

Your Guide to a Dreamy
Destination
Wedding
IN KERALA



With crimson sunsets, dreamy beaches, emerald backwaters, mist-laden jungles and green hills, God's own country offers the perfect stage for your Dream wedding



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Welcomes You To Your **Dream Wedding** Haven

Kerala, world renowned as God's Own Country, has something for everyone. The mesmerising blend of nature's grandeur and rich culture makes it an idyllic destination for those who dream of an enchanting wedding. With almost 600 km of coastline, there is no dearth of sandy, palm-fringed beaches and bewitching sunsets if that's your thing. If not, travel further inland to be mesmerised by the mesh of backwaters and canals that meander through the heart of this state. Or maybe your heart yearns to heed the call of the wilderness amidst the most enchanting hill stations your eyes will ever feast on.

While each of these places is nestled in the embrace of Nature and its prolific beauty, it comes with the added advantage of being easy to access, thereby

making the logistics aspect of your wedding, a walk in the park. Served by four international airports (Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, Kannur and Kozhikode) and over 80 railway stations, almost every cranny in Kerala is easily accessible. The only exception to this are the hill stations which are, however, well connected via an extensive road network. The destinations also offer access to some of the finest resorts, spas and luxury hotels to ensure that your wedding is unforgettable not just for you and your beloved but for each of your guests as well.

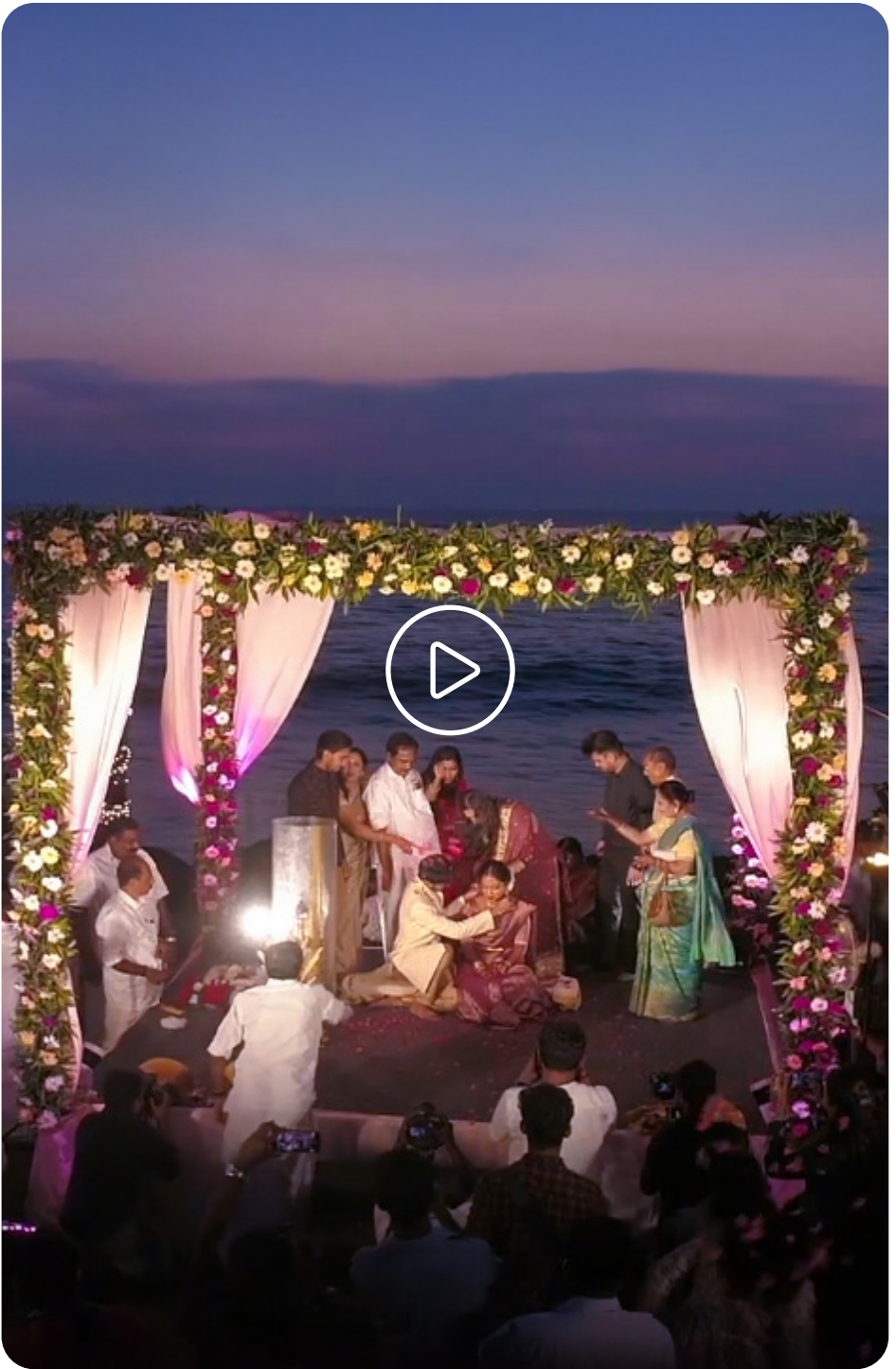
Whether you prefer to keep your wedding a graceful, intimate event or a grand, luxurious affair, this land that's a union of pristine beauty and rich cultural heritage makes for the perfect canvas on which to solemnise the most divine of all bonds, matrimony.

The Great Backwaters of Kerala with its elaborate labyrinth of lagoons, lakes, estuaries and canals is a serene, idyllic destination that offers a harmony of love and natural beauty. The gentle rhythm of the emerald waters, soothing breeze and symphony of colours around you set the perfect backdrop for your dream wedding. The intimacy and privacy of a backwater wedding are just as alluring as the possibility

of enjoying your honeymoon aboard an enchanting houseboat.

Backwater weddings in Kerala bring you a plethora of options to choose from. Whether you choose to wed aboard a houseboat or on the lakeside or an island, the pristine charm of the land is sure to gift you with an unforgettable wedding experience as well as stunning photographs of your big day.





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Kumarakom

Backwaters & Islands

An enamouring land with its exotic bio-network, Kumarakom is in every sense, heaven on earth. The village of Kumarakom is a group of little islands on the majestic Vembanad lake, the largest lake in Kerala. The picturesque vistas of Kumarakom's backwaters are nothing short of breathtaking and are sure to etch indelible memories in your hearts.

The quaint charm of this land is ideal for those who seek intimate, romantic settings for a very private, tranquil wedding that is also eco-friendly. The choices on offer at

Kumarakom are diverse and the idea of a honeymoon here sure is irresistible. Tucked away on one of the most strategic locations of the Vembanad lake, Kumarakom boasts of excellent connectivity to the wider backwater network of Kerala, gifting you and your guests the opportunity to explore more destinations like Alappuzha via boat. The fact that this enchanting backwater destination offers a wide array of activities like boating and fishing is the icing on the cake for this means that your guests will have the time of their lives too!



Alappuzha



Backwaters & Islands

A backwater paradise that weaves together romance, serenity and natural magnificence, Alappuzha offers you an iconic experience in every sense. Well-renowned as the ‘Venice of the East’, Alappuzha exudes a timeless charm that’s sure to enchant your guests just as much as it allures you.

Feel free to surrender yourself to the rich cultural essence of the land by incorporating elements of Kerala traditions into your wedding, like the legendary Kerala feast called ‘sadya’ or mesmerising classical dance performances.

From having a floating mandap on which to exchange your vows to backwater-themed decor and honeymoon aboard a houseboat, a wedding on the backwaters of Alappuzha is sure to be special, not just for the newly-weds, but also for every guest.

GETTING THERE

-  Nearest railway station: Alappuzha
-  Nearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 85 km



Kochi



Backwaters & Islands

The Queen of the Arabian Sea, Kochi has always retained tradition in its heart, despite all the modern advancements it has made in terms of being a metro city with world-class communication facilities, connectivity and modern amenities. With Kochi, you are spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing a dream backwater destination for your wedding as every part of the city right from Vypeen islands, Mattanchery and Fort Kochi to Varapuzha, Willington Island and Bolgatty Palace makes for a unique setting for an elegant wedding. Apart from the scenic venues, lush greenery and serene surroundings that await you in Kochi, one of its biggest

advantages is of course the ease of connectivity and access, thanks to its international airport and well-connected transportation infrastructure.

Steeped in rich heritage and culture, Kochi is the place to be in, if you seek a blend of modernity and traditions on your big day.

GETTING THERE

-  Nearest railway station: Ernakulam
-  Nearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 37 km



Poovar

Backwaters & Islands

A slice of backwater heaven tucked away amid lush green mangroves and endless rows of coconut trees, that's what Poovar is for you. A wedding hosted in a place with such pristine natural beauty can be nothing short of magical. For a couple in love, this tropical paradise offers you the best of everything, including easy access to golden beaches and ethereal backwaters. With its unsullied beauty and tranquility, Poovar is perfect for those who seek to escape to another world for an intimate, romantic wedding.

With a wide selection of luxury resorts and budget retreats to

suit your budget, Poovar is sure to make you and your guests have a memorable time. A romantic cruise along the lagoons and canals of Poovar along with a wedding aboard a houseboat can be that perfect start to a journey of love and companionship.

GETTING THERE

- 🚆 Nearest railway station: Thiruvananthapuram, about 23 km
- ✈ Nearest airport: Trivandrum International Airport, about 25 km



Kollam


Backwaters & Islands

Kollam is a charming coastal town nestled on the banks of the Ashtamudi lake. Considered to be the gateway to the great backwaters of Kerala, the Ashtamudi lake is a massive network of intertwined lagoons and canals alongside palm-fringed shores. This natural haven of harmony and picturesque scenery will set the perfect tone and ambience for your dream wedding. Just the thought of getting wed and spending the honeymoon

aboard a traditional 'Kettuvallam' (they are equipped with all modern amenities) is enough to send a thrill through your heart!

GETTING THERE

 Nearest railway station: Kollam Railway Station

 Nearest airport: Trivandrum International Airport is about 68 km



Gustatory Specialities of Backwater Areas

No wedding in Kerala is complete without the traditional feast - the Kerala sadya. A vegetarian meal served on banana leaves, the sadya comprises brown rice and a ravishing spread of delicious dishes like sambhar, parippu, avial, rasam, thoran and so on, along with a selection of pickles as well. While this wholesome meal, with its mouthwatering textures, flavours and aromas, offers you a gustatory experience of a lifetime it's not the only thing that awaits you.

One of the biggest advantages of having your wedding set on the beautiful, picturesque backwaters of Kerala is that it gives you the chance to savour legendary local delicacies like the Karimeen Pollichath, a wide range of fish curries, prawns, lobsters, crabs and so on. A paradise indeed if you or your guests are seafood lovers! There are even delicious local beverages that can help you calm your nerves, like tender coconut water, spiced sambharam and Kerala chai.



Beach Weddings

What better way to exchange vows than with the sea breeze in your hair, feet on silky sand and the symphony of the azure waves as BGM?

Nine of Kerala's fourteen districts have a beach to boast of and the best part is that every beach in this tropical paradise has a distinct experience to offer.

From picturesque sandy shores and dramatic cliffs that offer a panoramic view of the Arabian Sea to ancient forts on the seaside and secluded spots for a romantic setting, a special spot tailor-made for you awaits!

Sun
Kissed
Romance





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Kovalam Beach


Located around 16 km from the capital city of Thiruvananthapuram, the tropical beaches of Kovalam are renowned for their sheltered coves and palm-fringed bays. The three crescent beaches here, the Lighthouse beach, Hawah beach and Samudra beach that are separated by rocky outcroppings are sure to offer you the right blend of elegant simplicity and heady romance for your dream wedding. The enchanting sunsets and panoramic vistas that imbue the air with a heady vibe are what make Kovalam one of the most sought-after wedding destinations in the state.

One of the largest beaches in Kerala, Kovalam offers expansive coastlines and utopian beachfront venues. The best part is that at Kovalam you can ensure that your guests have way more fun than they ever imagined, with

options for surfing, kayaking and snorkelling as well as choices aplenty for Ayurvedic massages in modern spas. The biggest advantage of hosting your wedding at Kovalam is the ease of accessibility and the myriad options available that enable you to craft a wedding that suits your tastes, requirements and budget. Right from semi-private beach areas to budget cottages, five-star hotels, wedding resorts, Ayurvedic health resorts and convention centres, Kovalam has all your needs covered.

GETTING THERE

 Nearest railway station: Trivandrum Central, about 16 km

 Nearest airport: Trivandrum International Airport, about 10 km



Bekal Beach

Bekal, with its unassuming beauty, hides in its bosom centuries of tales and legends waiting to be told. Located in Kasaragod, the northernmost district of Kerala, this quaint little town was once a major military outpost. Famous for the Bekal Fort that's one of the largest standing forts in Kerala, the Bekal beach and its regal ambience will take you to a bygone era thereby giving your dream wedding a touch of quaint charm and old world beauty.

This golden beach is just 74 km from Mangalore International Airport in Karnataka making it extremely easily accessible for both domestic and international travellers. With numerous beachside resorts and world-class amenities, all within easy access, Bekal beach has everything you need

for a seamless beach wedding experience.

The romantic allure of the sea, the serene shores, the rich cultural heritage and Insta-worthy sunsets all weave into a tapestry that makes the perfect backdrop for your love story to unravel. Let the allure and warmth of the Malabar coast make your wedding unforgettable for you and your guests.

GETTING THERE

-  Nearest railway station: Kanhangad Railway Station, about 10 km
-  Nearest airport: Mangalore International Airport, about 74 km



Varkala Beach


Dramatic cliffs, turquoise waters and idyllic golden sands make Varkala beach one of the most unforgettable beach wedding destinations in Kerala. Imagine having majestic, lush green cliffs as a backdrop to your dream wedding. While Varkala is rich in scenic beauty, it also has on offer a wide range of adventure sports, including parasailing that is sure to leave your guests enthralled. It is also the only beach in Kerala that has the perfect geography for you to go on romantic cliffside strolls. Famous for its natural springs and a wide array of options when it comes to Ayurvedic rejuvenation spas, Varkala is sure to ease your

pre-wedding jitters in a blink, and help you ease into post-wedding relaxation as well.

The fact that it is a cultural and artistic hub makes it easier for you to have different artistes perform at your wedding for a unique, one-of-a-kind experience.

GETTING THERE

 Nearest railway station: Varkala, about 3 km away

 Nearest airport: Trivandrum International Airport, about 57 km away



Marari Beach

A hidden gem barely 14 km from Alappuzha town along the coastline of Kerala lies Marari beach. Its elegant simplicity and grace are sure to leave you charmed. The swaying coconut palms, soothing sea breeze and exquisite beachscapes make it an idyllic beach wedding destination. The best way to enjoy your wedding on this tranquil beach is to let Nature serenade you.

Marari beach is renowned for its commitment to eco-friendly practices, and this can help you make sure that your wedding is

mindful of the well-being of the planet as well. A wedding at Marari beach is guaranteed to be a stress-free, relaxed event that will let you enjoy every special moment to the fullest.

GETTING THERE

🚆 Nearest railway station: Alapuzha, about 14km

✈ Nearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 75 km



Mouth-watering Delights of a Beach Wedding

Beach weddings are dreamy and surreal in itself but what takes it to a whole new level is the widespread options of good food to choose from. Kerala, the land of spices, has a lot to offer in terms of gustatory delights but when it comes to beaches and food in coastal areas, be braced for a roller coaster ride of flavours for your palate.

While the cuisine and type of food required at your wedding can be customised according to your individual preferences, one of the best and most sought-after delicacies at beach weddings in Kerala is obviously the seafood. So,

if you are a seafood aficionado, then Kerala is your heaven!

Beach weddings in Kerala don't just celebrate love, they take you on a food-related adventure. Each dish on offer flaunts a symphony of flavours and is often a salute to the local cultural heritage of the specific region. Fresh catch, straight from the Arabian Sea is, of course, a given. Mouthwatering fish curries, juicy prawns and lobsters, scrumptious crab preparations, each seafood dish is made with the best of aromatic spices, rich coconut milk and ladles of love that add to its delicate balance of flavours.



Hill Stations

Escape to an alternate universe cradled in the Western Ghats of Kerala to discover your dream wedding destination nestled amidst misty forests, lush tea plantations and cascading waterfalls. Here, Nature conspires with the virgin mountain breeze to awaken the romance that lurks in every heart. Be it a wedding held under the aegis of ancient forests or one set in a tea estate that's replete

with old-world charm or even one that's hosted with the backdrop of a picturesque waterfall, these hill stations are sure to leave you with memories that last a lifetime!

Whether you choose Munnar or Wayanad for your big day, the tranquility and seclusion of these spaces are sure to give you the perfect vibe and intimacy you seek.





Munnar

Which other place could be more suitable for the union of two hearts than a place where three mountain streams unite 1600 m above sea level? Welcome to Munnar-the tea capital of Kerala. Hidden snugly under thick mists and a vast expanse of lush greenery, if Munnar doesn't awaken the lover in you, nothing else will. From elegant colonial era bungalows perched on hillsides to luxury resorts and modest hotels at heavenly locations, Munnar has a little something for every preference and budget. The ideal place for couples who are more adventurous and seek unique experiences, Munnar has on offer a plethora of options. Trekking expeditions to hidden

waterfalls in jungles, national parks and wildlife sanctuaries to be explored, paragliding, bamboo rafting, river crossing, mountain climbing, the list is endless. Every experience Munnar has for you holds in its heart the promise of memories you, your beloved and your loved ones will deeply cherish. The vibrant scenery and picturesque locales are all just the icing on the cake!

GETTING THERE

-  Nearest railway station: Aluva about 108 km
-  Nearest airport: Cochin International Airport, about 108 km



Wayanad

The only place in Kerala where Nature unleashes herself to flaunt the wildness in her beauty, Wayanad is one of the least populous places in the state. The verdant forests, majestic mountains and natural spice gardens seem custom-made to send the heart of any Nature lover into ecstasy. A wedding hosted in these environs is sure to be enchanting and will also leave behind contented hearts and beautiful memories that will linger on for a lifetime. Rustic farmhouses amidst spice plantations, charming bungalows, traditional heritage properties, luxurious resorts, budget hotels, each venue exudes a distinct character and so you may rest

assured that you will find a space that is a reflection of your personal style and statement. You can even choose to sprinkle magic onto your honeymoon by checking into one of the Jungle Cottages, Tree Houses, or Honeymoon Villas nestled in the wild to immerse yourself in Nature and her bounty.

GETTING THERE

- 🚆 Nearest railway station: Calicut Railway Station is 62 km
- ✈ Nearest airport: Calicut International Airport, about 65 km

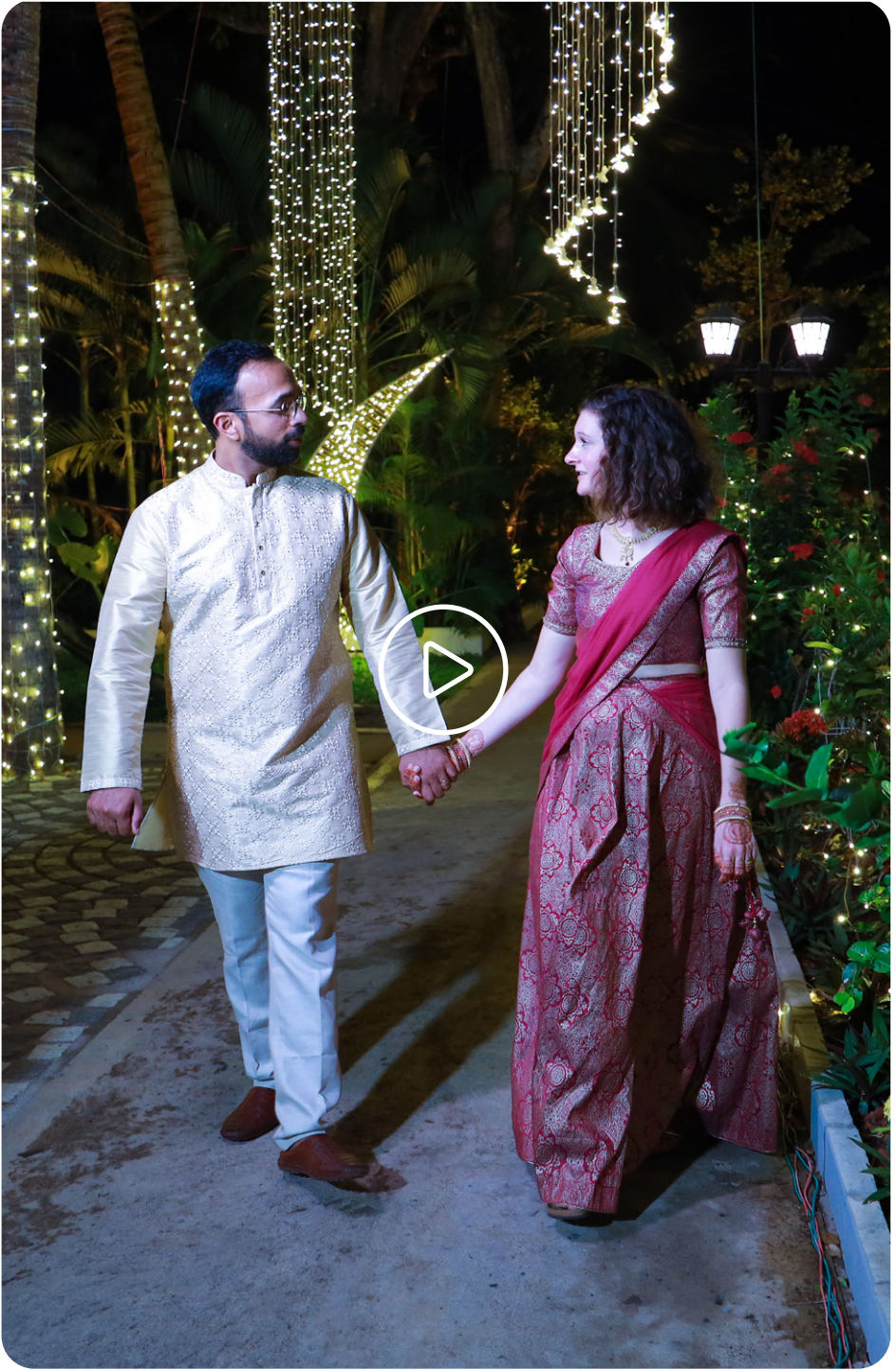


Flavoursome Delights of a Hill Station Wedding

In the hill stations of Kerala, a gastronomic journey of exquisite flavours awaits you. Be it in Wayanad or Munnar, be prepared for the tales each dish has to relate to you. The symphony of spices and flavours in each of them will surely take you to a whole new terrain of gustatory experiences. With the legendary Malabar biriyani, tribal dishes like Koova porridge and Pidi, and a wide range of tea-infused delights, the

local food choices are many. The complexity and depth that fresh spices add to your food have to be experienced to be understood. Nearly every venue has specialist chefs who are capable of whipping up every specific request you have with regard to food, no matter which cuisine you opt for. That said, do take our advice, and try out authentic Kerala food, especially the sadya, and the food lover in you can thank us later!





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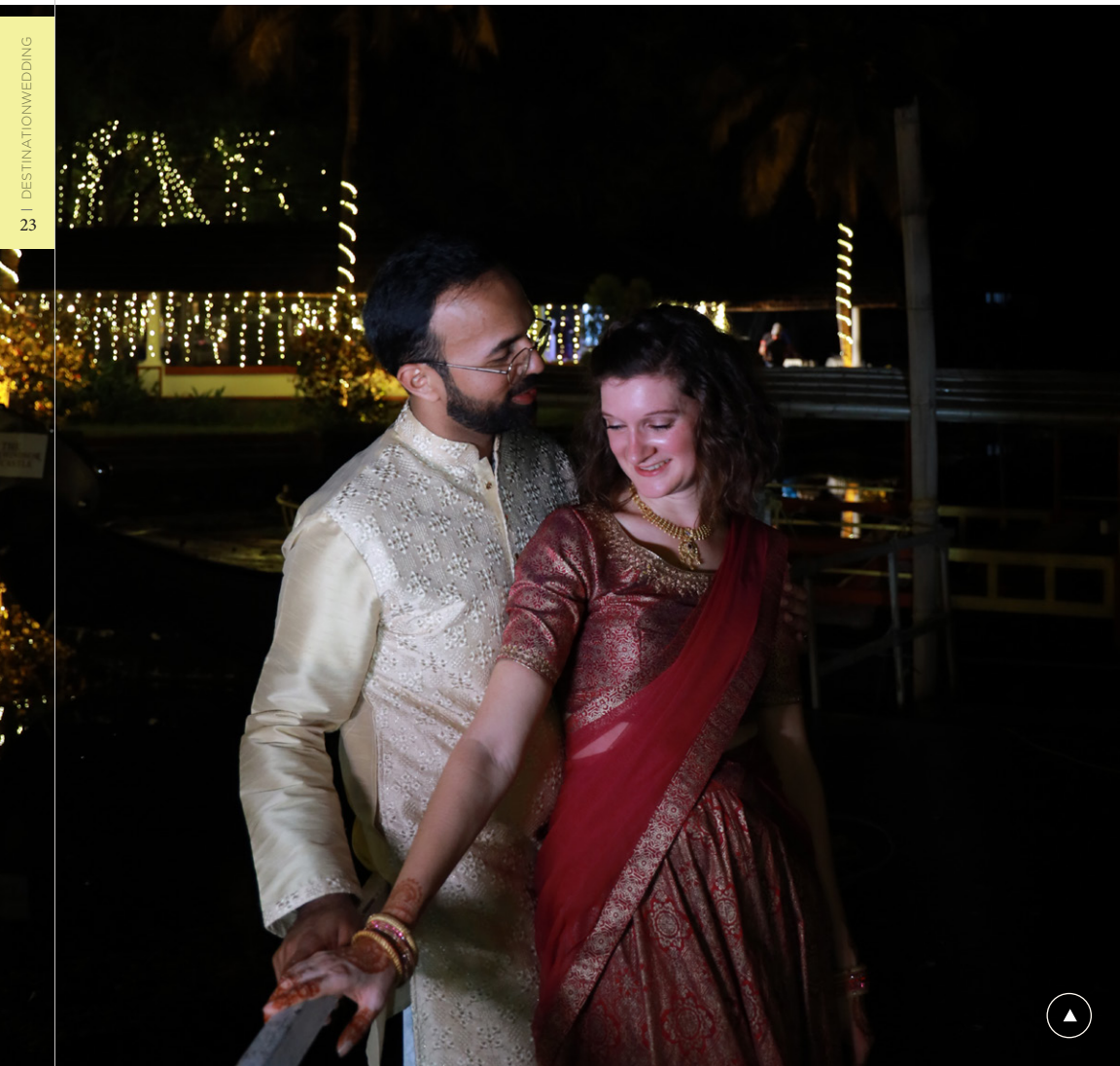
Wed in Style

There are very few places on earth that have it all. Beaches, mountains, backwaters, spectacular cities, scenic locales, the abundance of Nature, a rich legacy of culture and heritage, grandeur, you name it and Kerala has it.

Irrespective of whether you seek an intimate wedding or one that's replete with elegance and grandeur, the hotels and convention centres of the state are equipped to offer you all modern amenities and spaces that are versatile and can be customised to meet your requirements. Whatever your heart seeks in terms of cuisines, decor,

theme, traditions, and personal requests, everything will be arranged for and your happiness, assured.

A wide range of options for the best, most elegant and expansive banquet halls, outdoor gardens and terraces, venues with panoramic views and traditional or international cuisine, all await to make your big day the most cherished and emotionally enriching event of your life. While Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram are the most sought-after city hubs for weddings, every district offers a different experience to savour.



Dreamy Weddings with a Sprinkle of Magic

Close your eyes. Imagine standing in the serene embrace of velvety, verdant greenery, surrounded by paddy fields on all sides, a soothing breeze to calm your rapid heartbeat and birdsong to serenade you as you walk down the aisle. A wedding in the midst of seemingly never-ending paddy fields is just as magical as it sounds.

How about exchanging your vows atop a tree house deep in the jungle or amidst fragrant spice gardens? Or, maybe in a heritage palace or traditional naalukettu house that's steeped with grandeur in its expansive rooms and old-world charm? Do you wish to wed in the traditional way, replete with all rituals pertaining to a specific religion? Or, maybe you'd like to embrace the cultural heritage of

the land, and have performances of traditional art forms like Kathakali, Mohiniyattam, Thiruvathirakali and so on at your wedding. Add to the fun by choosing your favourite Kerala attire to adorn yourself with on your big day!

Kerala has always been a land of acceptance and convergence. A melting pot of so many cultural and religious influences, this is one place wherein you can unleash your creativity and enjoy the wedding of your dreams. Be it on farms, ancient mansions or even under the sea, options for a romantic wedding in Kerala are numerous. What are you waiting for? Let go of all your inhibitions, let your imagination run amok! You never know how real the magic hidden in your dreams is, till you set foot in God's Own Country!



Weddings that Make a Difference

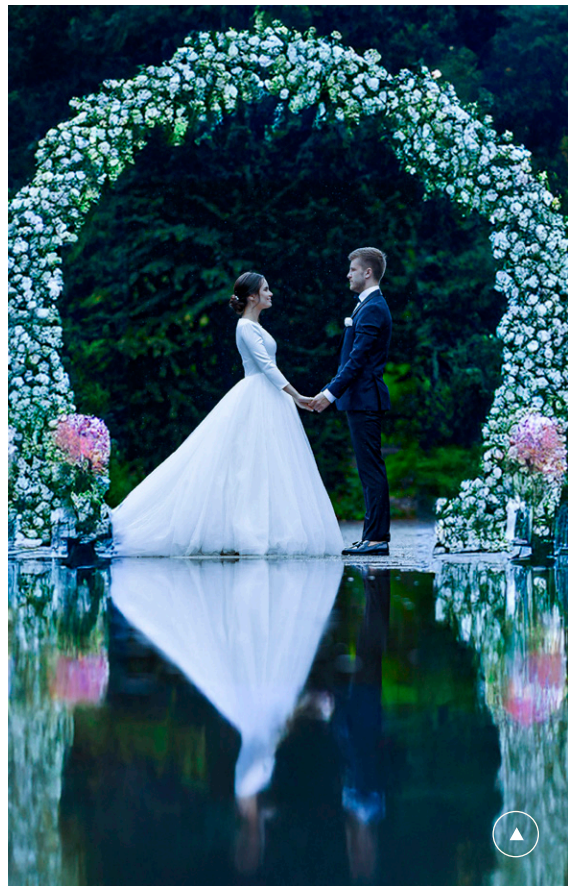
A place like Kerala, with its undeniable charms, can easily make a wedding fun but what if we told you that weddings in Kerala also feel fulfilling?

Ethnic decor, farm-to-table feasts, zero-waste rituals, eco-friendly favours, community engagement, the list of ways in which you can choose to make your wedding a truly sustainable affair is endless. Responsible Tourism (RT) villages like Kumarakom and Vaikom are ideal locations wherein you can host such weddings that offer you and even your guests the best of the handicrafts by local artisans, and a range of village experiences that will definitely become memories for a lifetime. A haven of natural treasures, Kerala is replete with biodegradable resources that can add a vibrant dash of beauty and grace to your wedding decor without adding to your carbon footprint. The options are many, including locally-sourced flowers, organic fabrics and the delightful artworks of local artisans. Farm-to-table feasts offer you the experience of savouring an array of traditional delicacies made with locally-sourced organic ingredients. The traditional wedding feast of Kerala, the sadya is usually served on plantain leaves. This in turn eliminates the need to use disposable plates or cutlery. Recycling and composting facilities at the venues ensure that weddings here are truly zero-waste.

The wedding giveaways at these sustainable weddings are, more often than not, works crafted by local craftsmen and artisans. This not only gives them the global

exposure they deserve but also offers a livelihood and financial encouragement that helps sustain such rare talents.

Sustainable weddings in Kerala extend way beyond just the wedding ceremony or the couple involved. It involves the entire community. Local artisans, craftsmen and skilled labour are hired, surplus food is donated to NGOs, eco-conscious vendors are opted and fair trade is practised. By creating a ripple effect in the community, each such wedding is a boon to the locals as well as to the community as a whole. So, if you wish that the most important day of your life should also be the day you touch a lot of lives and make a true difference, you know where to head to.



The Legendary Kerala Sadya

A feast fit for kings, the Kerala sadya is an embodiment of everything Kerala stands for - diversity, hearty hospitality and a bounty of natural resources. A meal that's an array of multiple flavors, textures, colours and aromas, the sadya is a testament to the cultural tapestry of God's Own Country.

More than just a meal, this gustatory and cultural experience takes you through nearly 28 different dishes in a single serving. This vegetarian feast that is usually served on a plantain leaf comprises dishes like aviyal, thoran, eriserry, upperi, pachadi, kichadi, sambar, parippu, pickle and so on that are served in a specific order. The wide range of vegetables, lentils and spices used in the preparation of this meal ensures that it is well-balanced and highly beneficial to your well-being as well. The careful selection and combination

of ingredients, especially that of cumin, ginger, garlic and turmeric, is designed to aid digestion as well as ensure mental, physical and spiritual wellness. The use of coconut in various forms in almost all the dishes adds to the unique and exquisite flavour-profile of each delicacy. The highlight of the Kerala sadya is 'payasam,' the dessert of the meal. The payasam has an almost pudding-like texture and is made with milk (or coconut milk), jaggery, cardamom, and other spices and garnished with roasted cashews and raisins.

The sadya should definitely be on your 'must-have' list as you head down to Kerala to celebrate your big day for it is an experience you don't want to miss out on. It is a feast, in the literal sense, not just for your tastebuds and appetite but also for every single one of your senses!



A Honeymoon Haven

A land that nudges awake romance hidden in every bosom, Kerala is in every sense the ideal honeymoon destination that will set the pace for, and let you have that much sought after perfect start to your married life.

Mist laden hillsides, verdant plantations and jungles, sunset strolls on ethereal beaches, breathtaking landscapes,

tranquil backwaters that croon to your heart, soothing Ayurvedic indulgence, adventure, whatever it is that your heart seeks will pamper you here in this divine land.

The experiences this land offers are sure to take you to new levels of intimacy as you ease into discovering the other, and set out on a journey of love and togetherness.





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