



KOZHIKODE

Hospitality at its Finest

Explore the must-visit tourist places in
Kozhikode District

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A city that has served as the major centre for spice trade amongst Europe, China and the Arab world, and has witnessed many freedom struggles

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The warmth of Kozhikode is a reflection of its people & a vibrant culture

Say Kozhikode, and it is Malabar cuisine, beaches and a vibrant nightlife that the city brings to mind. The beautiful sunsets and the aroma of flavourful local delicacies have attracted people from every part of the world to this city which is rich in heritage and culture, and yet has welcomed the modern times with great enthusiasm. A walk along the beautiful shores of Kozhikode beach offers serenity as well as an infectious energy. This city served as the major centre of spice trade for Europe, China and the Arab world, and has witnessed the many stages of our freedom struggle. The place, prominently known as Malabar, is renowned for its rich tradition, ethnic values and cultural wealth inherited by its people. One of the eminent characteristics of the place is the hospitality of the natives, a distinct feature which is sure to leave every visitor spellbound. The district is also famous for its architectural marvels marking the reign of ancient rulers, and making the place rich in heritage artefacts.



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from Kozhikode town

 Kannur International Airport,
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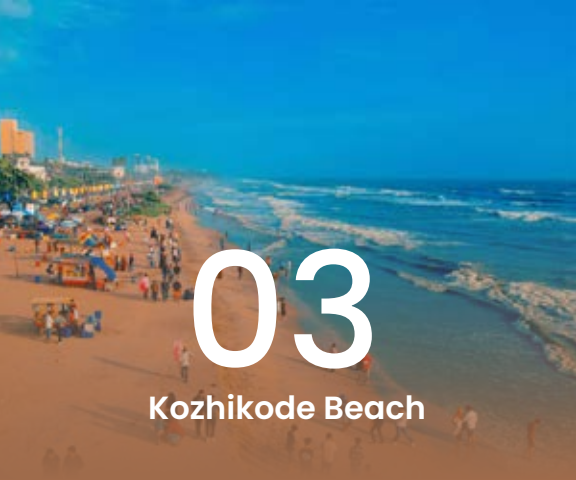
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An aerial photograph of the Kadalundi Bird Sanctuary, showing a large body of water with a narrow channel and a bridge crossing it. The surrounding area is lush green with mangroves and trees.

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Kadalundi Bird Sanctuary

An aerial photograph of Kozhikode Beach, showing a wide sandy beach with many people walking along the shore. The ocean waves are breaking on the right side of the image.

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Kozhikode Beach

An aerial photograph of Kappad Beach, showing a wide sandy beach with a line of trees and buildings in the background. The ocean waves are breaking on the right side of the image.

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Kappad Beach

An aerial photograph of Thamarassery Ghat, showing a large, ornate archway structure over a road. The archway has multiple openings and is surrounded by trees and greenery.

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Thamarassery Ghat

An aerial photograph of Mananchira Square, showing a large, rectangular pond with a walkway around it. The surrounding area is lush green with trees and buildings.

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Mananchira Square

An aerial photograph of Sarovaram Biopark, showing a large, ornate building with a green roof and a sign that reads "SAROVARAM BIOPARK". The building is surrounded by trees and greenery.

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Sarovaram Biopark

An aerial photograph of Beypore Beach, showing a wide sandy beach with many people walking along the shore. The ocean waves are breaking on the right side of the image.

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KADALUNDI BIRD SANCTUARY

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The array of activities at Kadalundi bird sanctuary makes it a popular tourist attraction

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► **Every year, a variety of migratory birds flock to the banks of the Kadalundi river**

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Nestling beauty amidst the alluring isles & vast mangroves

Located across a cluster of islands in the Arabian Sea, the Kadalundi bird sanctuary is a stunning haven for feathered friends of the region and other migratory birds. The sanctuary runs into the Kadalundi river, after which it is named. The river, originating in the Western Ghats, flows through Silent Valley, meanders through the small hills of Kadalundi, and proffers one of the most fascinating experiences for Nature lovers.

This enchanting paradise that serves as a natural habitat for over 60 avian species draws visitors from all over the world. A variety of species, including seagulls, terns and greenshanks and turnstones come flocking to the islands from November to April, which is the ideal viewing time. A variety of water sports, boat tours, and island tours to discover the beauty of Kadalundi is sure to make your visit an unforgettable experience.



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KOZHIKODE BEACH

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The golden sunset, the local delicacies, the selfie spots and murals along the beach are the highlights of the Kozhikode beach

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► *The facelift undergone by Kozhikode beach serves as a refreshing sight for visitors*

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The haven of every sunset lover also comes with the friendly squeaking of dolphins

Who would not love a stroll along one of the most charming beaches beholding a splendid sunset with an evening breeze rich in the authentic flavours of Malabar and a history so grand? Kozhikode beach, with a scenic view of the shore lined with shacks of delicious seafood, is a favourite spot for beach lovers. Dolphins' Point is a preferred spot for a special welcome by the dolphins while the majestic lighthouse and the two ancient piers stretching into the sea offer a spectacular view.

The century-old Lion's Park, a pleasant picnic spot, and the nearby marine water aquarium are popular among children, who are curious and eager to relish the frolic of creatures from sea. What makes the place all the more alluring is the aroma of cooked mussels from the shacks, and the happy chatter of people out to spend a beautiful evening together.



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KAPPAD BEACH

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Kappad beach is of great significance in the history of Kerala. The place was known as the spice centre of the state in the medieval period

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► *The imprints of the legendary voyager lie beneath the sands of Kappad beach*

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Portuguese explorer Vasco Da Gama's Kerala connection begins here

Life changed forever for the inhabitants of the region after Vasco da Gama set foot onto Malabar's shores. With such a history, Kappad beach today remains one of the most blissful spots among the tourist destinations of Kerala. Kappad beach, or Kappakadavu in local parlance, makes for a relaxed getaway amidst golden sands and the soothing sounds of the sea. The site was discovered by foreigners over 500 years ago in 1498, when 170 men, led by Da Gama, disembarked there.

A stone monument stands prominently on the sands commemorating this historical 'landing'. In present day Kappad, nearby shacks offer an excellent variety of local delicacies. The major attraction of the beach also includes an 800-year-old temple. Most visitors choose to reach Kappad through the backwaters, which provide a glimpse of the fishing hamlets.



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THAMARASSERY GHAT

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Yearly, thousands of tourists pass this ghat to experience the beauty of nature in its grandeur. A ride through the mist-covered Thamarassery pass is an unforgettable experience

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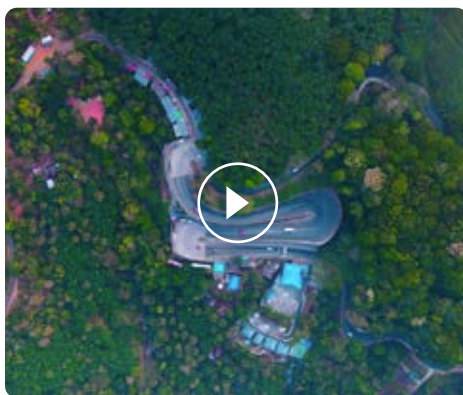
► **The vortex to a
mist-covered paradise**

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A passage to heaven offering breathtaking sights and unending memories

This magnificent mountain range, connecting the districts of Kozhikode and Wayanad, stands within the Western Ghats parallel to the western coast of the Indian peninsula, at about 2,625 ft above ground level. The hill highway has nine hairpin bends, each opening to a new vista of breathtaking sights. The mountain pass or 'churam' extends to about 14 km to Lakkidi Viewpoint, where it ends, and with each curve, the emerald valley below beckons. The zig-zagging roads leading all the way up the lush green hills are often enfolded in heavenly mist which makes the trip a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Lakkidi, located right after the viewpoint, is a small town where the pass ends and Wayanad district begins. The route offers an impressive option of resorts and homestays for visitors.



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MANANCHIRA SQUARE

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Mananchira Park and the surrounding areas provide a glimpse of architectural elegance and the rich cultural values of the Kozhikode city

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► *The beautiful garden encircling the waters of Mananchira*

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Legacy stands preserved at this hub in the city

As a reminder of ancient times, Mananchira Square stands at the heart of Kozhikode city, symbolizing the architectonic culture of the late rulers who created the splendid monument around the artificially-made pond of Mananchira. The huge rectangular pond built by the Zamorin, Mana Vikrama, around the 14th century, is now a popular recreational spot.

The area around the tank has been converted into a park, meticulously landscaped with lawns and evergreen trees to blend in with its old-world charm. The arch at the entrance, flanked by Tipu Sultan's cannons, the fascinating sculptures and the ancient buildings built in the traditional architectural style of Kerala show the rich heritage of the Zamorin rule. The square showcases cultural arts and music; and has an open-air theatre as well as a musical fountain.



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SAROVARAM BIOPARK

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SAROVARAM
BIOPARK

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The eco-friendly theme of the park showcases seven mangrove species, 34 bird species and 29 associated species making it a must-visit destination for nature lovers

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Wetlands, mangrove forests make this a true haven of diverse flora and fauna

Sarovaram Biopark is an eco-friendly initiative undertaken by the government to conserve a 200-acre eco-system consisting of wetlands and mangrove forests. Situated adjacent to Canoly Canal, the Biopark is a well-protected bio-reserve that offers a canal walkway, floating rafts and a board walk as well as boating facilities to keep the visitors entertained.

Besides the surreal beauty of rich biodiversity, fascinating creatures of Nature can be observed in the otter park, butterfly park, bird sanctuary and the aquarium.

A musical fountain, a children's park and an amphitheatre add to the charm of the park, making it a favourite spot for adults and children alike. The eco-friendly theme of the park showcases seven mangrove species, 34 bird species and 29 associated species.



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Kozhikode City Circuit

BEYPORE BEACH

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Indulge in Ayurvedic healing amidst the gentle waves and sun-kissed shore of Beypore

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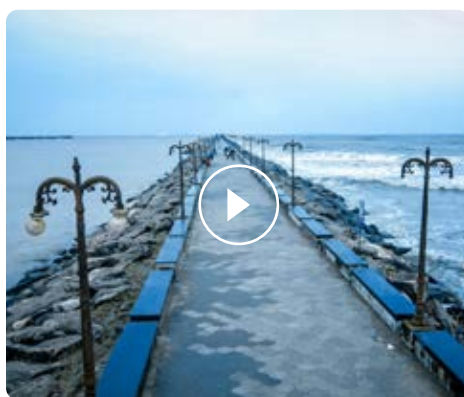
► *The floating bridge protruding into the sea offers a rare view of the horizon*

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Be a spectator to the glorious sunset beyond the waves

Beypore beach is Kozhikode at its most charming. The trade and maritime map of ancient Kerala notes Beypore as one of its important gateways, through which the Arabian merchants, Chinese travellers and later Europeans gained access to Kerala and explored more of Malabar.

Here tranquility unfolds as coconut trees sway tenderly in the cool breeze. The beach is also renowned for its authentic Ayurvedic massage centres and various adventure water-sports activities. It is the perfect destination for an escape from the hurly-burly of modern life, where simply strolling along the golden shoreline makes you relaxed and warm. The beach is also known for its age-old dhow industry, famously called 'Urus'. Speckled with silhouettes of such architectural marvels and a promenade leading 2 km into the sea, this place offers a glorious seaside experience.



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VADAKARA BEACH

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Vadakara Sandbanks Beach is formed at the confluence of Kottakal river and the Arabian Sea. It is one of the most preferred picnic spots

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► **Most families visit the beach for a silent getaway**

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A well-maintained children's park and a garden add to beauty of the beach

One of the finest estuaries of Kerala, Vadakara beach is known for its breath-taking scenery and well-maintained children's park, making it a popular picnic spot for many. Popularly known as Sandbanks Beach, it is located where the Kottakal river meets the Arabian Sea, and offers an astonishing sunset view to visitors.

The beach is located at the outskirts of the city, making it an ideal place for families to spend the evenings without the bustle of noisy crowds. One can spend quality time walking across the gently sloping strip of land or watch the lapping waves. Thanks to the vast stretch of the beach, visiting groups of tourists remain scattered, offering everyone enough privacy for a nice evening out. Vadakara is famous for being the birth place of Thacholi Othenan, the legendary hero of the Vadakkanpattu [the Northern Ballads of Kerala].



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LOKANARKAVU TEMPLE

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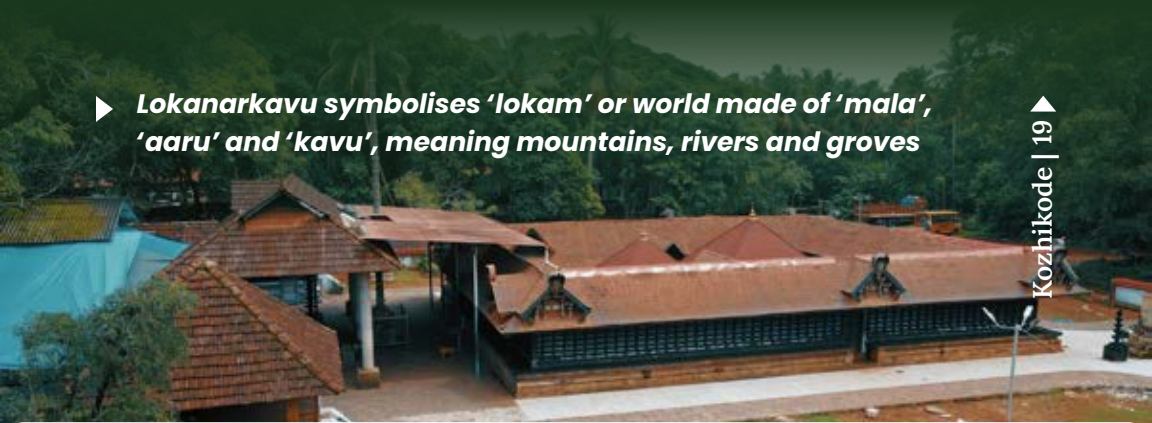
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Lokanarkavu finds mention in Vadakkanpattu or songs/ballads of Northern Malabar from the medieval period

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► **Lokanarkavu symbolises 'lokam' or world made of 'mala', 'aaru' and 'kavu', meaning mountains, rivers and groves**

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Divine energy, traditional architecture and a slice of history converge here

Built 1,500 years ago by the Aryan Vaishya Brahmins, Lokanarkavu temple is the epitome of heritage. The traditional Kerala architectural design transports visitors to another era. Goddess Durga, the presiding deity, is worshipped here. The place finds mention in Vadakkanpattu or songs/ballads of Northern Malabar from the medieval period.

The ballads convey stories of legendary heroes like Thacholli Othenan, who regularly worshipped the deity of Lokanarkavu temple. The temple is famous for its annual festivals. The first is Mandala Vilakku Utsavam or Lokanarkavu Utsavam which lasts for 41 days. The key feature of this festival is the traditional folk dance, thacholikali. The second festival is called pooram which takes place between March and April, and lasts for eight days. Poorakkali, a ritual art form, is a sight to behold.



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KUTTICHIRA MOSQUE

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A testament to religious harmony, the Mishkal Masjid at Kuttichira is one of the oldest mosques in Kozhikode district

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► *The unique architectural style distinguishes Kuttichira mosque from present-day mosques*

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Mishkal Masjid has an important place in the history of the region

To the west of Kozhikode district stands the Kuttichira mosque in all its grandeur. The mosque, built 650 years ago by Nakhuda Mishka in the traditional Kerala architectural style, is a contrast to the modern style of present-day mosques. This four-storey building has 47 doors and 27 carved pillars; the ground floor has a prayer hall which can accommodate 600 people at a time. The minbar, made of timber, has Arabic inscriptions on them; while the Italian marble and coffered ceiling add to the beauty.

History records an instance of arson in the mosque, executed by the Portuguese. However, the mosque is a testament to the harmony that existed among various religions. The Zamorins helped rebuild the mosque after the incident as a gesture of gratitude to the Muslim koyas who bravely stood up to protect their fellow Hindu brothers during the war.



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Kozhikode, about 2.5 km

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SARGAALAYA KERALA ARTS & CRAFTS VILLAGE

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If you are interested in fine arts and craft or looking forward to experiencing exotic craftsmanship, then you should not miss this gem of a place

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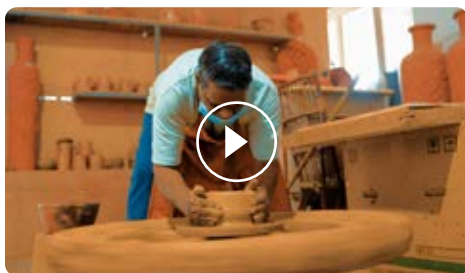
► *The deep blue waters compliment the lush greenery of the place*

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Experience the supreme craftsmanship of Kerala's finest artisans

Spread across 20 acres of picturesque land in Iringal, the arts and crafts village is a place where the finest products are born out of the skilled hands of Kerala's artisans. If you are interested in fine arts and crafts or looking forward to experiencing the exotic craftsmanship this area is famous for, then you should not miss this gem of a place.

Set up on the shores of Moorad river, it adds to the beauty of the place. Here, you can even participate in a session of craft making of your choice or even sign up for classes. Masterpieces made by native artisans, available for sale, make for good souvenirs. Materials used for each craft vary, from natural substances to alloys. Banana leaf, bamboo, coconut shells and husk are a few commonly used materials. Classical and folk art forms are also performed here. There is also the option of boating across the Moorad river.



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PAZHASSI RAJA ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM



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The museum has a valuable collection of weapons, ancient coins, pottery, antique bronzes and models of temples, even a stone sculpture dating back to the 7th century

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► **The treasure trove of
history and culture**

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Walk through the 200-year-old building & witness the rich history of Kerala

A trip to Kozhikode is incomplete without visiting the Pazhassi Raja Archaeological Museum, a gateway to the history of Kerala. The museum is located on East Hill Calicut, 10 km from the city bus stop and railway station. A small walk uphill takes you to a 200-year-old beautiful traditional building.

The museum has a valuable collection of weapons, ancient coins, pottery, antique bronzes and models of temples, even a stone sculpture dating back to the 7th century. The mural paintings on display offer insight into the techniques and tools of the time. Some of the artefacts are directly linked to the legendary ruler Kerala Varma Pazhassi Raja. Make sure you visit the adjacent art museum too, which has some of the original paintings by Raja Ravi Varma and his uncle Raja Raja Varma, two of the most renowned artists from Kerala.



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KAKKAYAM DAM

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The dam and its surroundings offer natural spots for trekking and rock climbing. This place is treasured by adventurers and nature lovers alike

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► **Enthralling view of nature
surrounding Kakkayam Dam**

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With boat rides & treks, the reservoir offers it all for a blissful experience

Situated on the outskirts of the Western Ghats, Kakkayam dam is home to a diverse array of flora and fauna. The dam, built on the Kuttiyadi river, has created the Kuttiyadi reservoir. The area around the dam offers natural spots for trekking and rock climbing. This place is treasured by adventurers and Nature lovers alike. Every visitor to Kakkayam dam is bound to feel refreshed by the sense of calm that prevails there.

Families find this place the perfect spot for a picnic as it gives children an opportunity to experience Mother Nature in all her charm. Boat riding is a must if you want to explore the hidden beauty of the place. The ride will give you an exclusive view of the dam with its waterfalls and the dense forests. When the dam is enveloped by mist, the sight leaves onlookers spell-bound. Put it on your list of must-visits for a refreshing experience.



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THUSHARAGIRI

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The place gets its name from the snowy veil covering the mountains which is formed from the drizzle of the gushing water that cascades downhill

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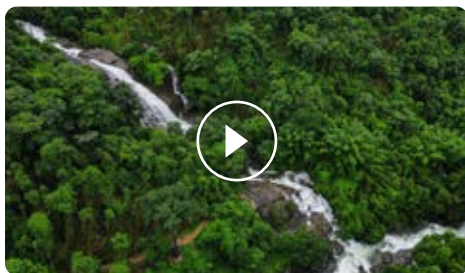
► *The sight of the gushing falls is to be truly experienced*

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Adventurers test their mettle at this mist-capped waterfalls

The waterfalls of Thusharagiri are located among the dense forests of the Western Ghats. The area is sure to awaken all your senses and captivate you with its mystical, mist-covered beauty. The place is located 50 km from Kozhikode and the forests stretch out to Vythiri in Wayanad. The place gets its name from the powdery veil covering the mountains which is formed from the drizzle of the gushing water that cascades downhill.

It comprises three waterfalls - Erattumukku, Mazhivil chattam and Thenpara - the last-mentioned being the highest waterfall amongst them. Reaching the first two waterfalls is relatively easy but to reach Thenpara waterfall, one should travel deep into the lush woods and follow the course of an upstream hike. This is not for the faint-hearted, a reason why adventurers hold this place close to their hearts.



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THALI SHIVA TEMPLE

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തളി മഹാക്ഷേത്രം

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Every year, thousands of devotees flock to witness the festival of Mahashivaratri at this temple built in the 14th century

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► *The temple is designed in the traditional architectural style of Kerala*

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Heritage, splendour and spirituality meet at this ancient Shiva temple

Thali Shiva temple is the oldest temple in Kerala which dates back to the 12th century. Every year thousands of devotees flock to witness the festival of Mahashivaratri, which is celebrated during the Malayalam month of Kumbham [Feb.-March].



The temple was built by the Zamorin, Swamy Thirumulapad. The building is designed in the traditional architectural style of Kerala. Intricate carvings on the wooden roof, the chariot design on the walls of the sanctum sanctorum paired with brass designs, and the murals throughout the walls of the entire temple form the grand features of the temple. The towers of intricate designs and carvings at the entrance add to the glory of the temple. The main deity worshipped here is Lord Shiva. Between the month of October and November, the annual assembly of scholars, named Revathi Pattathanam is conducted here.

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THIKKODI DRIVE-IN BEACH

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The fun of cruising parallel to the shoreline is definitely worth it for those young at heart. Coconut trees alongside the beach and the setting rays of the sun add to the charm of the place

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► **Thikkodi beach offers the unique sight of black sand against the rippling waves**

Experience an off-road adventure on the sands of this drive-in beach

Not all beaches let you drive all the way up to its shoreline. The fun of cruising parallel to the shoreline is definitely worth it for those who are young at heart. The black soil on this beach is firm in texture, and makes it safe to take your vehicle all the way close to the docile waves. Relatively unexplored in Kozhikode, the place is a popular hangout mostly among youngsters enjoying the beach on their four wheelers and with their friends. Coconut trees alongside the beach and the setting rays of the sun add to the charm of the place. Enjoy the beautiful sunset or a night drive along the moonlit beach to feel your stress flit away.



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