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Kerala Packing List by Season

What to Pack for Kerala's Coast, Hills, Backwaters, Monsoon & Temples

A practical packing checklist for first-time Kerala travellers.

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The Simple Kerala Packing Rule

Pack for the route, not just the weather forecast. Kerala can mean warm coastal days, cooler hill-station evenings, wet monsoon roads, houseboat nights and temple visits with specific dress expectations—all during one trip.

For most travellers, lightweight breathable clothing, comfortable footwear, sun protection, a small rain layer and one modest temple-ready outfit cover the basics.

Core Packing Checklist

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Item	Why You Need It	Pack
Lightweight clothes	Useful for warm coastal and lowland conditions	■
Comfortable walking shoes	Sightseeing, uneven paths and longer walks	■
Easy-remove sandals	Useful for temples and accommodation	■
Sun protection	Hat/cap, sunglasses and sunscreen	■
Reusable water bottle	Convenient for day trips	■
Small day bag	For sightseeing essentials	■
Personal medicines	Keep essential medication with you	■
Power bank	Useful during long sightseeing days	■

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December–February: Peak & Comfortable Season

This is generally the easiest season for a classic Kerala holiday. Coastal areas are usually warm and suitable for beaches and backwaters, while Munnar and other hill stations can feel noticeably cooler.

Pack:

- Lightweight cotton or breathable clothing
- One light layer for Munnar and cool evenings
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sandals / easy-remove footwear
- Hat or cap and sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- One modest temple outfit
- Small day bag
- Personal medicines

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March–May: Hotter & Pre-Monsoon

The lowlands become hotter and more humid. Hill stations can be a welcome part of the itinerary, while pre-monsoon showers may occur.

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Pack:

- Extra breathable clothing
- Quick-drying clothes
- Sun hat or cap
- High-SPF sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Reusable water bottle
- Electrolyte sachets if normally used
- Comfortable breathable footwear
- Light rain layer for sudden showers

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June–September: Southwest Monsoon

Kerala becomes intensely green during the southwest monsoon. Rain can be frequent, so packing for wet conditions is more important than carrying many outfits.

Pack:

- Lightweight quick-drying clothes
- Compact umbrella or reliable rain jacket
- Waterproof phone pouch
- Waterproof bag or dry bags for electronics
- Quick-drying footwear with grip
- Extra socks
- Small towel
- Mosquito/insect protection
- Water-resistant day bag or rain cover
- One modest temple outfit

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Tip: Avoid bringing footwear that becomes uncomfortable when wet. For monsoon sightseeing, grip and quick drying matter more than fashion.

October–November: Transition & Variable Rain

Conditions can vary by location as the southwest monsoon withdraws and the northeast monsoon can affect parts of Kerala. Pack for both warm weather and sudden rain.

Pack:

- Lightweight everyday clothing
- Compact rain jacket or umbrella
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Quick-drying sandals
- Sun protection
- Small waterproof pouch for electronics
- Modest temple clothing
- Light layer for hill stations

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Packing by Destination

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Destination	Add to Your Bag
Munnar	Light jacket/layer, walking shoes, rain protection and warm-weather basics
Thekkady	Walking shoes, light rain layer, insect protection and comfortable clothes
Alleppey / Kumarakom	Light clothes, sandals, sun protection and mosquito protection
Kovalam / Varkala	Beachwear, sun protection, sandals and modest clothing for non-beach areas
Kochi	Breathable city clothing, walking shoes and sun/rain protection
Temple visits	Modest clothing, easy-remove footwear and any required traditional dress

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Temple Clothing Reminder

Temple rules vary. Modest clothing is a good general starting point, but some temples have specific dress requirements or visitor restrictions. Check the current rules of each temple before visiting.

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Houseboat Packing

For an overnight Kerala houseboat, keep a small overnight bag separate from your main luggage. Bring comfortable clothes, sandals, personal medicines, a phone charger/power bank, sunscreen, insect protection and any medication you need.

Do not assume the boat's onboard facilities will match a hotel. Ask your operator about AC arrangements, generator hours, meals and boarding details before travelling.

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What Not to Overpack

Kerala is not a wilderness expedition. Avoid filling your suitcase with unnecessary formal clothing, too many pairs of shoes or bulky items you are unlikely to use.

Leave space for local purchases, keep valuables to a minimum and carry important documents and medication in your hand luggage.

Final Pre-Departure Checklist

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Before Leaving Home	Done
Passport / required travel documents	■
Flight and hotel confirmations	■
Travel insurance details	■
Essential medication	■
Phone charger / power bank	■
Weather-appropriate clothing	■
Comfortable shoes + easy-remove footwear	■
Rain protection if travelling in wet season	■
Modest temple-ready outfit	■
Digital and physical copies of key documents	■

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