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Kerala Trip Budget Worksheet

A Practical Cost Planner for Your Kerala Holiday

Build your own Kerala trip budget before you book hotels, transport, houseboats and experiences.

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How to Use This Worksheet

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Start with the number of travellers, number of nights and destinations. Then estimate each major cost category separately. Keeping accommodation, transport, meals, experiences, flights and miscellaneous spending separate makes it easier to compare quotations and understand what is actually included.

Kerala holiday costs vary significantly by travel style, season, hotel category, vehicle type, route, group size and activities. Use this worksheet as a planning tool rather than a fixed price list.

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Trip Details

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Item	Your Details
Traveller name	_____
Number of adults	_____
Number of children	_____
Total travellers	_____
Arrival airport / station	_____
Departure airport / station	_____
Number of nights	_____
Travel month	_____
Destinations	_____

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1. Flights / Long-Distance Travel

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If you are flying into Kerala, keep international/domestic airfare separate from the on-ground holiday budget. If you are arriving from another Indian city by train or road, record that cost here.

Expense	Estimated	Actual
International / domestic flights	■ _____	■ _____
Train / bus to Kerala	■ _____	■ _____
Airport transfers	■ _____	■ _____

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Tip: If you are comparing international flights, an open-jaw route such as flying into Kochi and departing from Thiruvananthapuram can sometimes reduce backtracking. Compare total trip cost rather than airfare alone.

2. Accommodation Budget

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Do not compare hotels only by nightly rate. Consider location, breakfast, taxes, room type, cancellation terms and whether the hotel saves or creates extra transport time.

Stay	Nights	Rate / Night	Estimated Total
Kochi	_____	■ _____	■ _____
Munnar	_____	■ _____	■ _____
Thekkady	_____	■ _____	■ _____
Alleppey / Kumarakom	_____	■ _____	■ _____
Varkala / Kovalam	_____	■ _____	■ _____
Wayanad / Other	_____	■ _____	■ _____

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3. Private Vehicle / Transport

For a private Kerala itinerary, transport cost can depend on vehicle size, number of days, route, pickup/drop-off locations, driver arrangements, parking, interstate travel and the season. Ask whether the quotation includes fuel, driver allowance, tolls, parking and applicable taxes.

Item	Estimated	Actual
Vehicle package	■ _____	■ _____
Fuel / mileage adjustment	■ _____	■ _____
Driver allowance	■ _____	■ _____
Tolls / parking	■ _____	■ _____
Interstate permits, if applicable	■ _____	■ _____

4. Houseboat Budget

Houseboat prices can vary according to boat category, bedroom count, season, AC arrangement, meals, cruising schedule and private/shared use. Confirm the exact inclusions rather than comparing only the headline rate.

Item	Budget	Actual
Overnight houseboat	■ _____	■ _____
Day cruise / alternative	■ _____	■ _____
Extra AC / special requests	■ _____	■ _____
Transfers to/from boarding point	■ _____	■ _____

Houseboat checklist: private or shared? bedrooms? AC hours? meals? cruising hours? boarding point? taxes? cancellation terms?

5. Food & Daily Spending

Even when breakfast is included at your hotel, budget separately for lunches, dinners, drinks, snacks and small purchases. Costs vary considerably by restaurant and travel style.

Category	Per Day	Trip Total
Breakfast	■ _____	■ _____
Lunch	■ _____	■ _____
Dinner	■ _____	■ _____
Drinks / snacks	■ _____	■ _____
Tips / small purchases	■ _____	■ _____

6. Sightseeing & Experiences

List paid experiences separately from free sightseeing. This makes it easier to remove or add activities without rebuilding your entire budget.

Experience	Budget	Actual
Wildlife / park entry	■ _____	■ _____
Guided sightseeing	■ _____	■ _____
Boat / canoe experience	■ _____	■ _____
Adventure / trekking	■ _____	■ _____
Cultural performance / activity	■ _____	■ _____
Other	■ _____	■ _____

7. Entry Fees, Parking & Small Charges

Keep a separate allowance for attraction entry fees, parking, footwear counters, camera charges where applicable, guide fees and other small expenses. Exact charges can change, so verify current rates with the attraction or official source.

Expense	Budget
Attraction tickets	■ _____
Parking	■ _____
Guides / local experiences	■ _____
Miscellaneous fees	■ _____

8. Shopping & Personal Spending

Shopping is one of the easiest categories to underestimate because it is discretionary. Set a separate personal allowance so souvenirs do not unexpectedly increase your core holiday budget.

Category	Budget	Actual
Spices / tea	■ _____	■ _____
Handicrafts / souvenirs	■ _____	■ _____
Clothing / textiles	■ _____	■ _____
Personal spending	■ _____	■ _____

9. Emergency / Contingency Fund

Set aside a contingency amount for unexpected transport changes, weather-related changes, medical needs, last-minute accommodation, additional meals or other unforeseen costs. A contingency is not a required fee; it is simply a sensible personal buffer.

My contingency allowance: ■ _____

10. Total Trip Budget

Category	Estimated	Actual
Flights / arrival travel	■ _____	■ _____
Accommodation	■ _____	■ _____
Private transport	■ _____	■ _____
Houseboat	■ _____	■ _____
Food & daily spending	■ _____	■ _____
Experiences & sightseeing	■ _____	■ _____
Entry / parking / small charges	■ _____	■ _____
Shopping / personal	■ _____	■ _____
Contingency	■ _____	■ _____
GRAND TOTAL	■ _____	■ _____

Compare Two Kerala Holiday Budgets

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Use this section when comparing a self-planned trip with a package quotation or comparing two operators.

Category	Option A	Option B
Accommodation	■ _____	■ _____
Vehicle / transport	■ _____	■ _____
Houseboat	■ _____	■ _____
Meals	■ _____	■ _____
Sightseeing	■ _____	■ _____
Taxes / fees	■ _____	■ _____
Total	■ _____	■ _____

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What a Package Quote Should Clearly State

Before comparing a package price with your own worksheet, confirm the number of travellers, hotel category, room type, meal plan, vehicle type, number of vehicle days, houseboat category, sightseeing inclusions, entrance fees, taxes, transfers, cancellation terms and any seasonal supplements.

A lower headline price is not necessarily cheaper if important services are excluded.

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Planning Links

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

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Troper Tours is a Kerala-based tour operator helping travellers plan Kerala and South India holidays with private transportation, accommodation, sightseeing and customised itineraries.

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Budget figures are traveller-entered planning estimates. Actual prices vary by season, availability, destination, hotel category, vehicle, group size, taxes and supplier terms. Always confirm the final quotation before payment.

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