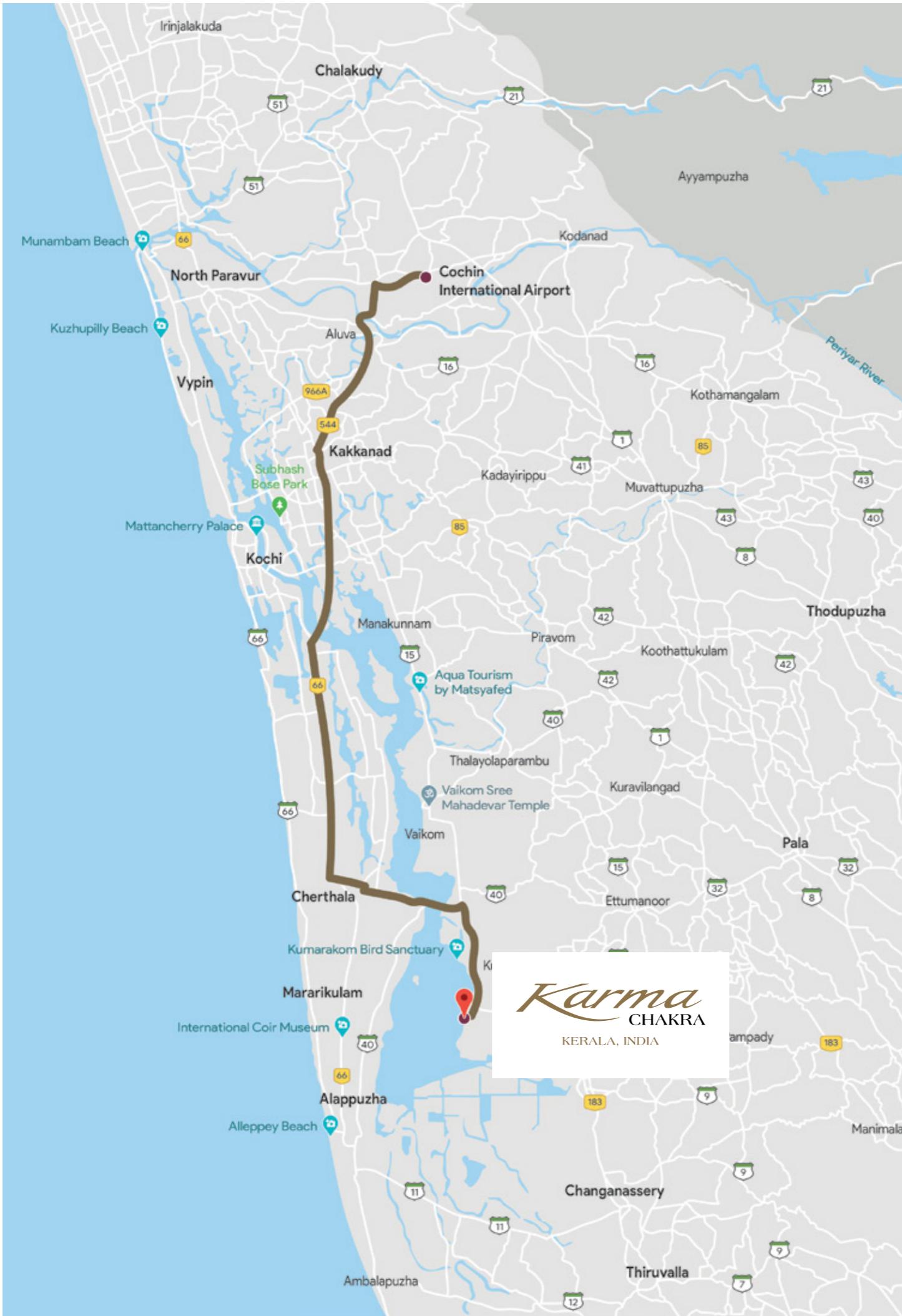


Karma
CHAKRA
KERALA, INDIA



DESTINATION PROFILE

WE CREATE... EXPERIENCES



Coming from Kochi (Cochin International Airport) :

Turn left towards south reaching on NH47 from the airport. Continue on NH47 by turning left at Edappalli Junction. On reaching Chertala, turn left again on an eastward direction, towards Chertala town, Pass Chertala town further on an east direction, towards Vechoor/Kumarakom side. Pass through Thanneermukkam and reach a T junction, take right turn towards Kumarakom.. Cross the bridge at Boat Jetty junction, take the Nazreth Church road, and Karma Chakra is on the right hand side 50 mtrs after Backwater Ripples.

Distance from Airport to resort: 85 Kms, Cochin International Airport. Distance from railway station / bus station or other modes of transport available: 15 Kms from Kottayam Railway Station.

The Resort arranges Taxis, or at Airport the Pre Paid Taxi services are available.

Car Rental Services
AVS Car Rentals
www.avscars.in

Where to buy groceries
Family Mart
Kumarakom

Zoom Car
www.zoomcar.com



Ettukettu

KERALA ON THE PLATE

OUR TOP PICKS OF RESTAURANTS IN THE REGION

The Continental, Chinese, Mughlai, North Indian and traditional Kerala culinary delicacies at the Ettukettu are a gourmet's delight, but the reigning speciality at this regal restaurant is the ethnic Kerala cuisine with a slew of fragrant spices lending the cuisine its very own flavour.

Open from 12:00 to 15:00 & 19:30 to 22:30
North Post, Vayitharamattom, Kumarakom

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Baker's Gourmet House

Get the taste of Kerala right in the comforts of our resort. Home to some of the best restaurants in Kerala, you can delight your taste buds with a traditional fare that promises to stay fresh in your memory for days to come.

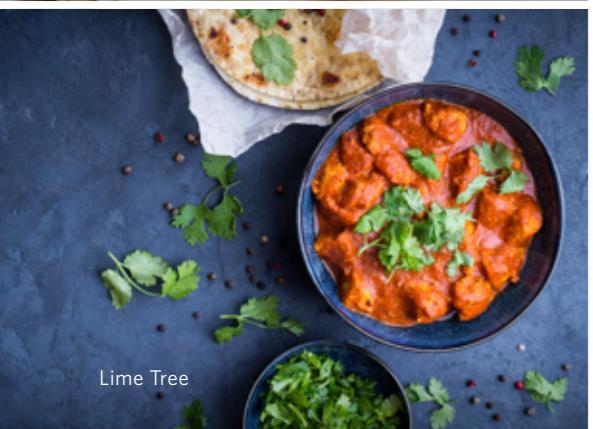
Open for **Breakfast** from 7:30 to 10:30, for **Lunch** from 12:30 to 15:30
And for **Dinner** from 19:00 to 22:30
1/404, Kumarakom, Kottayam

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La Breeze Restaurant



Lime Tree



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Our open air multi cuisine restaurant serves a variety of cuisine and is all day dining restaurant.

Open for Breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30, for **Lunch** from 12:30 to 15:30

And for **Dinner** from 19:30 to 22:30

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Lime Tree

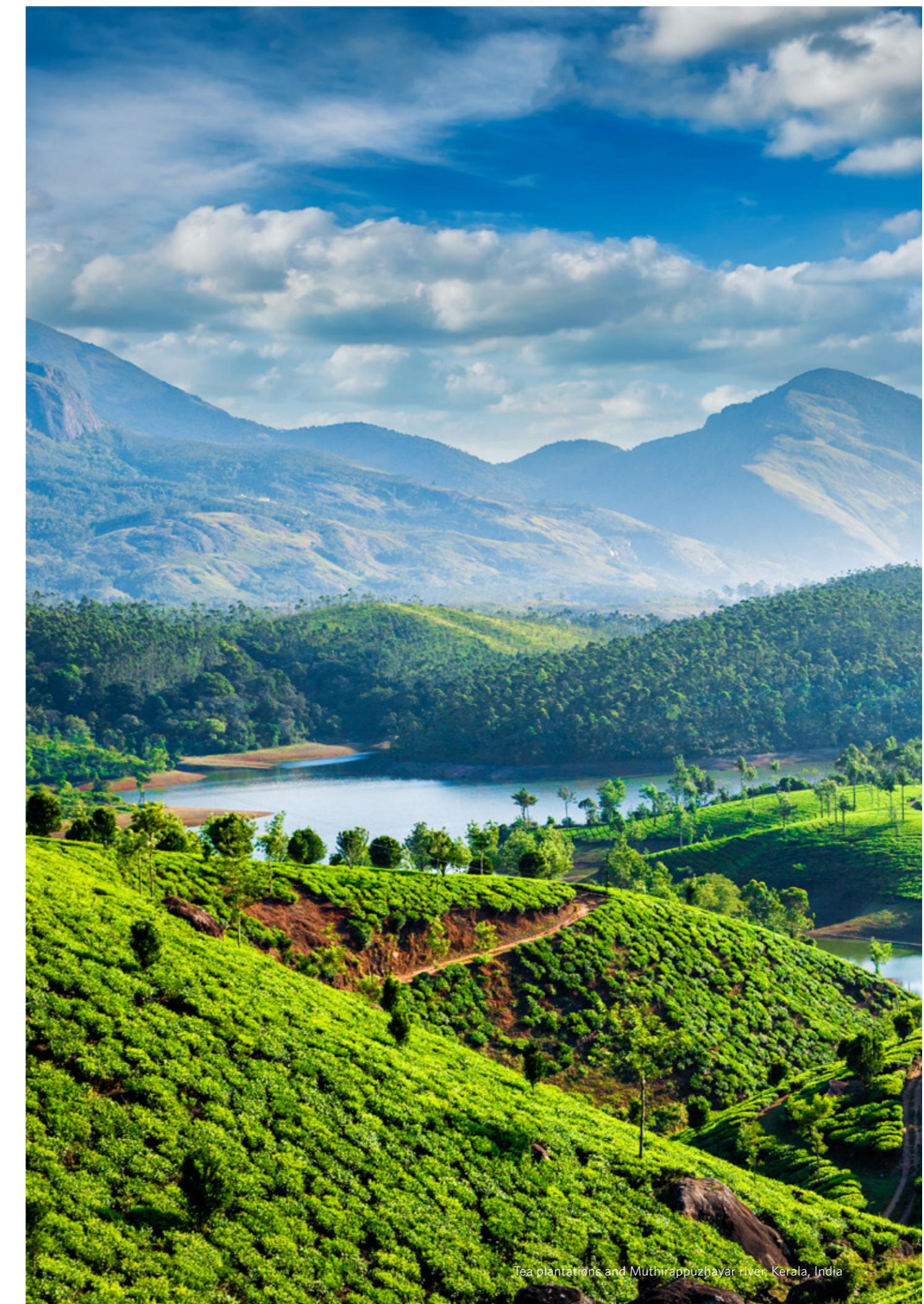
Breathe in the fresh sea breeze that carries the exotic fragrance of Lime Tree's array of exotic dishes ranging from regional favourites to classics and continental to Pan-Asian awash with soft lights and with a tranquil ambience cuisine.

Open for Breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30, for **Lunch** from 12:30 to 15:30

And for **Dinner** from 19:30 to 22:30

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Tea plantations and Muthirappuzhayar river, Kerala, India

PLACES TO VISIT WHILE STAYING AT KARMA CHAKRA



House Boat Cruise

This is easily one amongst the most remarkable and unique experiences. The houseboats boast of the same comforts of a good hotel including furnished bedrooms, modern toilets, cozy living rooms, a kitchen and even a balcony for angling. Parts of the curved roof of wood or plaited palm leaves open out to provide shade and allow uninterrupted views.

Temple Tours

God is everywhere in Kerala, and that's perhaps the reason why it is called the God's own country. With temples as old as 2000 years that have defied drawn-out wars and the ruthless passage of time, Kerala is a surprisingly relaxed state that offers plenty in terms of spiritual enlightenment.

Athirapally Waterfalls

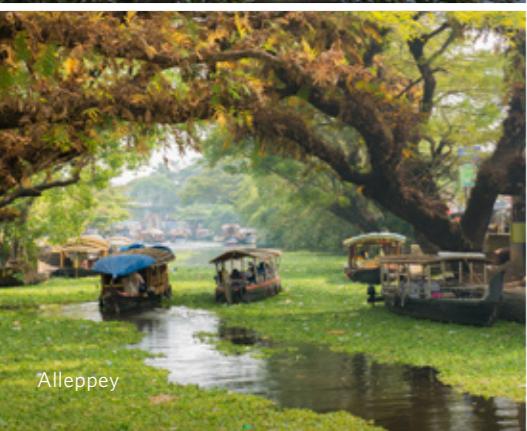
Athirappilly Falls, is situated in Athirappilly Panchayat, Chalakudy Taluk, Thrissur District of Kerala, India on the Chalakudy River, which originates from the upper reaches of the Western Ghats at the entrance to the Sholayar ranges. It is the largest waterfall in Kerala, which stands tall at 80 feet.



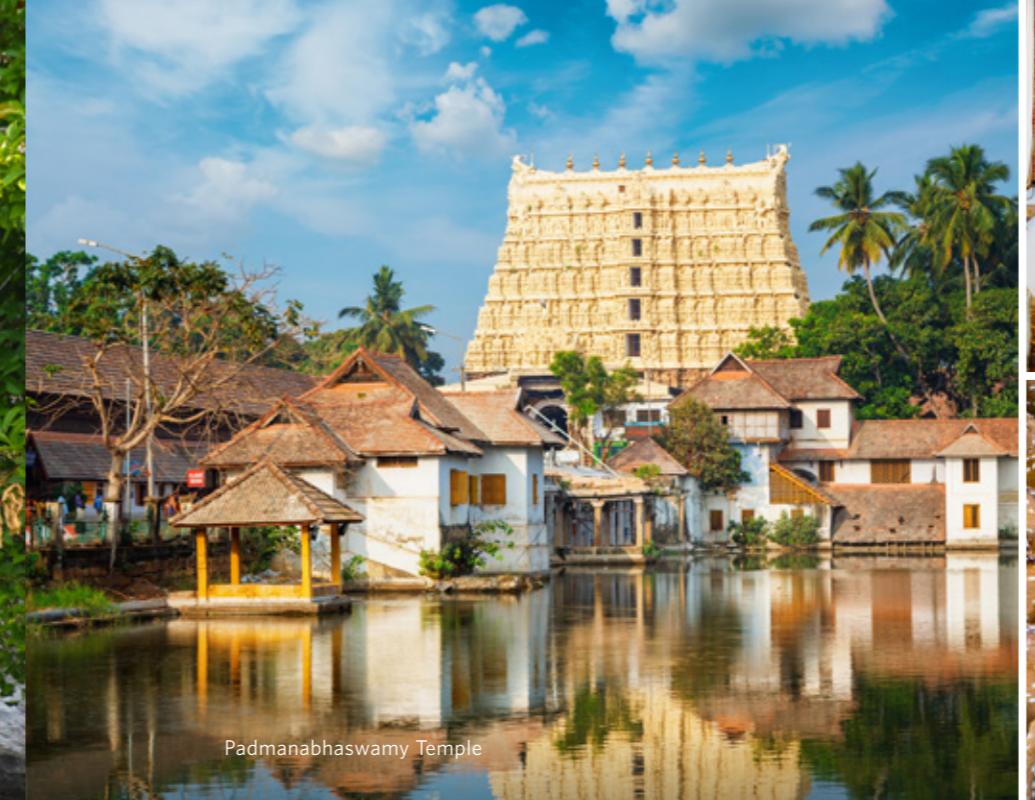
Bird Sanctuary Visits



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Alleppey



Padmanabhaswamy Temple



Cochin



Thiruvananthapuram Zoo

Bird Sanctuary Visits

The bird sanctuary is a favourite haunt of migratory birds. It is spread over 14 acres (5.7 ha) on the southern bank of the Kavanar River. There is a system of paths for moving around within the sanctuary.

Beyond the sanctuary, one can take a boat ride in Vembanad Lake or along the Kavanar River.

Munnar

Munnar is a town and hill station located in the Idukki district of the southwestern Indian state of Kerala. It is situated at around 1,600 metres (5,200 ft) above mean sea level, in the Western Ghats mountain range. Munnar is also called the "Kashmir of South India" and is a favorite destination for honeymoon.

Alleppey

Alappuzha is considered to be the oldest planned city in this region and the lighthouse built on the coast of the city is the first of its kind along the Laccadive Sea coast.. The Backwaters of Alappuzha are one of the most popular tourist attraction in Kerala and is the access point for the annual Nehru Trophy Boat Race, held on the Punnamada Lake, near Alappuzha, on the second Saturday of August every year. This is the most competitive and popular of the boat races in India.

Kumarakom Village Life-Half Day

Beyond Backwaters-Experience village life-coir making, coconut climbing, coconut leaf weaving, screw pine weaving, toddy tapping, bird watching, homestay farm visit.

Mattanchery & Fort Kochi

Stroll through the streets of Mattanchery and Jews street to take you back the memory lane. Explore the ancient monuments of Dutch cemetery, St Francis Church and the famous Chinese Fishing Nets. Enjoy fresh seafood cooked to order, straight from the catch.

More Places of Interest

Thekkady : Periyar Wild Life Sanctuary, Spice Garden, Tea Plantations & Elephant Safari.

Trivandrum : Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Napier Museum (Architecturally Unique 19th Century Building with Archaeological & Historical Artefacts, plus art), Shankumugham Beach, Thiruvananthapuram Zoo. **Vagamon** : Pine Valley, Kurishu Mala, Suicide Point (Hill Station)

Kovalam : Kovalam Beach, Light House Beach, Halcyon Castle. **Kanyakumari** : Kanyakumari Beach, Vivekananda Rock Memorial, Thiruvalluvar Statue.

HIGHLIGHTS OF KUMARAKOM, KERALA



Bay Island Driftwood Museum

A museum to display a unique collection of superior quality driftwood sculptures of very high artistic value, prepared through a rare and innovative modern art form, is functioning at Chakrapadi, Kumarakom North. It has a huge collection of driftwood structures of various shapes and designs. During her professional tenure in the Andaman archipelago, a dynamic lady school teacher used to pick up pieces of driftwood deposited by the sea on the shores comprising twisted tree trunks stumps, roots etc. which had the potential to be made into sculptures with marginal efforts. Many of these wooden parts were centuries old and having driftwood across the seas, they became more resilient. The picked up pieces were cleansed, dead parts removed, scraped and trimmed to conform to the shape she had in mind.

Birds Sanctuary

The sanctuary is located at Kavanattinkara, in the north-western part of Kumarakom. The area becomes a transit location for migratory birds, between November and March every year. It becomes a winter home for them during this period. It is preferable to visit the sanctuary on foot along the 1 km long walking track. One may spot Siberian cranes, wood beetles, storks, teals, darters, egrets and herons along this route. Two sides of the sanctuary are surrounded by water. Waterfowls, ducks etc. and birds like the cuckoo, kingfishers, larks, parrots and fly catchers may be viewed if a boat ride is undertaken. May to July is the breeding season for local species of birds like pond herons, egrets, and Indian shag. This is the first scientifically preserved bird's sanctuary in India with about 180 species of birds. The existence of the sanctuary owes much to its location and the nature of climatic elements experienced.





Vembanad Lake



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Lake Vembanad



Thanneermukkom Bund



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Vembanad Lake

Vembanad Lake is bordering the Kumarakom Village on the western side. The lake is the largest among more than half-a-dozen lakes in Kerala State and also the longest in the country. Three rivers which originates from the hilly region of the State finally discharge themselves to this lake (also known as kayal). The proximity of the lake is also a reason for the advent of the migratory birds to Kumarakom. Boating and fishing are borne in their minds by the tourists as soon as this location is selected for tour. House boats, Motor Boats and Speed Boats are available for hire at several places of the village and charges depend on the type and capacity of the water craft and the duration of the proposed cruise in the lake.

Flocks of birds flying across the lake during the early hours of the day is an interesting sight. One may find migratory birds in large numbers skimming in the lake water in search of fish. The lake is infested with marine creatures abundantly. It is not advisable to undertake a kayal cruise during the monsoon season (June-Sept) with inclement weather conditions.

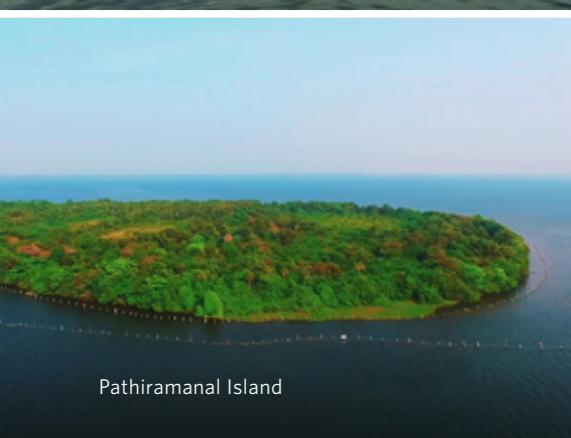
Thanneermukkom Bund

It has been built across Lake Vembanad. It connects Vechoor of Vaikom taluk of Kottayam district and Thanneermukkom of Cherthala taluk Alappuzha district. It can be reached by road, from Kottayam town, Alapuzha or Cherthala. The Thanneermukkom Bund (Thannermukkom Salt Water Barrier) was constructed as a part of the Kuttanad Development Scheme to prevent tidal action and intrusion of salt water into the Kuttanad low-lands across Vembanad Lake between Thannermukkom on south and Vechur on north.

Thanneermukkom Bund was constructed in 1974 and is functional since 1976. It is the largest mud regulator in India. This barrier essentially divides the lake into two parts - one with brackish water perennially and the other half with fresh water fed by the rivers draining into the lake.



Pathiramanal Island



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Pathiramanal is a small island in Muhamma panchayat of Alappuzha district. The name Pathiramanal means 'sands of night'. The scenic beauty of both sides of the lake as well as that of the island is mind blowing. It is home to many rare varieties of migratory birds from different parts of the world. The Pathiramanal Island is 28.505 ha... It is about 1.5 km from Muhamma boat jetty and about 13 km from Alapuzha. From the jetty close by Baker Bungalow the distance to the island is about 5 km and from Kumarakom 4 km towards northw. The island (also known as Anantha Padmanabhan Thoppu) was purchased by Chevalier ACM Anthraper, from M/s Bheemji Devji Trust of Cochin and was under the private ownership of Thaimattathil Family until the late seventies. In 1979 after Land Reforms Acts were enforced in the State, the property came under government ownership.

The island was returned to the government as a surplus land that crossed the land ceiling. It was later transferred to the Tourism Department and the idea of leasing it out to private enterprises was under consideration. The island at present is uninhabited. Till late seventies of the 20th century 14 worker families resided in the island, who were later rehabilitated on the mainland in the Muhamma panchayath. The island is located in the Vembanad Lake. It is at 9°36' 54" N 76°23' 1" E. The island is an hour and half drive by motor boat or 30 minutes by speed boat from Alappuzha town. One can also take the boats plying in the Muhamma-Kumarakom water route. The SWTD boats plying in the Muhamma-Kumarakom water route no longer stops at Pathiramanal. It takes around 40 minutes from Kumarakom to reach Pathiramanal. The journey through Vembanad Lake is a marvellous experience.



We look forward to welcome you to Karma Chakra. We remain at your disposal for any additional information to help you plan your stay. Do not hesitate to contact us at

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Backwaters of Kerala



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