**Amazing monsoons in Wayanad**

Wayanad is found in the backwater of the Kerala state. Being in the coastal region, you will find that monsoons seem to grace the place with heavy showers. Rains lashing on those coconut and areca nut trees make an interesting view as the fronds sway with the winds. The lush greenery looks even more heavenly as the rain droplets from various patterns on the leaves. From June to September and October to November, you will find monsoons come on in the state. Wherever your eye can see is the emerald hue with plantation of coffee, tea and pepper gardens. The slopes are no less fascinating, with rows of bushes and trees adorn every hilltop and valley in the region.

Wayanad is a vacation spot and hill station wherein people want to enjoy their summer vacation. The air is cool and the pleasant climate is a clear invitation to stay back and relax. There are some very fine places to stay and enjoy the local cuisine made from authentic homegrown spices, mostly made with coconut. The oil and flesh of the coconut are quite sacred to the place. Hence every dish has some part of coconut in it. The people are warm and friendly and will make your visit a pleasant one. But monsoons are equally enjoyable and many people prefer to visit Wayanad at this time of the year because there are lesser crowds and monsoons in this part of the country are amazingly beautiful.

**How to reach Wayanad**

As a traveler, you could take the flight from Kozhikode to Wayanad if you take three to four hours by road route to reach there. It would be interesting to pick the road route as you could traverse through beautiful greenery at both sides of the road, making a canopy welcoming you to the place with surreal views and a perfect getaway.

**Places to visit in Wayanad**

*Sultan Bathery*

This place was also known as Ganapthivattam, but the Tipu Sultan of Mysore later renamed it. After invading the place, he had dumped ammunition and artillery in the place and the region got to be known as Sultan’s Bathery. You will find the ruins of his fort and now a police station seems to have taken up there. The place has valleys and plains. The visitors can choose to trek the mountainous terrains and enjoy the view from up there, which of course is not only amazing but you can check the picturesque town below in all its glory.

There is so much to do in Sulthan battery. You could check out the pre-historic caves or go on jungle trails and find out the various wildlife of the region. There are sparkling streams and rivers that you come across now and then when you take up trekking. The view of the lush greenery and undulating hillsides is the calling card for the place.

*Kalpetta*

It’s an amazing place, a hidden gem known for lush coffee plantations and mountains—it is one of the many places visitors check out. While there, you can pick up some of the finest spices as they are all locally grown with amazing flavors to carry home. From coffee, tea and spices, you can check out the other trees that add to the green hue of the region. It is one of the religious hubs for Jain people and you will find several such spiritual temples and institutions solely dedicated to the same.

*Vythiri*

It is an amazing elevated region, almost 26000ft above sea level. The mountains are covered in mist and you could have a bird’s eye view of the gorges and ravines if you go on a trek in these parts. The beautiful valley with streams flowing below makes it heaven on earth. The Flora and fauna of the region are unique and you will be amazed by the different species of births and flowers that adorn the mountainsides. Most parts of Vyathiri are covered in evergreen forests and several other plantations. During the British Raj, several planters found a retreat in this very place.

The best places to check out in Vyathiri would be the Pookot lake and the Kanthampara waterfalls. You could also check out the Chain Tree at a place literally called Lakkidi.

**Things to do in Wayanad**

The tourists can go on river trails. One such interesting river is the Kabani which has small islands scattered. This place is untouched by civilization and visitors love to come here and try a hand at river rafting. You can find river ferries to get across, which are run by the villages on either side of the river.

Rainforest trekking is one of the most sought-after activities that visitors choose, as you could find a huge opportunity to connect with the wildlife firsthand. It's a place for bird lovers you could possibly hear every bird call, from the chirping to the twittering. The trekkers will love the crunch of a bed of leaves at their feet as they make their way through these trails. Some enchanting creepers and climbers make their way as you seek the ligging trees, fallen logs of wood—the soft moss and lichens. As the rains have come down, you see brightly colored mushrooms everywhere. There may be few toadstools as well. You may be lucky to spot footprints of some animals that may be too shy to come out at that time of the day. It is an amazing experience to trek through the rainforests of Wayanad.

The best trekking routes are Meenmutty to Nilaumbur, it’s difficult, but a seasoned trekker will love the experience. The teak will take up an entire day. Those new to this trek can stick to only the Chembra Peak. On this trek, you will also find the river’s course. You might as well choose the Palolipuzha

There is a lot of wildlife safaris that you can choose to see, such as the Tholpetty wildlife sanctuary, which lets you into the world of animals such as the herds of elephants, bison, spotted deer, Malabar squirrels and even leopards. They are mostly spotted near water holes. It would be best if you were alert to spot them as the growth of greenery during monsoons camouflages them easily.

You could go on special spice tours wherein you can see rows and rows of plantations reserved for spices such as cardamom, cinnamon, pepper, turmeric, ginger, vanilla etc. you could get a guided tour as to how they are harvested, processed and packed.

**Must-see places**

Pookoode lake is a great place to visit in the monsoons as it is brimming with water and you will find a lot of lotus growing in it. It is one of the freshwater lakes used by the locals for their daily requirements. The lake is surrounded by green foliage and if you happen to get an aerial view of the lake, it is shaped as the map of India. You dare to sit fr a while and think of fishing. It’s an excellent place to get a freshwater catch. You can find the beautiful Paris Peacock butterfly or a black cormorant perched somewhere, all drenched in this monsoon.

The Banasura Sagar Dam is the largest in India and the second largest in Asia. It’s a great spot to click some amazing pictures atop this dam. You could either take the speed boak or trek along the lake.

The Edakkal caves happen to remind us of the stone age. You can find engravings on the cave that date back thousands of years. It's quite a steep hike to reach the cave. The visitors have to be careful as some of the cave openings are quite small and you may need to squeeze in to get inside. From the caves, you could get a scenic view of the valley below. There is a narrow descending stairway with no one in sight, but miles of green welcome you on the way down.

**Places to stay**

There are some great places to stay, some high-end resorts, to budget-friendly hotels that you can board on for your vacation. There are special cottages available which have amazing good views. There are amazing amenities to look out for with local and international cuisines for those who want to check out what is offered. But it’s a great place to check out the village food cooked with homegrown spices served on banana leaves is something you can look forward to, which is simple yet made with warm hospitality for any visitor. The dishes have a unique flavor as the use of coconut oil and ground spices make the combo heavenly. The freshwater fish, meat, and a number of vegetarian dishes happen to be prepared by meticulously following generations-old recipes.

There are so many interesting sights in Wayanad, some of which the locals will describe and you will be tempted to stay a few more days to check all of them out. The monsoon is one of the best times to visit this place. It is a perfect monsoon getaway for those traveling to Wayanad. It’s the best time to watch the beauty of the place come alive.