

# Romance in Kerala

8 Nights / 9 Days

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## Overview

Indulge in a magical 9-day romantic getaway with VistasVibes' "Romance in Kerala" tour, crafted for couples seeking a perfect blend of tranquility, adventure, and luxury. From the misty hill stations of Munnar to the serene backwaters of Alleppey and the sun-kissed beaches of Kovalam, this journey promises unforgettable moments with your loved one. Sail through the backwaters in a private houseboat, walk hand-in-hand through tea plantations, and watch the sun dip into the Arabian Sea from pristine beaches. Experience Kerala's rich culture with traditional Kathakali performances and indulge in rejuvenating Ayurvedic spa treatments. This tour is a dream escape into nature's paradise, where love blossoms amid breathtaking landscapes and exotic experiences.

## Highlights

- Stay in handpicked luxury resorts & houseboats for a romantic experience.
- Explore the misty hills of Munnar, walk through lush tea estates, and visit the famous Eravikulam National Park.
- Enjoy a private houseboat cruise in Alleppey, drifting through scenic backwaters.
- Witness the beauty of Athirappilly Waterfalls, known as the 'Niagara of India'.
- Experience Kovalam Beach, where golden sands meet crystal-clear waters.
- Relish a candlelight dinner with a view of Kerala's picturesque landscapes.
- ♂♀ Pamper yourself with an Ayurvedic couples' spa session for ultimate relaxation.
- Discover Kerala's heritage with Kathakali and Kalaripayattu performances.

## **Detailed Itinerary**

### **Day 1 - Arrival in Kochi - Gateway to Kerala**

Welcome to God's Own Country! Upon arrival at Kochi International Airport, you will be greeted by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Fort Kochi. Take some time to relax before heading out to explore the charming colonial streets of Fort Kochi, where Portuguese, Dutch, and British influences blend seamlessly. Visit the iconic Chinese Fishing Nets, a centuries-old tradition still in use today. Walk through Jew Town, home to the historic Paradesi Synagogue, and browse antique shops selling unique souvenirs. As the sun sets, enjoy a private sunset cruise on the Arabian Sea, setting the tone for a romantic getaway. End your day with a delightful seafood dinner by the waterfront.

### **Day 2 - Scenic Drive to Munnar - The Land of Tea Plantations**

After breakfast, embark on a picturesque drive to Munnar, a hill station famous for its rolling tea gardens, mist-covered valleys, and cool climate. En route, stop at Athirappilly Waterfalls, often called the "Niagara of India", where you can witness cascading waters surrounded by lush rainforest. Further along the route, visit Cheeyappara and Valara Waterfalls, perfect for quick photo stops. As you ascend into the hills, enjoy the changing scenery of sprawling tea estates, spice plantations, and dense forests. Upon arrival, check into a luxury resort overlooking the mountains. Spend your evening at leisure—take a romantic stroll through the tea gardens or enjoy a warm cup of freshly brewed tea while soaking in the breathtaking sunset views.

### **Day 3 - Exploring Munnar - Tea Estates & Nature Trails**

Wake up to the refreshing mountain air and enjoy a hearty breakfast before heading out to explore Munnar's natural beauty. Your first stop is Eravikulam National Park, home to the endangered Nilgiri Tahr. Take a scenic trek through the grasslands, where you might spot these rare mountain goats grazing in their natural habitat. Next, visit the Tata Tea Museum, where you'll learn about the history of tea production and sample some of the finest brews.<br>Later, visit Mattupetty Dam, where you can enjoy boating in a serene lake surrounded by misty hills. Drive to Echo Point, known for its natural echo

phenomenon, before heading to Top Station, the highest viewpoint in Munnar, offering breathtaking panoramic views of the Western Ghats. Return to your resort and enjoy a cozy bonfire evening with your partner under the starlit sky.

#### **Day 4 - Journey to Alleppey - The Backwater Paradise**

After breakfast, bid farewell to the hills and descend toward Alleppey, the heart of Kerala's backwaters. On arrival, check into a private luxury houseboat and begin a romantic cruise through the tranquil backwaters. As you drift along the palm-fringed canals, witness picturesque paddy fields, charming village life, and traditional Kerala homes on the water's edge. <br> Enjoy a delicious traditional Kerala lunch on board, featuring fresh seafood, coconut-infused curries, and aromatic rice. Spend the afternoon relaxing on the deck, soaking in the peaceful surroundings. In the evening, watch the sunset over the backwaters while sipping on fresh coconut water. Enjoy a private candlelight dinner on the houseboat, creating an unforgettable experience before retreating to your luxurious floating suite for the night.

#### **Day 5 - Thekkady - Wildlife & Spice Plantations**

After breakfast, disembark from your houseboat and proceed to Thekkady, home to the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, one of the best places in India to spot elephants in the wild. On arrival, check into a nature resort surrounded by spice plantations. In the afternoon, embark on a boat safari on Periyar Lake, where you may see elephants, deer, bison, and exotic birds in their natural habitat. <br> Later, visit a spice plantation, where you can walk through aromatic cardamom, pepper, and cinnamon farms while learning about Kerala's world-famous spices. In the evening, experience a vibrant Kathakali dance performance or witness a Kalaripayattu martial arts show, showcasing Kerala's rich cultural heritage.

#### **Day 6 - Journey to Kovalam - Kerala's Beach Haven**

After breakfast, set off for Kovalam, Kerala's most famous beach paradise. Upon arrival, check into a luxurious beachfront resort with stunning ocean views. Spend the day at leisure—relax by the infinity pool, sip on fresh coconut water, or take a romantic stroll along the golden sands. <br> In the evening, indulge in a traditional Ayurvedic couples'

spa session, designed to rejuvenate your body and mind. Later, enjoy a private candlelight dinner on the beach, with the sound of waves creating the perfect backdrop for a romantic evening.

### **Day 7 - Relaxing at Kovalam & Excursion to Poovar Island**

Start your day with a leisurely beach walk, feeling the soft sand between your toes. After breakfast, take a boat ride to Poovar Island, a hidden gem where mangrove forests meet golden sandbanks. Explore the floating cottages and enjoy a picnic by the scenic backwaters.<br> Spend the rest of your day at Lighthouse Beach, where you can relax, sunbathe, or take a sunset catamaran ride. If you're feeling adventurous, try jet skiing or surfing. Return to your resort and enjoy a romantic seafood dinner with ocean views.

### **Day 8 - Trivandrum City Tour & Leisure**

After breakfast, head to Trivandrum, the capital city of Kerala, for a sightseeing tour. Visit the famous Padmanabhaswamy Temple, an architectural marvel and one of the wealthiest temples in the world. Explore the Napier Museum, home to an exquisite collection of Kerala's royal artifacts, and visit the Shangumugham Beach, known for its beautiful sunset views. <br> Spend your last evening in Kerala with a private rooftop dinner, reminiscing about your unforgettable journey.

### **Day 9 - Departure - Bid Farewell to Kerala**

After breakfast, check out from your resort and proceed to Trivandrum International Airport for your onward journey. Depart with unforgettable memories of a romantic escape in Kerala, filled with luxury, adventure, and breathtaking landscapes.

### **Accommodation Used**