# Serene Backwaters of Kerela (5N/6D)

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# Day 1: Arrival in Cochin

Arrive in Cochin and visit St. Francis Church and Santa Cruz Basilica. Witness the unique Chinese Fishing Nets along the Vasco da Gama Square. Explore the beauty of Mattancherry Palace and visit oldest active Jewish synagogue in the Commonwealth of Nations.



### Day 2: Cochin to Munnar

Drive to Munnar and enjoy breathtaking view of the Cheeyappara waterfall and Valara Waterfall at Munnar. Witness the sprawling tea garden.



#### Day 3: Munnar Sightseeing

Visit Eravikulam National Park which is home to endangered Nilgiri Tahr and enjoy boating on the serene waters of Mattupetty Dam. Visit the tea museum and witness the tea making process and end your day with Echo point & Kundala Lake boating. Drive to the highest point in Munnar for a panoramic view of the Western Ghats.



#### Day 4: Munnar to Thekkady

Depart from Thekkady and visit Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary where one can enjoy boat ride on Periyar Lake to spot wildlife. Take a spice plantation tour in Thekkady to learn about the cultivation of spices like cardamom, pepper, and vanilla. Enjoy a traditional Kathakali dance performance or a Kalaripayattu martial arts show in the evening.



## Day 5: Thekkady to Alleppey (Houseboat Experience)

Enjoy ride to Allepey known for its serene backwaters. Take traditiona houseboat and cruise through backwaters of Kerela where you can explore narrow canals and local villages along the backwaters. Enjoy an overnight stay on the houseboat with all meals included.



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### Day 6: Alleppey to Varkala and Drop in Cochin

Early drive to Varkala. Visit Varkala Beach and relax at pristine beach known for its natural springs. Then visit Janardhana Swamy Temple which is dedicated to Lord Vishu. Explore the ashram founded by the social reformer Sree Narayana Guru. After enjoying Varkala return back to Cochin.



Days and visits are on a tentative itinerary basis and can be customised as per the requirments