



KOCHI TRAVEL CARDS

Complete Flash Card Guide | Aug 31 - Sep 1, 2025



Quick Overview



Day 1: Aug 31

Drive from Thiruvananthapuram
Arrival & Function



Day 2: Sep 1

Full Kochi Exploration
Red-eye Flight 2:00 AM



Trip Highlights

- **Water Metro Experience** - India's first!
- **Authentic Kerala Cuisine** - Fish curry & beef specialities
- **Heritage Sites** - Churches, Palace, Synagogue
- **Chinese Fishing Nets** - Iconic 14th century nets
- **Marine Drive** - 3km waterfront walks



Critical Timing

Airport Departure: 11:00 PM (Sep 1)
Flight: 2:00 AM (Sep 2)



DAY 1: AUG 31 - MORNING JOURNEY

Thiruvananthapuram to Kochi

Time	Activity	Transport	Notes
5:00 AM	Depart Thiruvananthapuram	Drive	220km, NH66/NH544
7:30 AM	Breakfast Break	Stop	Kollam
9:30 AM	Rest Stop	Stop	Alappuzha
10:30 AM	Arrive IMA House, Cochin	Check-in	Freshen up













Route Details

- **Total Distance:** 220 kilometers
- **Expected Duration:** 5-6 hours
- **Route:** NH66 → NH544
- **Traffic:** Expect heavier traffic near Kochi

DAY 1: AUG 31 - AFTERNOON

First Taste of Kochi

 Time	 Activity	 Transport	 Restaurant
11:30 AM	Brunch	 Walk 0.5km	Grand Restaurant - Historic
1:00 PM	Marine Drive Walk	 Walk	3km waterfront
2:30 PM	Travel to Fort Kochi	 Ferry 30min	Traditional ferry
3:00 PM	Lunch	 Local	Seagull - Beef speciality ★
4:00 PM	Chinese Fishing Nets	 Walk 5min	Vasco da Gama Square
5:00 PM	Return to IMA House	 Ferry 30min	Prepare for function








Ferry Information

- **Route:** Ernakulam Jetty ↔ Fort Kochi
- **Frequency:** Every 30 minutes
- **Duration:** 30 minutes
- **Operating Hours:** 6:00 AM - 9:30 PM



DAY 1: AUG 31 - EVENING

Function & Rest

 Time	 Activity	 Transport	 Notes
6:00 PM	Function Start	 Local cab	Arranged transport
9:00 PM	Function End	 Local cab	Return to IMA House
10:00 PM	Rest	 Sleep	Early day tomorrow



Evening Tips

- **Local Cab:** Pre-arranged transport as mentioned
- **Function Location:** (10.118336, 76.441894)
- **Rest Well:** Tomorrow is full exploration day
- **Prepare:** Get Kochi1 Card ready for Water Metro



End of Day 1

Get ready for the ultimate Kochi experience tomorrow!



DAY 2: SEP 1 - FORT KOCHI HERITAGE

Historic Churches & Palaces

Time	Activity	Transport	Location
8:00 AM	Travel to Fort Kochi	Water Metro	Get Kochi1 Card
8:30 AM	Breakfast	Local	French Toast Cafe - Best pancakes
9:30 AM	Historic Church	Walk 5min	St. Francis Church - Oldest European
10:30 AM	Royal Palace	Auto 15min	Mattancherry Palace - Portuguese
11:30 AM	Jewish Heritage	Walk 2min	Paradesi Synagogue + Jew Town



Heritage Site Timings

- **St. Francis Church:** 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
- **Mattancherry Palace:** 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Closed Fridays)
- **Paradesi Synagogue:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Closed Fri & Sat)



DAY 2: SEP 1 - WATER METRO

India's First Water Metro System

Time	Activity	Transport	Highlight
12:30 PM	Waterfront Lunch	Local	Fort House Restaurant - Scenic
2:00 PM	WATER METRO JOURNEY	Electric boats	India's first water metro
2:45 PM	Marine Drive Walk	Walk	3km waterfront promenade
4:00 PM	Ice Cream Break	Dessert	Milano Ice Cream - Original outlet



Water Metro Details

- **Route:** High Court ↔ Ernakulam South
- **Fleet:** 75+ electric boats
- **Frequency:** Every 15-20 minutes
- **Operating Hours:** 7:00 AM - 7:30 PM
- **Experience:** Eco-friendly, scenic waterway travel














Essential Card

Kochi1 Card: Integrated payment for Metro, Water Metro, and buses. Available at all metro stations and major terminals.



DAY 2: SEP 1 - FINAL EVENING

Last Meal & Airport Departure

 Time	 Activity	 Transport	 Final Experience
5:30 PM	Return to IMA House Area	 Ferry/Water Metro	Pack preparation
6:00 PM	FINAL DINNER	 Walk 1.2km	Karthiyani - Golden Clove Winner 
8:00 PM	Pack & Check Out	 IMA House	Final preparations
9:30 PM	Evening Activity	 Walk	Marine Drive OR Heritage Walk
11:00 PM	DEPART FOR AIRPORT	 Pre-booked taxi	45-60 min journey
12:00 AM	ARRIVE AIRPORT	 Flight 2:00 AM	Sep 2nd departure



Critical Final Timing

- **Pre-book taxi:** Confirm 11:00 PM pickup
- **Airport distance:** 35km (45-60 min journey)
- **Flight departure:** 2:00 AM (Sep 2)
- **Check-in time:** Arrive by 12:00 AM



MUST-TRY RESTAURANTS






Local Non-Vegetarian Specialties

★ Priority Non-Veg Restaurants

 Restaurant	 Cuisine	 Specialty	 Distance from IMA	 When
Seagull	Seafood	Beef speciality	Fort Kochi (Ferry)	Aug 31, 3:00 PM
Fort House	Mixed	Waterfront dining	Fort Kochi (Ferry)	Sep 1, 12:30 PM
Karthiyani	Fish Curry	Golden Clove Winner 2025	1.2km walk	Sep 1, 6:00 PM



Supporting Meals




 Restaurant	 Type	 Specialty	 Location	 When
Grand Restaurant	Historic	Institution quality	0.5km walk	Aug 31 brunch
French Toast Cafe	Breakfast	Best pancakes & eggs	Fort Kochi	Sep 1 breakfast
Milano Ice Cream	Dessert	Original outlet	0.8km walk	Sep 1 afternoon







TRANSPORT GUIDE

All Transport Options





Essential Cards & Apps

 Service	 Purpose	 Where to Get
Kochi1 Card	Metro + Water Metro + Bus	Any Metro station
Uber/Ola	Airport transfer	Mobile app

Water Transport

 Service	 Route	 Timings	 Frequency
Water Metro ★	High Court ↔ Fort Kochi	7:00 AM - 7:30 PM	Every 15-20 min
Traditional Ferry	Ernakulam Jetty ↔ Fort Kochi	6:00 AM - 9:30 PM	Every 30 min

Road Transport

 Journey	 Distance	 Time	 Notes
Thiruvananthapuram → Kochi	220km	5-6 hours	NH66/NH544
IMA House → Airport	35km	45-60 min	Pre-book taxi






EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Important Phone Numbers & Services






Attractions & Experiences

 Service	 Contact	 Purpose
Heritage Walk	Binny Johann: +91 70421 49051	Book guided tour
Kathakali Centre	+91 484 221 5827	Traditional performances



Accommodation

 Property	 Type	 Contact
IMA House, Cochin	Stay location	Your booking reference



Emergency Services

- **Police:** 100
- **Fire:** 101
- **Ambulance:** 108
- **Tourist Helpline:** 1363



Useful Apps

- **Uber/Ola:** Taxi bookings
- **Google Maps:** Navigation
- **KTDC App:** Kerala tourism info
- **Kochi1 App:** Public transport



CRITICAL REMINDERS

Important Timing & Safety Information



Key Timings

- **Water Metro last service:** 7:30 PM
- **Traditional Ferry last service:** 9:30 PM
- **Airport departure:** 11:00 PM (Sep 1)
- **Airport arrival:** 12:00 AM (Sep 2)
- **Flight departure:** 2:00 AM (Sep 2)



Must-Do Experiences

1. ☒ **Water Metro journey** (India's first!)
2. ☒ **Authentic fish curry** at Karthiyani
3. ☒ **Beef speciality** at Seagull
4. ☒ **Chinese Fishing Nets** photo
5. ☒ **Marine Drive** sunset walk
6. ☒ **Heritage sites** - Churches, Palace, Synagogue



Pro Tips

- Get **Kochi1 Card** immediately for seamless transport
- **Pre-book airport taxi** for 11:00 PM pickup
- Keep **ferry timings** handy for Fort Kochi travel
- **Confirm restaurant availability** especially for 6:00 PM dinner at Karthiyani






BACKUP PLANS

Alternative Options & Weather Contingency






Weather Alternatives

 If Raining	 Indoor Alternative	 Location
Marine Drive Walk	Lulu Mall Shopping	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Chinese Fishing Nets	Maritime Museum	Fort Kochi, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Heritage Walk	David Hall Art Gallery	Fort Kochi, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM






Transport Backup

 Primary Option	 Backup Option	 Cost Difference
Water Metro	Traditional Ferry	Similar pricing
Ferry Service	Uber/Auto via road	Higher cost, longer time
Airport Taxi	Airport Express Bus	Lower cost, may take longer



Restaurant Backup

 Primary Choice	 Backup Option	 Location
Karthiyani (6 PM)	Arippa Kerala Cuisine	0.8km from IMA House
Seagull (Fort Kochi)	Oceanos (Fort Kochi)	Spicy fish curry specialist
Fort House Restaurant	Malabar Junction	Portuguese courtyard setting



Emergency Scenarios

- **Flight Delay:** Stay near airport, hotels available
- **Transport Strike:** Pre-book private taxi for airport
- **Restaurant Closed:** Multiple backup options listed
- **Weather Issues:** Indoor activities prioritized

