



### A Piece of Heaven Under the Sahyadri

Picturesque Munnar town is spread in a blanket of green around a hill station, at an altitude of 6,000 ft. in the district of Idukki. No wonder then that Munnar, with its dense forests and undulating tea estates, was already a summer getaway for British officers in the colonial era, long before it became the tourist attraction that it is today. It is home to the Neelakurinji which blooms once every 12 years.

also shelters Munnar endangered Nilgiri Tahr. draws tourists in droves every year. The valleys and hills are studded with viewpoints throughout, offering visitors enough photo opportunities to make their holiday memorable. Munnar's consistently pleasant weather makes it the perfect escape for people coming from the hotter parts of the country. A romantic escapade is always in the offing here.

Major tourist places in Munnar & nearby areas



National Highway

State Highway

District Roads

from Munnar town

Station, about 125 km

**Ernakulam Junction Railway** 

### **Know Your Tea**

Munnar's tea estates are a chance for visitors to understand the journey of tea through the ages. The arrival of tea in India is a part of the country's cultural history. The coming of the British is what resulted in mass production of tea, making Munnar a major part of the commercial avatar that tea is today. Get to know the life on tea plantations, interact with workers and watch tea being processed in the factories. After this, you may never see that cup of *chai* the same way again!

















## **Cascades of Paradise**

Waterfalls in Idukki district are a delightful sight as they are each special in their own way. As the region is nestled in the lap of the Western Ghats, Munnar and its nearby regions are home to a multitude of waterfalls in varying heights and features. Some are located near the road and one can enjoy them easily. While some of the falls are deep inside the forest and it involves a fair amount of trekking. But they are worth the effort.



# Unique Gems of the Hill Town

Munnar is also a place that offers numerous opportunities to unleash your adventure spirit. While the peaks like Chokramudi will test your endurance and stamina, adventure parks will offer all the sports under one roof. So challenge yourself with the adrenaline rush.



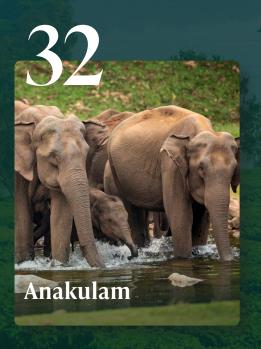






## Elephant Haven

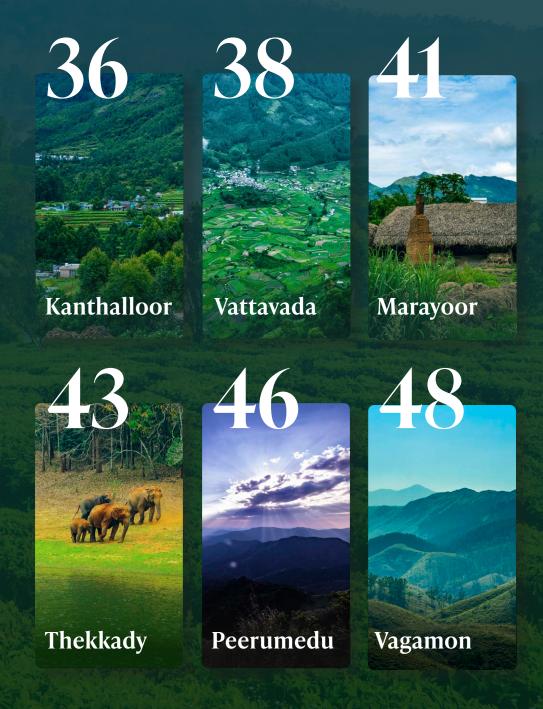
There is hardly anyone who doesn't love the mammoth elephants. Here, pachyderms thrive in a healthy co-existence. You may spot them while you explore Munnar and its surroundings. Or else, head to Anakkulam where you can spot herds of elephants coming down from forest to drink water.

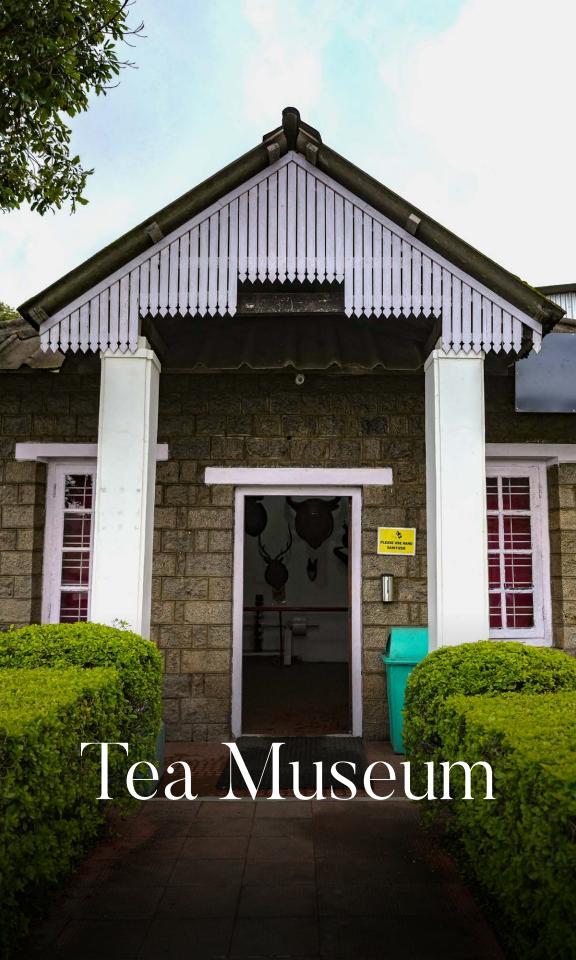




### **Echoes from Munnar**

Scenic spots around Munnar make for equally charming destinations worth exploring. As Munnar is in the irresistible Idukki, there is never a shortage of locations to explore. A short drive from Munnar town will take you to veggie land Vattavada and jaggery world Marayur. Going down further south of the district there is the tempting Thekkady and Vagamon, the land of rolling hills. Holidays never end here!





# Showcasing the journey of a drink we otherwise take for granted

There's no visiting Munnar without a trip to the Tea Museum, just 2 km from the town, which finds a spot on every traveller's checklist to the hill station. It is a walk through the history of tea in India, showcasing memorabilia that show the rise of tea plantations and the processing of the plant over the years.

A Tata Tea initiative established in the Nallathanni estate in 2005, it is a tastefully-designed museum which does justice to its purpose. The museum is of relevance as it depicts the story of how a single commodity changed lives, as a means of livelihood to a much-coveted commodity, from its early days to the Munnar which is associated with tea plantations today. One can see up close, a variety of tools to modern machinery.

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#### Travel Information



Cochin International Airport, about 116 km



Aluva Railway Station, about 110 km



Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 5 km



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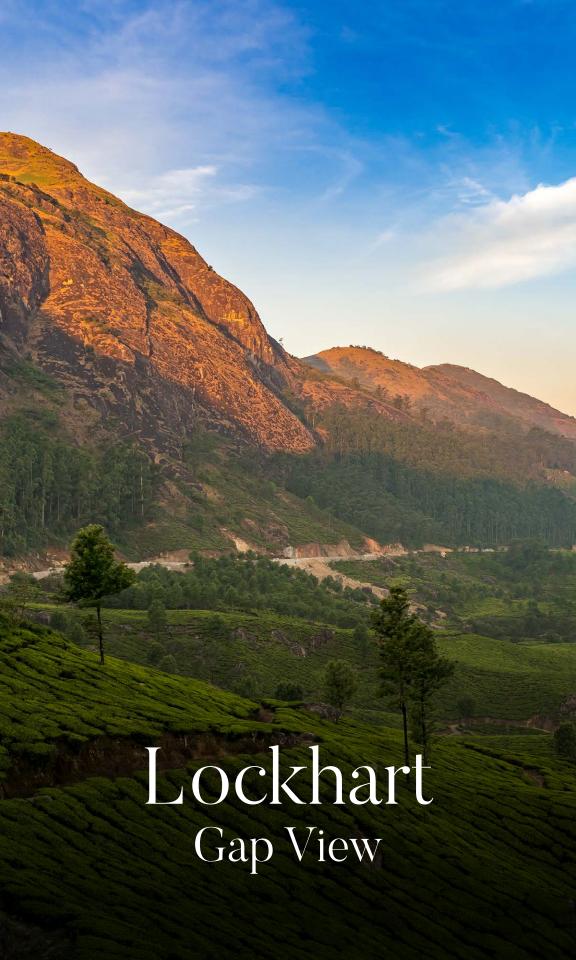










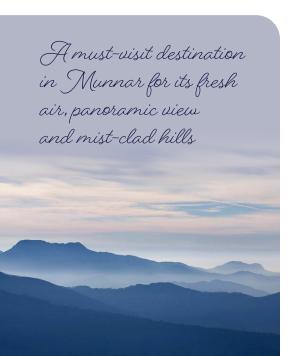


# The Lockhart Gap View offers a spectacular panorama of Bison Valley

Lockhart Gap is popular destination frequented by tourists. Located in Mattupetty, it is about 13 km from Munnar on the Munnar Madurai National Highway. Lockhart Gap View Point is one of the most beautiful and soothing places to visit in Munnar. It is a must-visit for its fresh mountain air, panoramic view and mist-clad hills. It is known also for an ancient natural rock cave.

The Lockhart Gap View Point offers a bird's eye view of Bison Valley, which is named so because of the abundance of gaur, mistakenly called bison, found here earlier and the surrounding hills extending up to Thekkady. It is an ideal location for a picnic with your family and friends, adventure sports and trekking, both easy to tough ones.

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#### **Travel Information**



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Aluva Railway Station, about 120 km



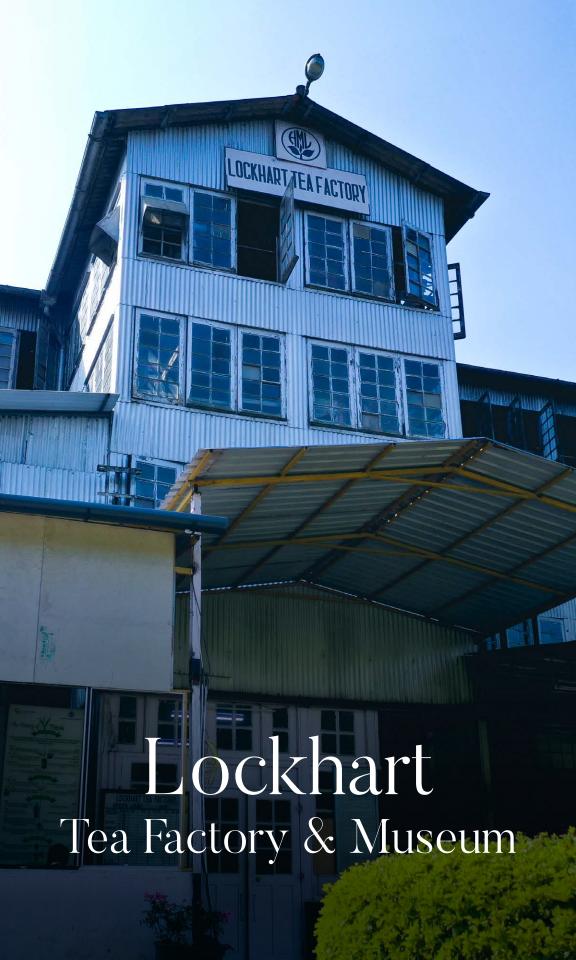
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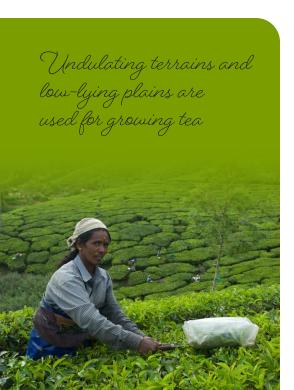


## Some of the finest tea in the world are produced in the factories here

One of the largest producers of tea, Lockhart Tea Factory was founded by the British during colonial rule. Some of the finest tea in the world is still produced at the British tea factories which operate here for export purposes. The undulating terrains and low-lying plains are used for growing tea.

After cultivation from these estates, the tea is processed in nearby factories before they are shipped to different parts of the world. Munnar alone is home to more than 50 tea estates/gardens.

If you cannot get enough of misty Munnar, the 150-year-old Lockhart Tea Bungalow is an ideal option for accommodation. It was built by the British on the slopes of the Chokramudi hills.





#### Travel Information



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Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 10 km



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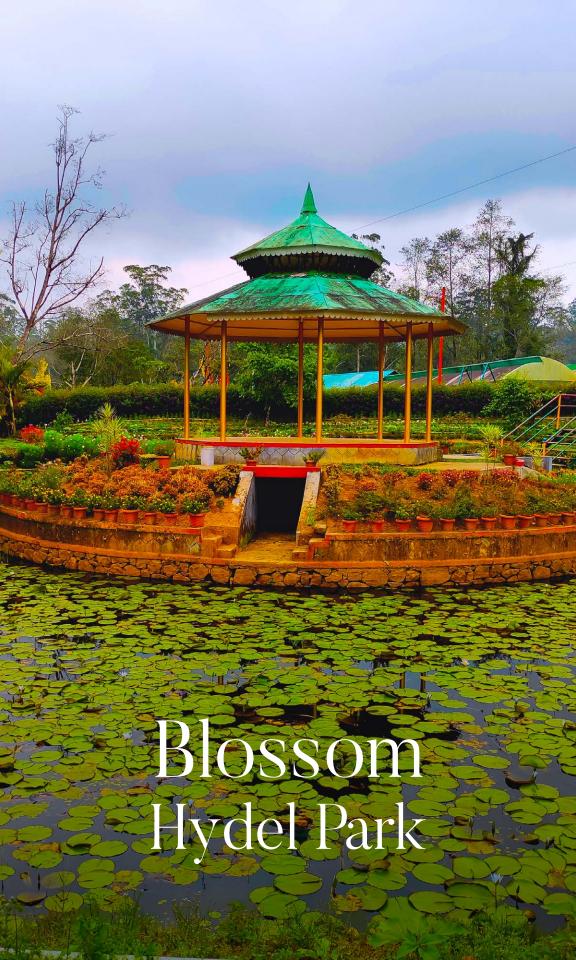












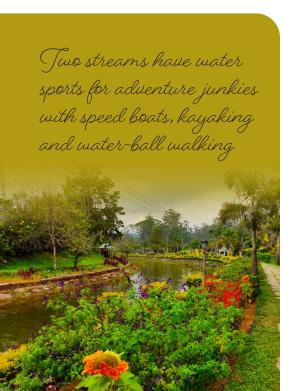
# The manmade park has something for the nature lovers as well as the water sports enthusiasts

If flowers make your heart sing, then the Blossom Hydel Park is a sight to behold when in full bloom.

Impressively maintained, the floral decoration and statues of animals in the park are worth a visit. Two streams within the hydel park have water sports for those up for an adventure with speed boats, kayaking and water-ball walking.

The park, nestled between the two water bodies makes it a pleasant experience. The second stream is a visual treat with sprinklers along its borders.

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Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 1 km



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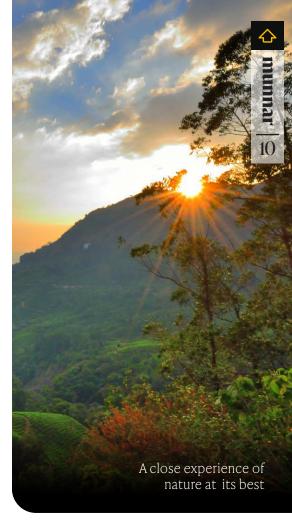
#### A great spot to trek up to for those who like to include some form of physical activity in their vacations

Munnar has something for everyone, Pothamedu View Point being one such offering. Located 5 km from Munnar, the breathtaking view point truly is a close experience of nature at its best.

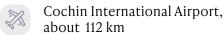
Greenery in the form of coffee, tea and cardamom plantations surrounded by the valleys makes it a great spot to trek up to for those who like to include some form of physical activity in their vacations. There's never a dull moment on this trek with fresh air that is sure to rejuvenate you and is a calming sight for those coming from the bustle of the city.

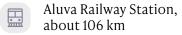
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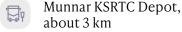




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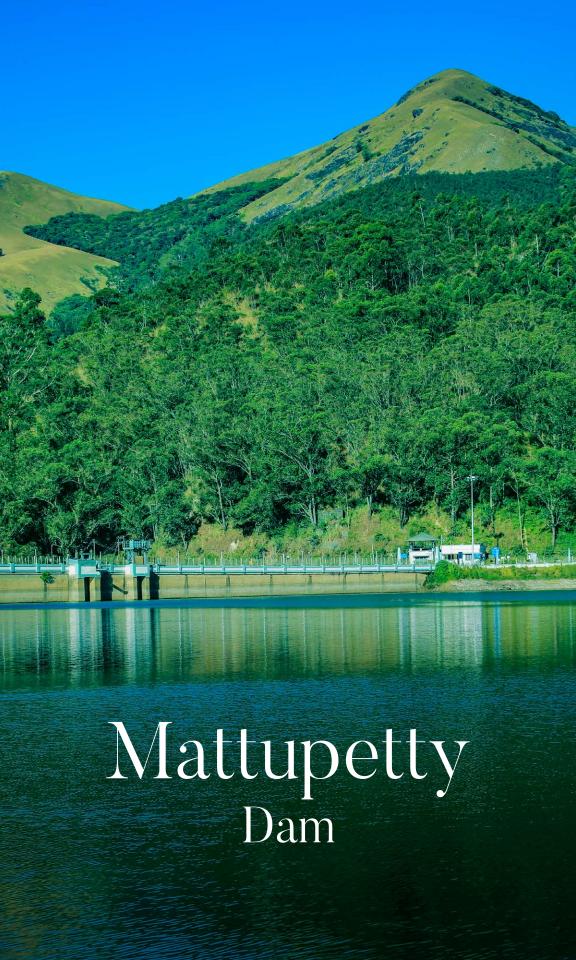




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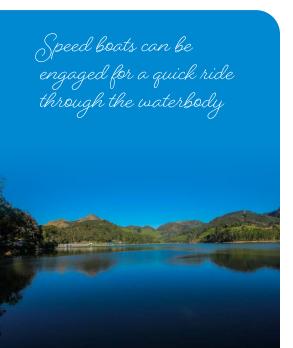


#### The tourist spot is lush with greenery and has plenty of water sports for adventure lovers

Mattupetty dam is a nature lover's delight. One can simply take in the landscape or indulge in water sports organised by District Tourism Promotion Council of Idukki.

A sanctuary for flora and fauna the surrounding forests, in Dam shares Mattupetty borders with a beautiful lake. The dam reflects the beauty of its surroundings, including the lush tea garden. Speed boats can be engaged for a quick ride through the water body. One can also trek through the shola forests. At 160 ft, the Mattupetty Dam is a sight as the reservoir stretches for kilometres into the mountains.

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#### **Travel Information**



Cochin International Airport, about 124 km



Aluva Railway Station, about 118 km



Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 13 km



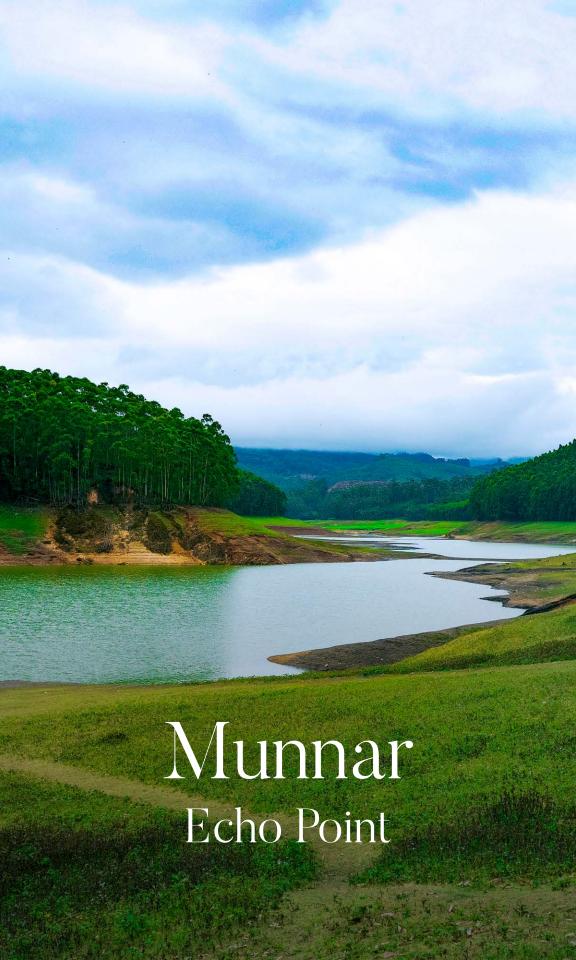
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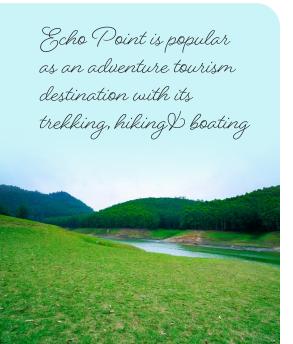




# A spot that is to be experienced for the sheer fun of hearing your voice resonating through the hills

Much like its name, Munnar Echo Point gives people the thrill of hearing their own voices from the peak. More precisely, if a person calls out while standing at the reservoir, it resonates through the area, breaking the quiet that prevails through the hill station. There's Top Station, the most popular attraction on the same route while Echo Station enjoys second place. Echo Point popular as an adventure tourism destination too, with much to do such as trekking, hiking through nature trails and boating. It is a wildlife and nature photographer's delight as there are plenty of moments worth capturing.

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#### Travel Information



Cochin International Airport, about 131 km



Aluva Railway Station, about 125 km



Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 19 km



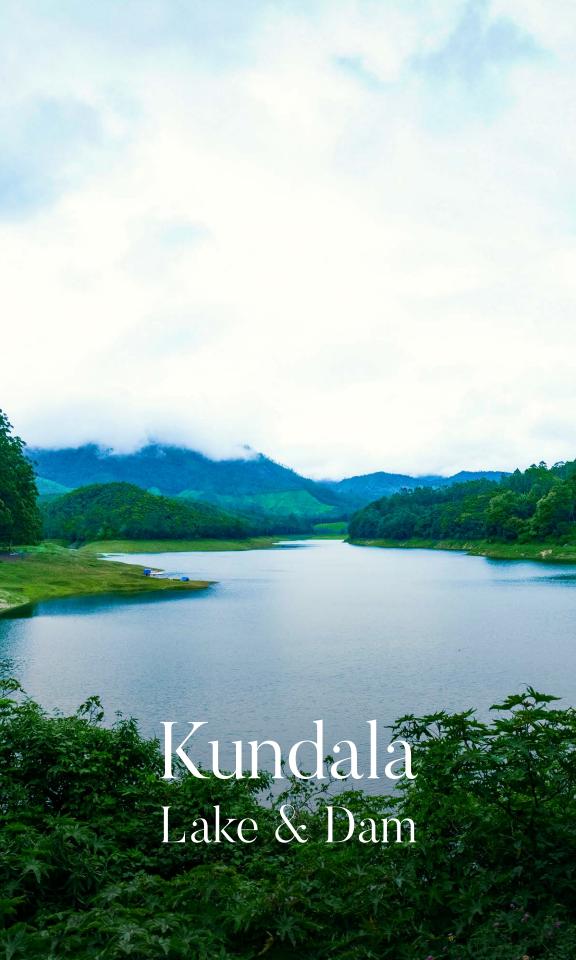
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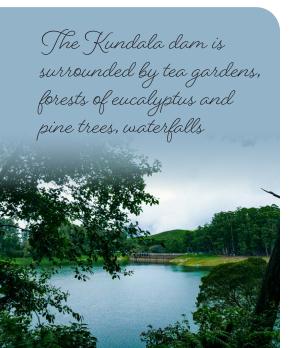


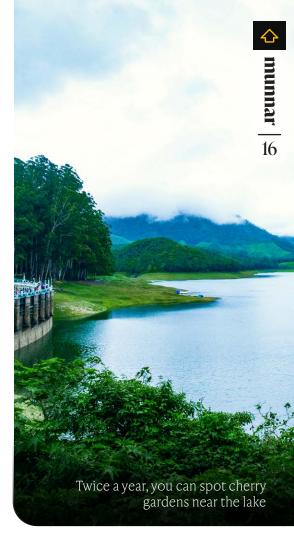
#### A breathtaking sunrise/ sunset apart, the location is also known for its cherry gardens

This spot is for the early risers. To catch Kundala Lake in all its beauty, one must be present as the day breaks. What awaits is an ethereal view of the mist rising, the clouds clearing and the sight of the rising sun as its rays touch the surface of the water. Twice a year, the spot also draws people to see the cherry gardens which enhance the charm of the lake. Boating is a popular activity at Kundala Lake.

One would have to be very lucky to catch the Neelakurunji flowers in bloom every 12 years. Kundala Lake leads to Kundala Dam, another tourist attraction which was constructed for Pallivasal Hydro Electric Project in 1946 and is said to be Asia's first arch dam.

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#### Travel Information



Cochin International Airport, about 138 km



Aluva Railway Station, about 132 km



Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 27 km



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## Visiting this spot is a bit strenuous, but the view makes it worth the effort

Top Station is a top preference for tourists who want to soak in the local culture of this quaint destination, supposedly one of Kerala's most beautiful hill towns. Mind you, Top Station is located 32 km away from Munnar, on the Munnar-Kodaikkanal road not in Munnar town itself. Top Station stands at 1,700 m above sea level. Based along the Kerala - Tamil Nadu border, it frames the majestic Western Ghats and offers a view unlike any other of Theni, a district in Tamil Nadu. Like the rest of Munnar, it is scenic all through. One can never quite stop staring in childlike wonder at the clouds that seem to graze the surface of the lake or over the tea gardens. But to experience this, it is important that the alarm clock is set for the early morning hours.

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#### **Travel Information**



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Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 36 km



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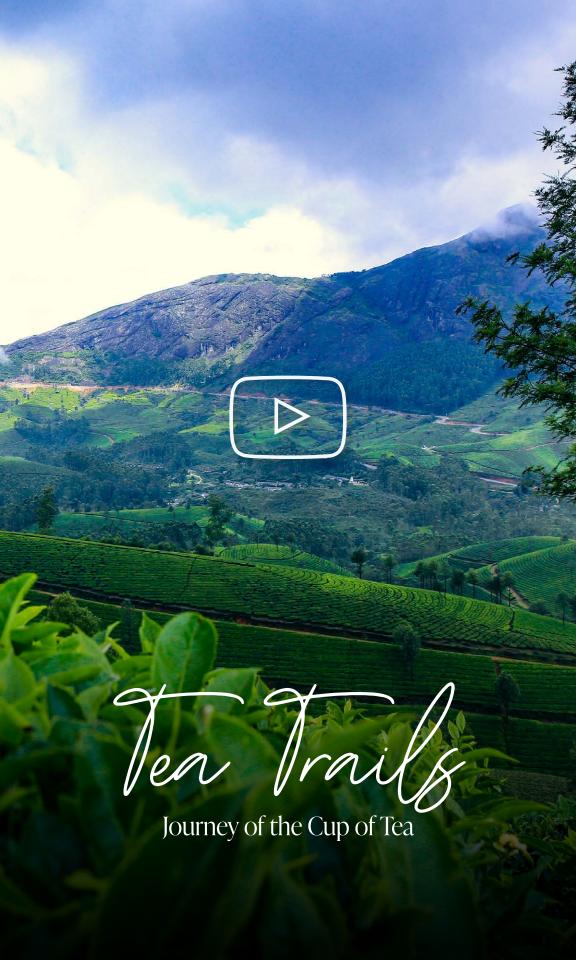


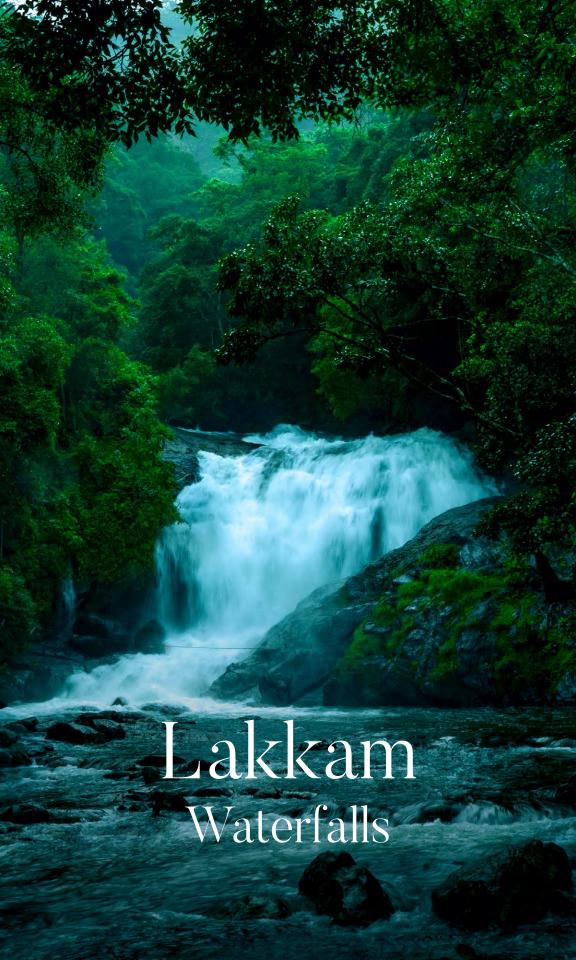
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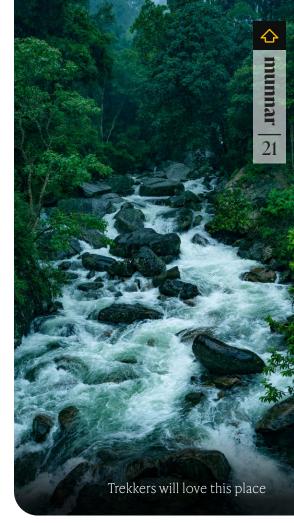
#### Picturesque falls that cascade down Eravikulam Plateau are an amazing sight

Stunningly beautiful, Lakkam Waterfalls can leave one gaping at its sheer height. Located on the way to Marayoor from Munnar, the waterfall amidst the plantation is a major attraction for tourists including honeymooners. It is also popular among trekkers as they can explore the dense jungle and hillscapes surrounding the area.

The Lakkam Waterfall comes cascading down the jagged face of the Eravikulam Plateau, located 7300 ft above sea level. The waterfall is located near Lakkam, close to Vagavurai Estate, on the way to Marayoor from Munnar. Be it to take a break from a long drive or simply to feel the magnificent fall of the waters, Lakkam Waterfalls is a must-visit.

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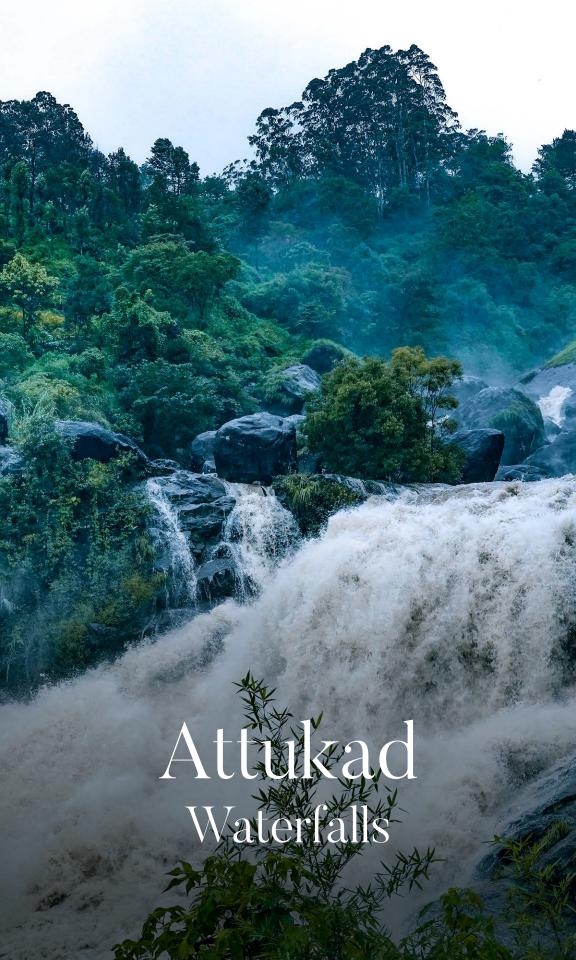


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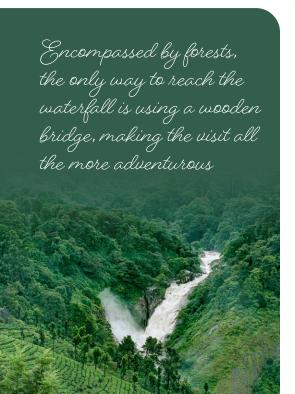
## Who doesn't love a good picnic? Make sure you have yours at this spot

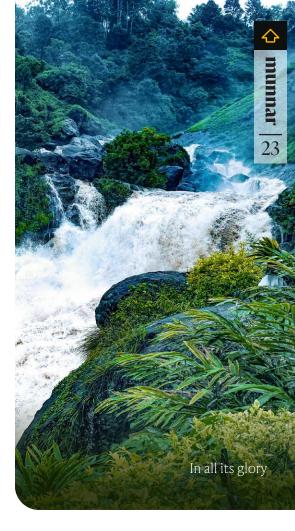
A picnic and trekking destination, Attukad Waterfalls is one of the most popular tourist locations in Munnar. Visitors come from far and wide to catch the Attukad Waterfalls in all its glory.

It is located between Munnar and Pallivasal in the Idukki district. Encompassed by forests, the only way to reach the waterfall is using a wooden bridge, making the visit all the more adventurous.

Pothamedu Viewpoint is also a spot which can be visited from here. Each waterfall is unique, Attukad too.

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Aluva Railway Station, about 104 km



Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 7 km



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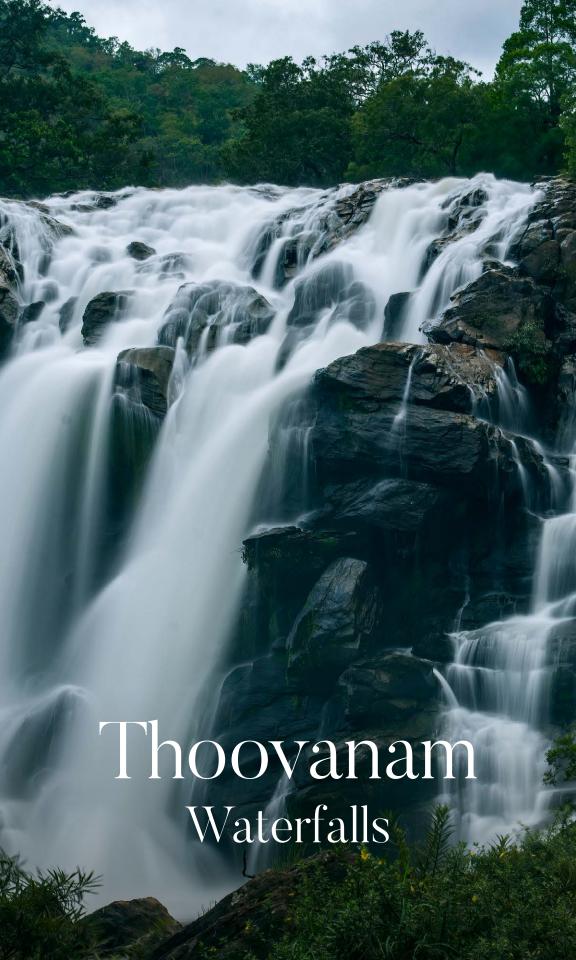


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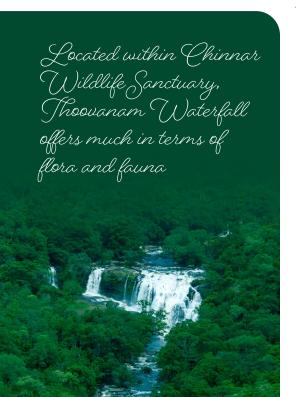
#### Tourists cannot help but sit at the spot to watch the falls and enjoy the view

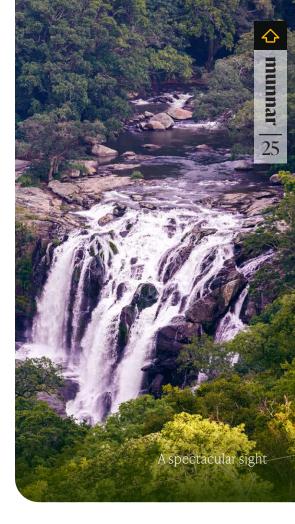
With its origins in the mighty Pambar river, Thoovanam waterfalls is located within the Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary.

Falling from a height of 1,400 ft, it is a spectacular sight for tourists. The location is rich in a variety of flora and is inhabited by many wild animals. It is one of the few spots where one can see tourists sitting to relax and take in the view of the waterfall at its mightiest.

Located approximately 60 km away from Munnar town, the fall offers the best view during the monsoons.

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Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 45 km



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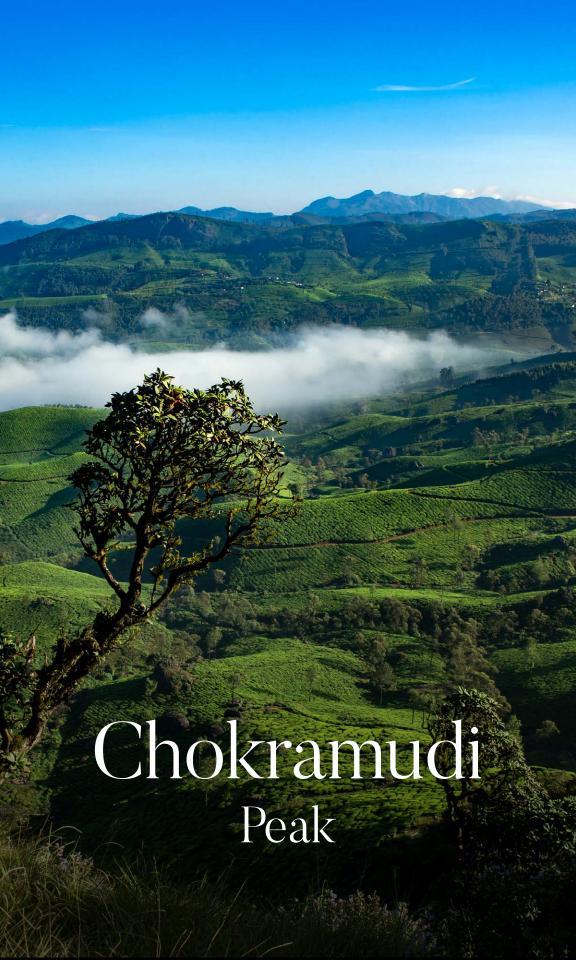


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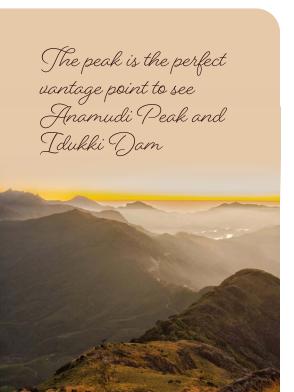


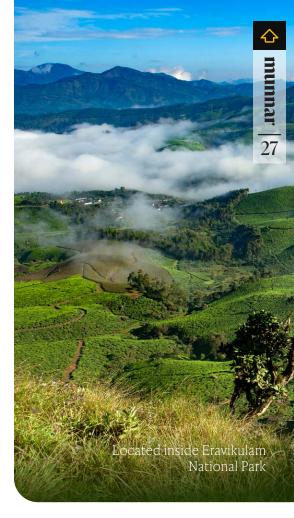


#### With clearly visible trails, a trek to the peak has breathtaking views

trekker's favourite. Every Chokramudi Peak is situated between Bison Valley and Munnar. One of the highest peaks of Munnar, it stands at an altitude of around 7,200 ft in Eravikulam National Park. While the Chokramudi Peak is a loner, standing at a distance from other hill ranges, reaching the peak will not be in vain for it provides an amazing view of the surrounding valleys and mountains. It is also the perfect vantage point for a complete view of Anamudi Peak and Idukki Dam, located nearby.

The trails are visible all the way to the top, the initial stretch being something a beginner can handle while the terrain then gets rocky till the top of the first peak, Kurisumala.





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Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 22 km

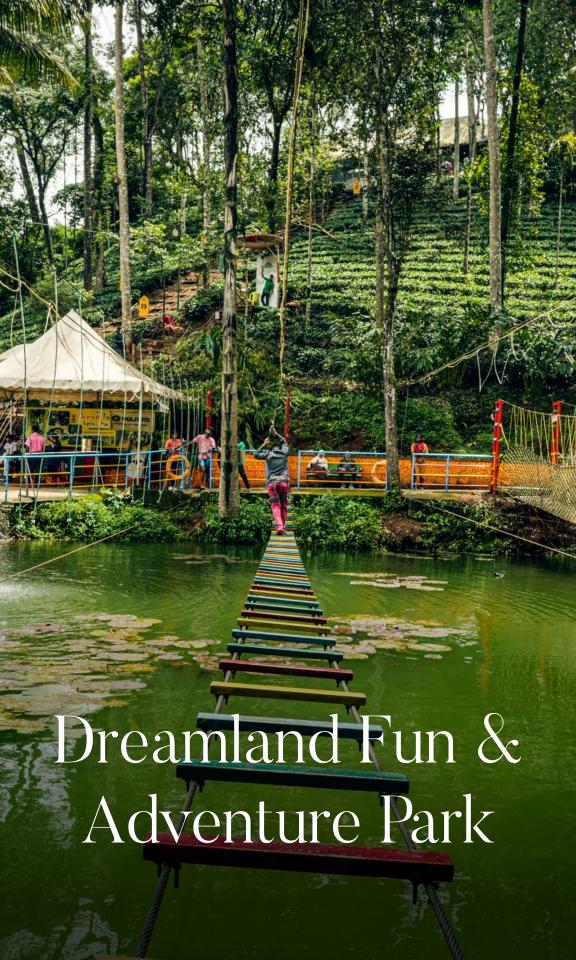
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### This destination packs fun and thrills for all age groups

Munnar is all about fun at a whole new level - 6,000 ft above sea level, to be precise, if adventure sports is your thing. Dreamland Fun and Adventure Park is for those who want to have fun while being physically active.

The park is designed with enough to do for all age groups, so no one is going to feel bored even for a moment here. From camel and horse rides to water rollers and trampolines, free fall, a gyro ride, a virtual hunting game, a 3D photo studio, bungee trampoline, commando nets, a mirror house, a 12D theatre, mountain climbing, human slingshot, archery, horror house, ropeway, zip lining, the options are endless. Here, there is something for everyone.





#### **Travel Information**



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Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 12 km



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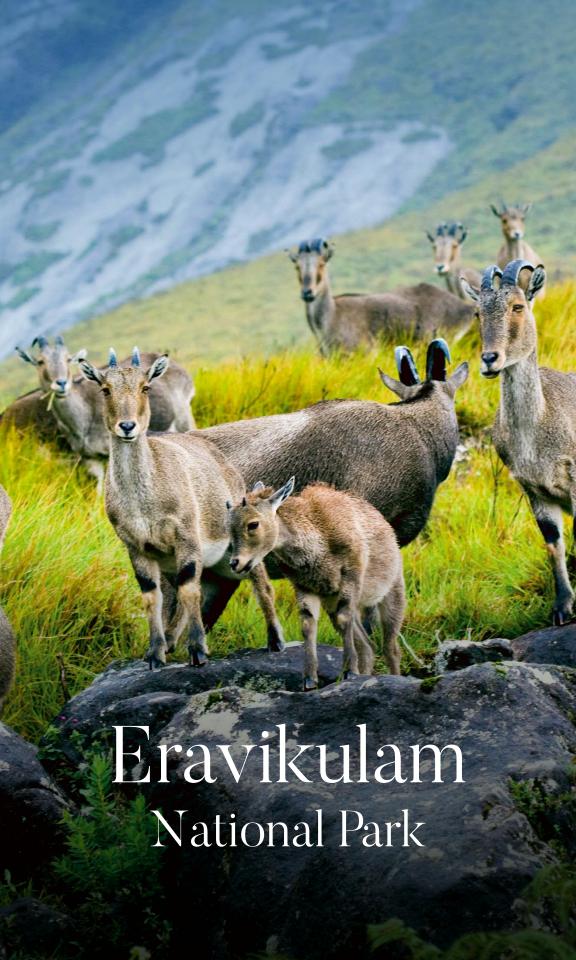












# The Anamudi, the highest peak south of the Himalayas, stands tall here

Eravikulam National Park sits along the high ranges of Idduki. Also known as the land of Neelakurinji, a flower that blooms once in 12 years, the park can be compared to the majestic Swiss Alps. It is a place frequented by avid trekkers and wildlife photographers as it is also where the Anamudi, the highest peak south of the Himalayas stands tall.

The range of flora and fauna make it a nature lover's paradise and for the still more adventurous, there is the safari for a peek into the ways of the inhabitants of the wild. The only motorable roads inside the park lie on the Southern end, towards the Rajamalai tea estate and the areas of Lakkam-Muduvakudy. The park is famous for the endangered Nilgiri Tahr.

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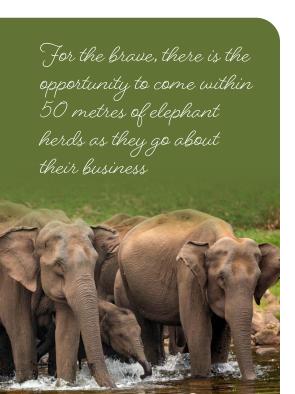


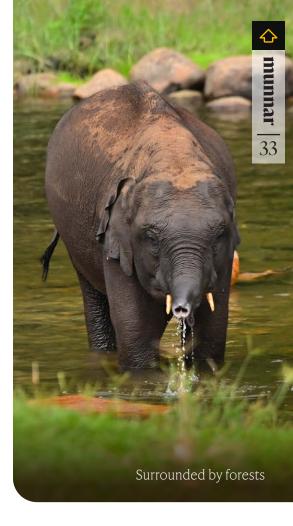


# Man and animal are at ease in each other's presence

Anakulam is a village locked by forest from all sides. Beauty and serenity meet in this region, nearly 40 km away from Munnar. Elephants move around here in large groups, uninhibited by the presence of human beings, a unique feature of this scenic spot. Anakulam is nourished by the two tributaries of Periyar, namely, Idacholayaar and Nallatanniyaar. Accessibility to Aanakulam depends on the availability of jeeps in the area.

For the brave, there is the opportunity to come within 50 meters of elephant herds as they go about their business. This herd includes young calves and not just the mighty tuskers. A walk at a leisurely pace and a refreshing bath in the Idacholayaar tributary is sure to make one feel youthful again.





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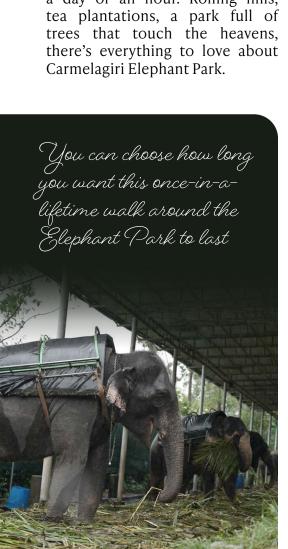
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### Ride atop an elephant for a view of Munnar like never before

Carmelagiri Elephant Park promises an unforgettable experience, if you have what it takes to see the world from a different perspective - quite literally.

To enjoy this tourist attraction to its best, you will have to mount an elephant and let the pachyderm do the walking. You can choose how long you want this once-in-alifetime walk around Carmelagiri Elephant Park to last, be it half a day or an hour. Rolling hills, tea plantations, a park full of trees that touch the heavens, there's everything to love about Carmelagiri Elephant Park.





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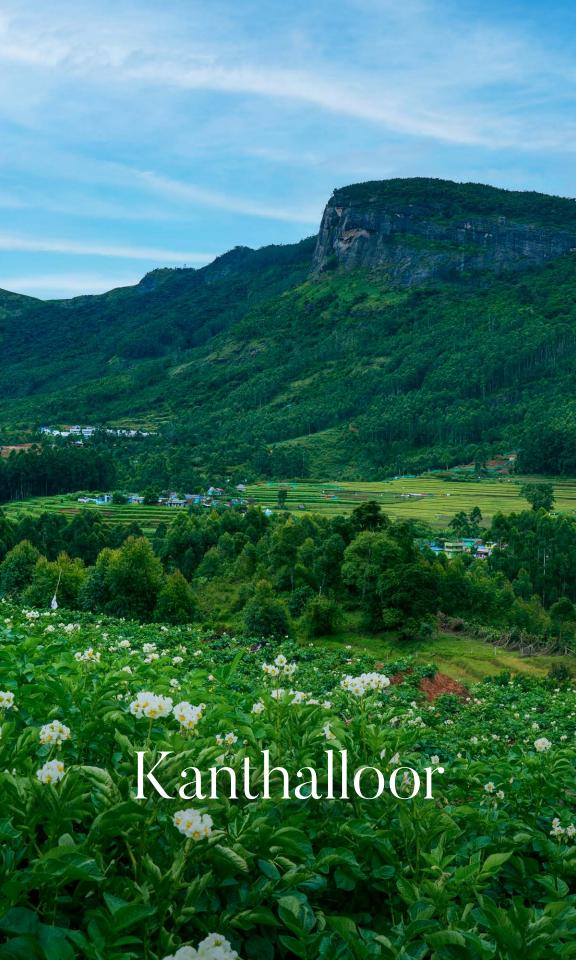


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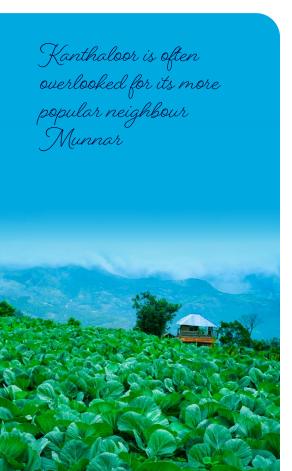


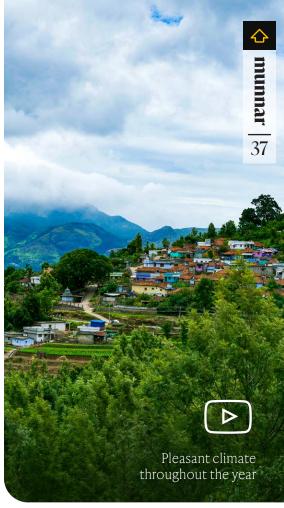


## Get a taste of the local culture at this hamlet

5.000ft above sea Kanthalloor is heaven on earth. Apart from tourist attractions such as Anamudi Shola National Park, Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Pattisseri Dam and many more, the landscape of the region is breathtaking enough to provide a fulfilling experience. Terrace farming is practised here to suit the topography of the area. Farming is a means of livelihood thanks to the pleasant climate all year round. From a range of berries to orchards of apples, orange to vegetables like cauliflower and beans, there's just about everything in Kanthalloor.

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### Travel Information

Cochin International Airport, about 163 km



Aluva Railway Station, about 157 km



Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 51 km



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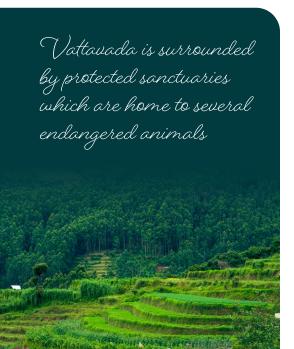


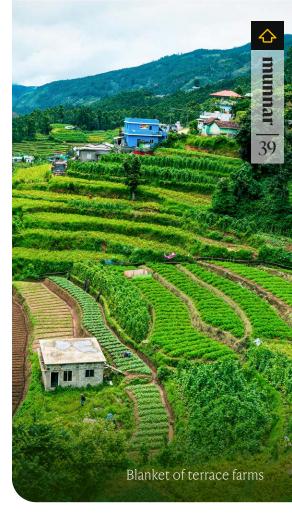
# It thrives with produce that is otherwise unusual elsewhere in Kerala

Vattavada is a favourite among trekkers. Those who opt for packages with tour operators too have the options of mountain biking, jeep safari and camping in the jungle.

Visible trails and a friendly local population that is ever ready to lend a helping hand in case of emergencies, make the experience all the more charming. Tribal settlements in the area speak of a past that is rich in culture and heritage. For city-dwellers, it is a new perspective on life in itself. Like most places in Idukki, Vattavada is a blanket of terrace farms with flora and fauna that are unique to the region. Vattavada is home to many threatened and endemic species like Nilgiri Thar, Nilgiri Langur and the Sambar.

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Cochin International Airport, about 157 km



Aluva Railway Station, about 152 km



Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 45 km

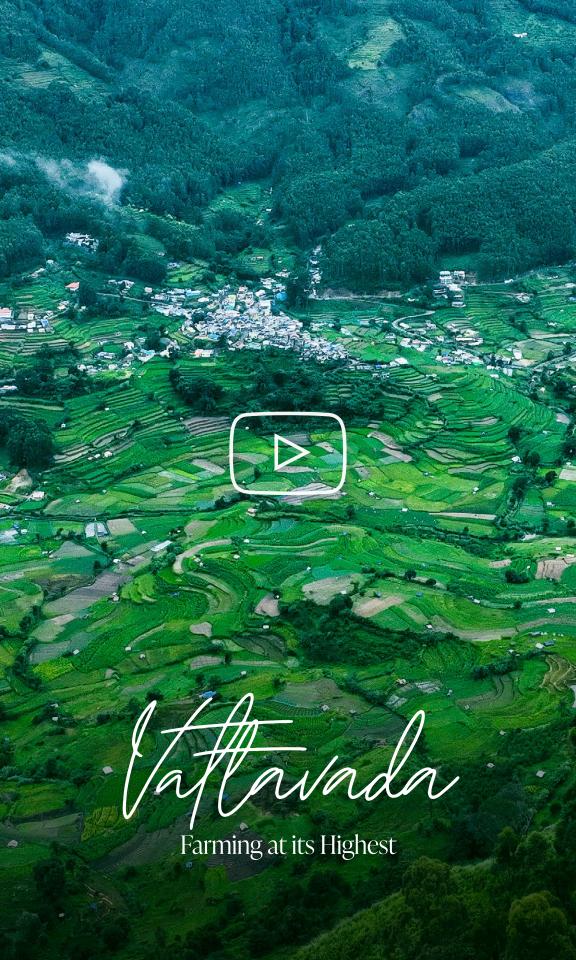


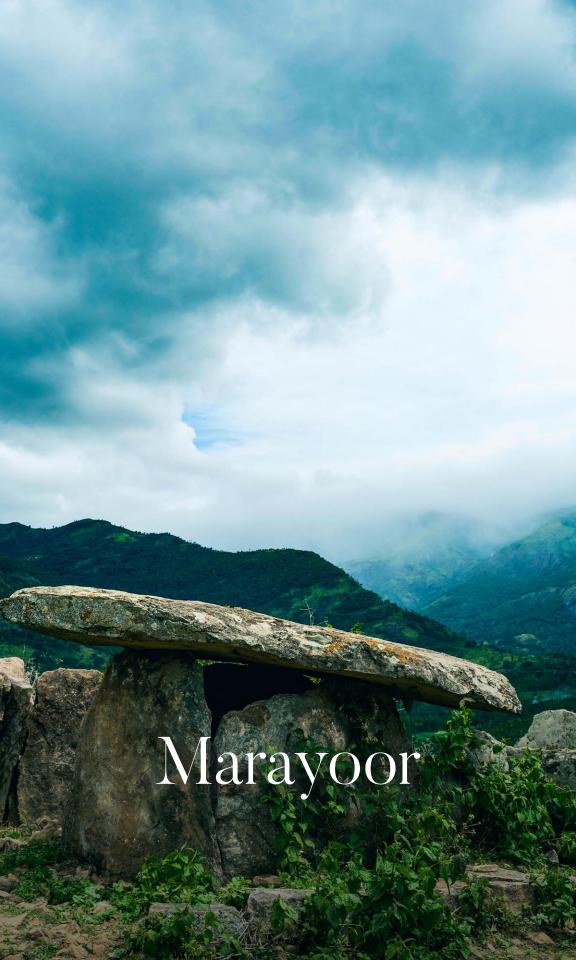
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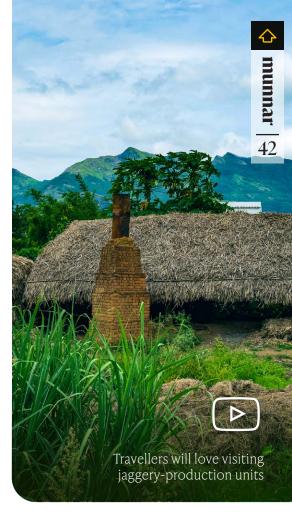
# Famous for the jaggery made from sugarcane farms in the region

There's more to Marayoor than its hilly ranges. Enroute to Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary is a sandalwood forest, well protected by the Forest Department and spread over close to 1,460 hectares. Other attractions in Marayoor are its sugarcane farms and two prehistoric sites.

Marayoor's jaggery has a high percentage of sugar content because of the ph value of the soil and the temperature of the region. Lemongrassis another plant that has been grown by tribes in Marayoor. Marayoor's dolmens or muniyaras are another attraction for tourists. Marayoor is an intersection for many forest parks such as Anamudi, Chinnar, Kurinjimala, Eravikulam and Chinnar.

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#### **Travel Information**



Cochin International Airport, about 153 km



Aluva Railway Station, about 148 km



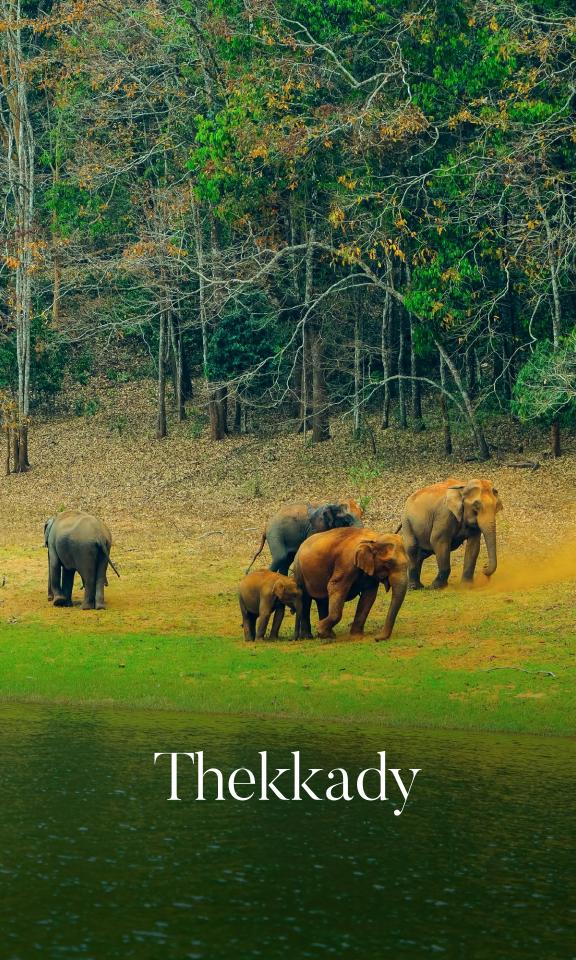
Munnar KSRTC Depot, about 42 km



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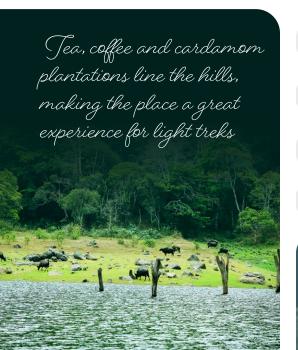


# A must-visit spot for the nature loving tourist

Thekkady reminds one of forests and elephants but there is more to this Idukki town located close to Periyar Tiger Reserve, a popular tourist destination. Replete with tropical forests that host diverse flora and fauna, it is a must-visit for those who love a vacation amidst nature. Tea, coffee and cardamom plantations line the hills, making the place a great experience for light treks.

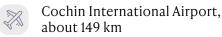
Thekkady derives its name from "thekku" which means teak in Malayalam. The place boating, bamboo rafting, trekking, border hiking and camping. areas of interest Nearby Ottakathalamedu, Chellar Kovil, Murikkady, Anakkara and Mangala Devi Temple apart from Pattumalay or 'mountain of silk'.

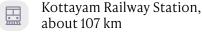
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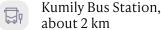




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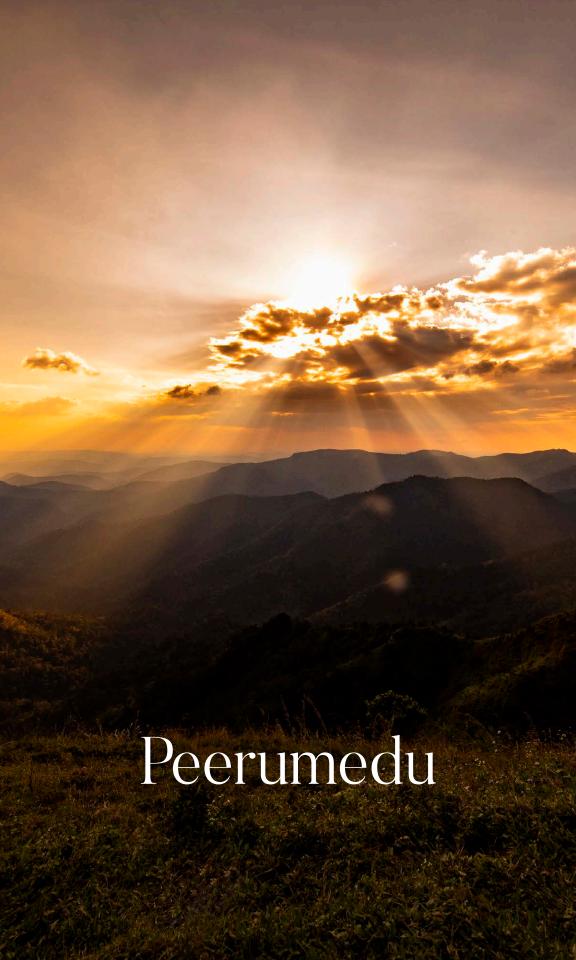




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# From a picnic to a trek or horse ride, Peerumedu has a lot to offer visitors

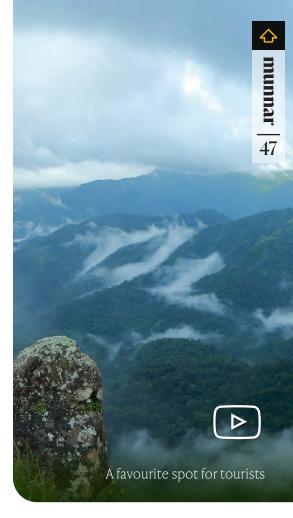
Peerumedu, named after Sufi saint Peer Mohammed, is a serene hill station which often draws tourists for its scenic vistas. At nearly 915 m above sea level, its terrain makes it perfect for activities such as cycling, trekking and horse riding.

Known as an eco-tourism destination, Peerumedu, apart from its tea, coffee, cardamom and pepper plantations, there are plenty of places to explore close by such as Kuttikanam, Peeru Hills, Karandakapara Hills, Pattumala, Thrissanku Hills and Grampi.

Kuttikanam is a favourite among tourists with a penchant for adventure sports such as paragliding. Peerumedu is yet another favourite among trekkers.

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## **Travel Information**



Cochin International Airport, about 136 km



Kottayam Railway Station, about 79 km



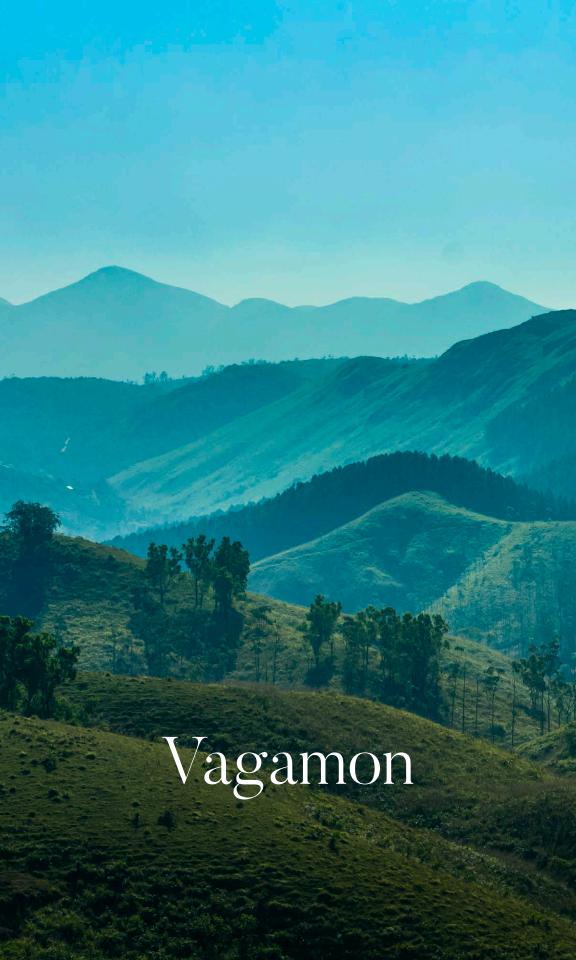
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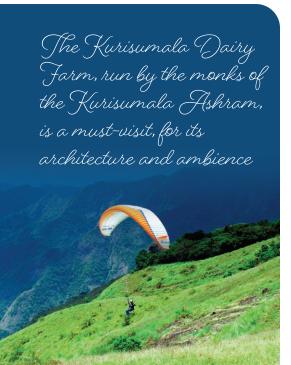


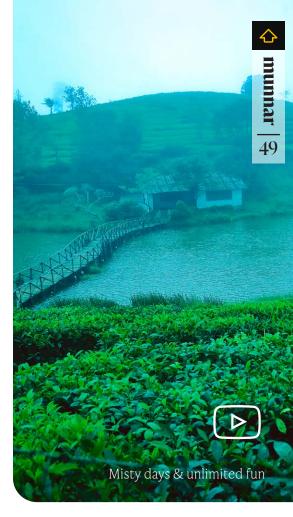
# A popular adventure sports destination

Possibly the most popular adventure sports destination in Idukki, Vagamon is also a charming picnic spot. Situated near Peerumedu, the hills are shrouded in mist in the early mornings.

Activities such as trekking, paragliding, mountaineering and rock climbing are popular here. There are three hills here, that tourists visit: Thangal, Murugan and Kurisumala, which are of importance to Hindus, Muslims and Christians, respectively. The meadows, Ulipooni, pine forests, Marmala Waterfall, lake and the dairy farm run by the monks of the Kurisumala Ashram are go-to places for tourists here. The place also has the distinction of hosting Kerala's first Caravan Park.

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#### **Travel Information**



Cochin International Airport, about 98 km



Kottayam Railway Station, about 65 km



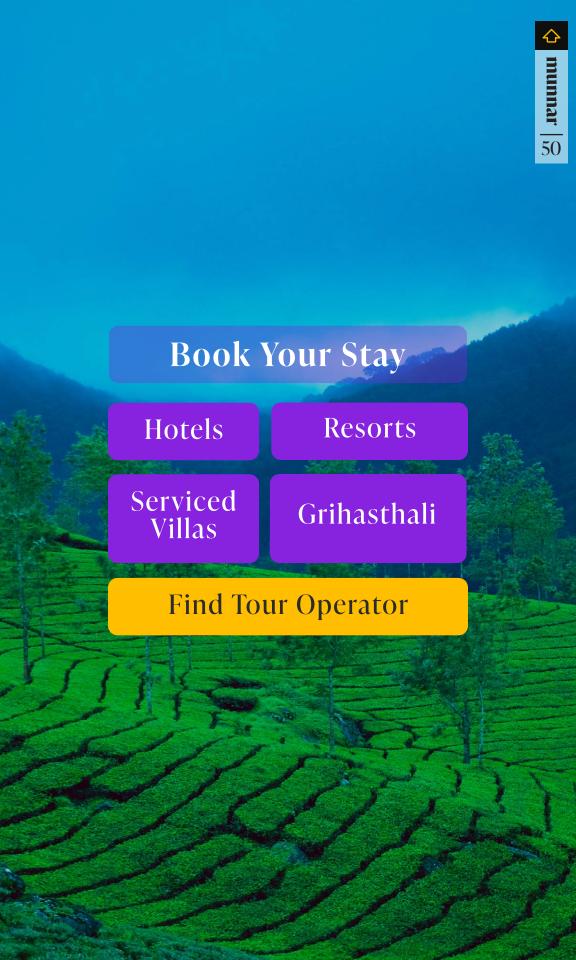
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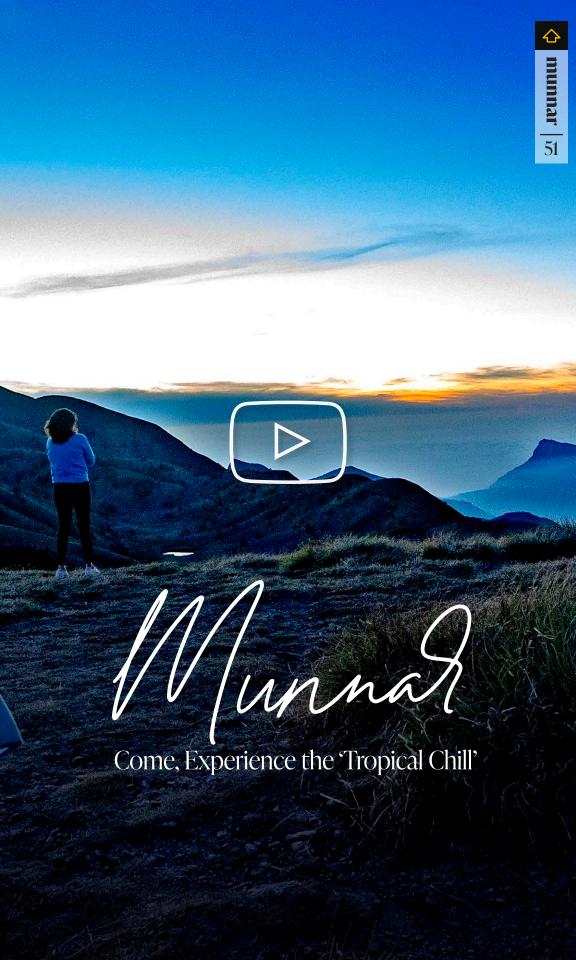


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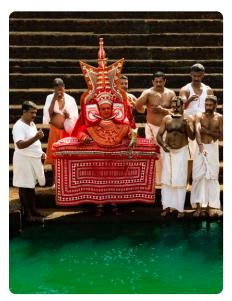








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