

Kochi & Fort Kochi Visitor's Handbook

Public Transportation Options

Transportation Cards

- **Kochi1 Card:** Integrated card for Metro, Water Metro, and bus services. Available at all metro stations and major terminals

Aluva

- Aluva serves as the major connectivity hub for reaching both Kochi and Fort Kochi
- **Aluva Metro Station:** Starting point of Kochi Metro, connects to entire network
- **Bus Services:** Regular bus services to Kochi, Fort Kochi

From Aluva to Kochi

- **Kochi Metro:** The Kochi Metro runs from Aluva to Ernakulam South with 25 stations covering 28.125 km
 - Starting Station: Aluva Metro Station
 - Key Stations: Kalamassery, Edappally, Kaloor, M.G Road, Ernakulam South
 - Operating Hours: 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
 - Frequency: Every 5-7 minutes during peak hours

From Aluva to Fort Kochi

- **Metro + Water Metro:** Aluva → Vytilla Metro → Water Metro to High Court → Fort Kochi
- **Metro + Ferry:** Aluva → M.G. Road Metro → Walk to Ernakulam Jetty → Ferry to Fort Kochi
- **Direct Bus:** From Aluva bus stand (Duration: 1.5-2 hours)

In/ Between Fort Kochi to Kochi

- **Water Metro:** India's first water metro system with 75+ electric boats
 - Route: High Court to Ernakulam South
 - Operating Hours: 7:00 AM - 7:30 PM
 - Frequency: Every 15-20 minutes
- **Traditional Ferry Services:** Ernakulam Jetty to Fort Kochi
 - Frequency: Every 30 minutes
 - Operating Hours: 6:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Major Cultural Events in Kochi/ Fort Kochi

- **Kochi-Muziris Biennale:** International art festival held every two years, attracting 250,000+ visitors
- **Cochin Carnival:** December-January

Kochi (Ernakulam)

Food Joints in Kochi (Ernakulam)

Restaurant	Type	Comments	Timings	from Marine Drive
Recommended by Friends				
Grand Restaurant	Restaurant	Old, good, an institution 😊	12:00 PM - 11:00 PM	0.5 km
Couchyn (Grand Hotel)	Bar/Restaurant	Good bar with food	6:00 PM - 12:00 AM	0.5 km
Vellakanthari	Fish Curry Meals	Container Road location	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	2.5 km
Karthiyani	Fish Curry Meals	Golden Clove Five-Star Rating winner 2025	11:00 AM - 10:00 PM	1.2 km
Arippa	Kerala Cuisine	Edapally and MG Road	11:00 AM - 11:00 PM	0.8 km
Kattanum Puttum	Late Night Tea Stall	Excellent pathiri and beef curry	8:00 PM - 2:00 AM	1.5 km
Milano Ice cream	Ice Cream	Original outlet	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM	0.8 km
Netoor Kallu Shap	Toddy Shop/Seafood	Waterfront location	11:00 AM - 10:00 PM	8 km
Madhuban	North Indian/ Awesome Lassi	Panampilly Nagar	7:00 AM - 10:30 PM	1.8 km
Cocoa Tree	Continental	Good continental food	12:00 PM - 11:00 PM	1.2 km
Little Soi	Chinese		12:00 PM - 11:00 PM	1.5 km
Brindavan	Vegetarian		7:00 AM - 10:00 PM	0.9 km
French Toast	Cafe	Panampilly Nagar	8:00 AM - 11:00 PM	1.8 km
BTH	Restaurant		12:00 PM - 11:00 PM	1.0 km
Watsons	Restobar		6:00 PM - 12:00 AM	1.2 km
Homemade Bengali Meal	Bengali Cuisine	On preorder, insta: bonghomie		
From Public Domain				
Machali	Seafood (good seafood lunch)	Kathrikadavu	12:00 PM - 10:00 PM	12 km
Porotta Hut	Local Food	Stadium Link Road	7:00 AM - 10:00 PM	3 km
Fusion Bay	Seafood/Kerala	Stunning dishes on banana leaf	12:00 PM - 11:00 PM	0.8 km
Colony Clubhouse & Grill	Rooftop Fine Dining	Grand Hyatt Bolgatty Island	7:00 PM - 11:30 PM	5 km

Places to Visit in Kochi

Attraction	Description	Timings	Contact/Website
Recommended by Friends			
Heritage Walk (call and book)	Kochi Heritage Project		Binny Johann +91 70421 49051
Marine Drive	3km waterfront walkway	24 hours	-
Bolgatty Palace	KTDC heritage property	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	KTDC
Tripunithura	Old market town	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	-
Hill Palace Museum	Museum and grounds	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	-
Athirampilly Falls	Half day trip	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	60 km from city
Alungal Farm	Urban farm/jungle	By appointment	Owner: Botanist
From Public Domain			
Kochi Water Metro	Sustainable water transport	7:00 AM - 7:30 PM	watermetro.co.in
Lulu Mall	Shopping	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM	lulumall.in
Wonderla Amusement Park	Theme park	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	wonderla.com
Cherai Beach	Beach destination	24 hours	Via Vypin Island
Edappally Church	Religious site	6:00 AM - 8:00 PM	-

Fort Kochi

Food Joints in Fort Kochi

Restaurant	Type	Comments
Seagull	Seafood	Beef speciality
Fort House	Restaurant/Hotel	Beautiful location, very good food
Paragon (Cochin Club)	Restaurant	
Kashi Art Cafe	Cafe	
Francis	Restobar	Weekend evenings only
Portico	Restobar	Upstairs bar, inexpensive food, priceless ambience
Trouvaille Cafe	Cafe	
Pandhal (David Hall)	Cafe & Deli	
Abad	Restaurant	
Malabar Junction	Fine Dining	Boutique hotel, Portuguese courtyard
Loving Earth	Vegan Restaurant	Ultimate destination for vegan food
Tower Road Pizzeria	Italian	Wood-fired oven, scratch-made food
Oceanos	Seafood	Spicy fish curry specialist
French Toast	Cafe	Most delicious pancakes and eggs

Hotels and Stays in Fort Kochi

Accommodation	Type	Description	Contact/Website
Recommended by Friends			
Delight Home Stay	Homestay	One of the first homestays, on Lila Cafe road	David: +91 98461 21421
Blusalz Homes	Homestay		facebook.com/share/v/16wCr325LZ
Fort House Hotel	Hotel	Beautiful location, very good food	g.co/kgs/otoU2Lr
Malabar House	Heritage Hotel	Excellent	-
Brunton Boatyard	Heritage Hotel	Excellent	-
Khoder House	Heritage Hotel	Jewish house, boutique hotel	-
From Public Domain			
Forte Kochi	Heritage Hotel	Princess Street, Dutch/ Portuguese architecture	fortekochi.in
Port Muziris	Heritage Hotel	Tribute Portfolio, historic property	marriott.com

Places to Visit in Fort Kochi

Attraction	Description	Timings	Contact/Website
Recommended by Friends			
Chinese Fishing Nets	Iconic 14th century fishing nets	24 hours	Vasco da Gama Square
St. Francis Church	Oldest European church in India	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM	-
Santa Cruz Cathedral Basilica	One of eight Basilicas in India	6:00 AM - 8:00 PM	-
Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Palace)	16th century Portuguese palace	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Closed Fridays
Paradesi Synagogue	Jewish heritage site	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Closed Fridays & Saturdays
Jew Town	Antique shopping street	9:00 AM - 7:00 PM	-
Fort Kochi Beach	Tranquil beach, sunrise/sunset views	24 hours	-
Kerala Kathakali Centre	Traditional art performances	Shows: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	+91 484 221 5827
David Hall Art Gallery	Contemporary art space	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	-
Dhobhikhana	Historic washing yard	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Heritage walk site
From Public Domain			
Vypin Island	Island hop via ferry, lighthouse	Ferry: 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM	10-minute ferry ride
Cherai Beach	Beach via Vypin Island	24 hours	Via Vypin ferry + bus
Kochi-Muziris Biennale venues	Contemporary art festival sites	Varies by venue	December-March (biennial)
Aspinwall House	Art gallery and exhibition space	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Biennale main venue
Maritime Museum	Naval and maritime history	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Fort Kochi