilometer protected area cuddled in Palakkad.Like an oasis of remarkable serenity, located approximately 110 kilometers from Palakkad district, Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary is spot of exotic variety of flora and fauna.

Nelliyampathy Hills

Nelliyampathy, often known as 'poor man's Ooty' is a favourite among travellers for its evergreen forests.This hilly village is the delight of trekkers. It beckons visitors with Shola forests and grasslands in the Western Ghats adjacent to Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary.

Malampuzha Garden & Dam

Malampuzha Gardens and the Irrigation Dam tend to be the areas that attract the highest number of visitors. Apart from being perfect picnic spots, there is a host of interesting trivia surrounding the place that adds to its appeal. Malampuzha is the only rock-cut garden in South India made by Nek Chand, the renowned artist and winner of the prestigious Padmashree Award.

MALAPPURAM  
Malappuram district has a rich and vibrant history. The military headquarters of the Zamorins of Kozhikode since ancient times, this district was the site for many of the Mappila Revolts (uprising against the British East India Company in Kerala) between 1792 and 1921. Malappuram literally means a land atop hills and the region is enriched by three great rivers flowing through it - the Chaliyar, Kadalundi and the Bharathapuzha.

 Thirumandhamkunnu Temple

Stagnant on the hillock of Angadipuram, with a majestic style of appearance, the thirumandhamkunnu temple is one of the famous and ancient Mahakshetras of Kerala. the beauty of the temple itself makes our heart and mind out of solitude and brings inner peace. The temple has a legendary history which is being celebrated as an 11 day-long festival in the month of March and April known as pooram.

Kadalundi Bird Sanctuary

A remarkable sanctuary hosting more than 100s of native bird species and 60 migratory bird species is widely known for its location. The peculiarity of the place is that the river kadalundi puzha flows into the arabian sea . travellers who are keen to know about such places, [Kadalundi bird sanctuary](https://traveltriangle.com/kerala-tourism/kozhikode/places-to-visit/kadalundi-bird-sanctuary" \t "_blank) is the best place for them.

Nilambur Teak Museum

The first teak museum, it was established in 1994 and is located 4 km from Nilambur. The museum has two floors that feature an extensive collection of articles and documents depicting the artistic value of wood and its history. You’ll find many teak forests in Kerala as it occurs naturally in southern India.

KOZHIKODE

Kozhikode offers a plethora of activities to tourists to engage on their tour to this amazing destination. The city offers a good opportunity for birdwatching at Kalalundi bird sanctuary apart from many sightseeing places. To experience unique culture of Kerala, tourists can visit Iringa Crafts Village. Another must thing to do in Kozhikode is trying its the scrumptious delicacies. Apart from it, don’t forget to walk down the memory lanes by visiting the ancient port and a 15, 000-year-old shipping yard.

Kappad beach

Kappad beach, a tranquil setting for a relaxed getaway, is located about 16 km from Kozhikode town. The beach occasionally visited by tourists, is quiet except when the fishermen launch their boats at dawn and in the evening when they return with their catch. Other interesting sights here include a rocky headland that stretches into the sea.

Beypore

Beypore , an ancient port town in Kozhikode formerly called as Vaypura / Vadaparappanad. The famous ruler of Mysore , Tipu Sultan, named the town "Sultan Pattanam".Beypore port was historically famous for trading with the Middle East. It is one of the oldest ports in Kerala. Beypore used to have direct trade links with Mesopotamia since the time of silk route.

Thusharagiri Waterfall

Lying in the Western Ghats of Kozhikode district in Kerala, Thusharagiri Fall cascades down as three waterfalls. Located in a small tribal village, the name of the falls means snow covered mountains'

WAYANAD  
Wayanad is famous for its large amount of camping and trekking trails, breathtaking waterfalls, caves, bird-watching sites, flora, fauna and an overall plethora of magnificent sights. This area has been a tourist favourite over the years. People are especially delighted by the range of exotic products including spices, coffee, tea, bamboo products, honey and herbal plants available here.

Edakkal caves

Edakkal caves are famous for its pictorial paintings (cave paintings), which are considered to be of 6000 B C. To reach the caves, one has to trek through the Ambukutty Mala. Edakkal is the only known place in India with Stone Age carvings. You can see here carvings belonging to Neolithic and Mesolithic age.

Banasurasagar Dam

It is the largest earth dam in India and the second largest of its kind in Asia. The dam is made up of massive stacks of stones and boulders. It is constructed in the Banasura Lake and the nearby mountains are known as Banasura Hills. The scenic mountains beckon adventure tourists and the dam site is an ideal starting point for trekking.

Soochipara Waterfalls

Also known as Sentinel Rock Waterfalls, Soochipara Falls is a three-tiered waterfall situated in Vellarimala, Wayanad. Surrounded by deciduous, evergreen and montane forests, this waterfall is regarded as one of the best waterfalls. The drive from Meppadi to Sentinel Rock Waterfalls provides visitors with scenic views of some of the best tea estates in Wayanad.

KANNUR

With the Western Ghats in the east and Lakshadweep in the west, kannur district is bounded by a wealth of natural beauty. Kannur is blessed with natural beaches, hill stations, rivers, backwaters, historical monuments and religious centres. The district itself which shares much of the natural splendour has been a key contributor to the cultural, religious, political and industrial heritage of the state.

Muzzhapilangad beach

The Muzzhapilangad Drive-in Beach at Kannur is one referred to with many superlatives- as the longest drive-in beach in the whole of India, as one of the cleanest beaches of Kannur and most importantly, as one of the best drive-in beaches that the entire Asian continent has to offer.

St Angelo's Fort

St Angelo's Fort is definitely one of the most popular and frequently visited attractions of Kannur and for more reasons than one. The polished yet prehistoric structure of this fortress oozes with unadulterated elegance and overwhelming power.

Payyambalam beach

The impeccably unspoilt Payyambalam beach is adorned with sparkling pearls of golden sand and foamy white waves of the Arabian Sea. The highlight of Kannur and one of the many beautiful beaches of Kerala, it has an incredibly peaceful and inviting aura.

KASARGOD

Kasargod is a small coastal town in Northern Pary of Kerala displaying a delightful blend of various religions, culture and bounty of nature. Blessed with majestic forts, lofty hills, beautiful offbeat backwaters, temples and pristine beaches, the town oozes charm and tranquillity from every aspect. It is gaining popularity among people from nearby cities owing to the presence of luxury resorts.

Bekal Fort

Bekal Fort stands at the confluence of land and sea. Located in the district of Kasaragod, the northernmost district of Kerala, it is an impressive edifice spread over 40 acres.The fort is believed to have been in existence from the beginning of the rule of Chirakkal Rajas, the rulers of the Kolathiri Kingdom of North Malabar, the northernmost part of the state of Kerala.

Ranipuram Hills

Previously known as Madathumala, situated 750 meters above sea level, this destination boasts of some of the marvelous trekking trails of about two and a half kilometers with a cave at the summit. If seeking leisure the greens of shola woods and monsoon forests have all their natural beauty to offer you.

Mallikarjuna Temple

A temple dedicated to Lord Shiva is situated in the center of the Kasaragod city. The mesmerizing aura of this temple stops the passerby to sit and spend some time in the premises watching the ritual performances which are a part of common daily routine.