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## Kerala Month-by-Month Travel Calendar

When to Visit for Weather, Backwaters, Beaches, Hills, Wildlife & Festivals

**A practical, evergreen planning guide to choosing the right time for your Kerala holiday.**

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## When Is the Best Time to Visit Kerala?

December to February is generally the strongest all-round period for comfortable sightseeing, beaches, backwaters and hill stations. March to May is hotter, June to September is the main southwest-monsoon period, and October to November can be affected by the northeast monsoon.

There is no single best month for every traveller. The ideal month depends on whether you want beaches, houseboats, wildlife, hill stations, Ayurveda, monsoon scenery or festivals.

## Quick Seasonal Guide

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| Months           | Typical Conditions                   | Best For                           |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| January–February | Pleasant; generally drier            | All-round Kerala holidays          |
| March–May        | Hotter; pre-monsoon showers possible | Hills, festivals, quieter trips    |
| June–September   | Southwest monsoon                    | Greenery, Ayurveda, monsoon travel |
| October–November | Variable; rain possible              | Culture, greenery, flexible trips  |
| December         | Pleasant peak season                 | Classic and festive travel         |

Festival dates change from year to year. Confirm current dates with the official organiser or local authority before booking around a specific event.

## January

One of the strongest all-round months for Kerala. Conditions are generally comfortable for sightseeing, beaches, backwaters and hill stations.

Best for: classic Kerala circuits, Munnar, Thekkady, Alleppey, Kovalam and Varkala.

Planning note: Popular hotels and houseboats can fill quickly.

## February

Another excellent all-round month, with generally comfortable conditions across coastal and hill destinations.

Best for: first-time Kerala trips, beaches, backwaters, wildlife and hill stations.

Planning note: Strong demand in popular destinations.

## March

Temperatures begin rising, particularly in the lowlands. Hill stations can be more comfortable than the coast.

Best for: Munnar, Wayanad, wildlife and warmer-weather travellers.

Planning note: Start sightseeing earlier in the day.

## April

Hot and increasingly humid in much of Kerala. It is also an important cultural-festival period, with Thrissur Pooram generally held in April or May.

Best for: hill stations, cultural travel and festival-focused trips.

Planning note: Check the exact festival date before booking.

## May

Usually hot and humid, with pre-monsoon showers and thunderstorms possible. Hill stations remain attractive.

Best for: hills, quieter travel and early monsoon scenery.

Planning note: Keep outdoor plans flexible.

## June

The southwest monsoon typically becomes established. Kerala turns intensely green and waterfalls strengthen.

Best for: monsoon landscapes, Ayurveda and slow travel.

Planning note: Add weather buffers to road journeys.

## July

A deep monsoon period in much of Kerala, with frequent rain and possible disruption to outdoor activities.

Best for: monsoon atmosphere, Ayurveda and lush scenery.

Planning note: Flexible itineraries work best.

## August

Monsoon continues. Onam season and boat-race events can make this a culturally rich period.

Best for: Onam culture, boat races, festivals and greenery.

Planning note: Confirm event dates and local arrangements.

## September

Rain may begin easing, although showers remain possible. Onam celebrations can extend into September.

Best for: culture, post-monsoon greenery and quieter sightseeing.



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Planning note: Check local weather and festival dates.

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## October

A transition month. Rain can occur from the northeast-monsoon influence while festival activity increases.

Best for: cultural travel, temples and flexible itineraries.

Planning note: Conditions vary by destination.

## November

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Rain can still affect parts of Kerala, but the state begins moving toward the more comfortable peak season.

Best for: culture, backwaters, wildlife and quieter travel.

Planning note: A useful alternative to busy December.

## December

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One of the strongest all-round periods. Late December is especially busy around Christmas and New Year.

Best for: classic Kerala holidays, houseboats, beaches, hills and festive travel.

Planning note: Book early for late-December travel.

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## Choose Your Month by Travel Interest

| Travel Priority         | Good Months           | Planning Reason                                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Best all-round weather  | December–February     | Generally comfortable across coast, backwaters and hills.   |
| Beaches                 | December–March        | Generally better before hotter and wetter periods.          |
| Houseboats & backwaters | December–February     | Popular peak-season window; shoulder months can also work.  |
| Munnar & hill stations  | December–May          | Cooler months are comfortable; March–May is warmer.         |
| Monsoon scenery         | June–September        | Lush landscapes, rain and stronger waterfalls.              |
| Ayurveda                | June–September        | Monsoon is traditionally promoted for Ayurveda experiences. |
| Onam                    | August–September      | Major cultural season; dates change annually.               |
| Thrissur Pooram         | April–May             | Major Pooram; exact date changes annually.                  |
| Nehru Trophy Boat Race  | Usually August        | Annual Punnamada Lake race; exact date varies.              |
| Theyyam                 | Generally October–May | Northern Kerala ritual season; dates vary by temple.        |

Festival dates are not fixed to the Gregorian calendar. Verify current dates before booking flights, hotels or transport around an event.

## Peak Season vs Monsoon vs Shoulder Season

**Peak season:** December–February generally provides the easiest all-round conditions, but popular hotels, houseboats and experiences can be busier.

**Monsoon:** June–September offers dramatically greener Kerala and a different travel experience, but rain can alter outdoor plans and road journeys.

**Shoulder periods:** March–May and October–November can offer quieter travel, but conditions are hotter or more variable.

## Plan Your Kerala Holiday

- **Kerala Tour Packages** — explore complete itinerary options.
- **Kerala Houseboat Packages** — plan your backwater experience.
- **Kerala Honeymoon Packages** — explore couple-focused itineraries.
- **Kerala Family Tour Packages** — plan family-friendly routes.
- **South India Trip Cost Calculator** — estimate your wider holiday budget.

## Official References

Kerala Tourism Festival Calendar: <https://www.keralatourism.org/festivalcalendar/>

Kerala Tourism Festivals: <https://www.keralatourism.org/faq/comprehensive-list-of-festivals-celebrated-in-kerala-throughout-the-year>

Nehru Trophy Boat Race: <https://www.nehrutrophy.nic.in/>

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