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Kerala - Gods Own Country

# Top Places To Visit In Thekkady

Imagine Kerala and you will definitely think of exotic palm laced beaches, the backwaters and the boat houses. These features have been the biggest highlights of **Kerala tourism**. However, **God's own country** is also home to some of the best scenic hill stations. Thekkady is one such tourist attraction, which is home to a rich wildlife reserve and plantations. Thinking about your next holiday, here are the **best places to visit in Thekkady**.

## 1. Hear nature's call at Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve



One of the best wildlife parks in India, Periyar National Park and Periyar Tiger Reserve are the most popular tourist destination in Thekkady. Plan a trip and a wildlife safari in Thekkady on your **Kerala holidays**.

- The park boasts of a rich biodiversity of wildlife like Asian elephants, bison, sambar deer, boars, tigers, leopards, wild squirrels, and lion tailed monkeys in a scenic natural habitat. It is open from 6 am to 6 pm.
- The beautiful artificial Periyar Lake adds to the beauty of this place. Herds of wild elephants often come to play in the lake.
- Don't miss the opportunity of viewing the wildlife from close quarters while having the safety of a boat.
- The picturesque and unpredictable terrain is also popular for trekking.

- The Forest Department offers elephant rides through the forest.

## 2. Spicy Kumily – Among the top places to visit in Thekkady



The spice capital of Kerala, Kumily is filled with scenic plantations, waterfalls and is one of the best places to visit in Thekkady.

- If you are in Thekkady in the months of April or May, make a trip to the famous Mangaladevi Temple, a 9<sup>th</sup>-century temple located 1337 m above sea level in the midst of dense forests. People are allowed to visit the temple only on the Chithra Pournami festival day which comes on the full moon day in the month of Chithirai or Chaitra, i.e. around April or May.
- As the sun sets, take a relaxing stroll around the plantations.
- Pick up some spices and also local handicrafts from the markets.

### 3. Adventurous Kurisumala



If you are looking for an adventure, pack your bags and head to Kurisumala.

- One of the **best things to do** is explore the hiking trails of Spring Valley Mountain.
- You get a stunning panoramic view of the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary and Kumily from here. It is like heaven for photography enthusiasts.
- Experience the thrill of an adventure and trekking in the hilly terrain covered with lush green forests.

## 4. Ramakkalmedu



A scenic hamlet, Ramakkalmedu is believed to be the place where Rama kept his feet while searching his beloved wife Sita. The hill station stands 3500 ft above the sea level.

- The massive statue of Kuravan and Kurathi atop the hill is a major tourist attraction. They are considered to be the historical characters responsible for the construction of the Idukki dam.
- Blessed with a lot of wind, the place has 7 wind farms.
- There are many hiking trails around, however, avoid going there during the monsoons.

## 5. Peerumedu



Once the summer residence of the Travancore kings, Peerumedu is one of the best places to visit in Thekkady, thanks to the serenity and pristine beauty.

- Peerumedu is ideal for trekking, paragliding, cycling and horse riding.
- The natural charm of the place replete with coffee, tea, pepper and cardamom plantations, waterfalls and hills is enticing.
- Peerumedu is one of the **best places to visit in Kerala** to beat the summer heat as temperature varies between 10 to 15 degrees Celsius.

**Thanks & Regards**

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