



KERALA TODAY / FREE FIELD GUIDE

Three full days: Kochi and Alappuzha

Three full days / Two overnight bases

Is this route for you?

This suggested route needs three full days. Start already settled in Fort Kochi on the morning of Day 1; finish in Kochi on Day 3. It is not a two-day plan. Allow airport arrival and departure days separately, with additional hotel nights before or after the route if needed.

Night 1: Fort Kochi. Night 2: a land hotel in Alappuzha town. These are suggested bases, not hotel reservations. The route assumes a pre-arranged car or taxi for the intercity journeys, plus local walking or an auto/taxi as appropriate. Confirm your exact accommodation addresses and boarding point.

This is an editorial route to review against your own dates and needs. It combines researched places with estimated planning allowances; it is not a live route search, confirmed package or fully personalized itinerary.

Day 1 / Fort Kochi and optional Mattancherry

Keep the day around Fort Kochi: heritage streets, the waterfront and time for food and rest. Choose a manageable walk for your party rather than trying to visit every landmark. This is a waterfront visit, not a swimming recommendation.

If its opening arrangements suit your date, make Mattancherry Palace an optional visit, with a local auto or taxi if preferred. Kerala Tourism's English and Malayalam palace pages give conflicting weekly closure information. Reconfirm current opening days, entry arrangements and any restrictions before making a special journey; no settled opening schedule is assumed here.

If the palace is closed, keep the day in Fort Kochi with a shorter heritage walk and a meal. Individual indoor venues and businesses still need their own opening checks. Night 1: stay in Fort Kochi.

Day 2 / Transfer to Alappuzha and an optional boat outing

After breakfast, take your arranged car or taxi to Alappuzha town. Reserve 2-3 hours for the transfer as a Kerala.today editorial planning allowance, not a verified current driving-time range. Congestion, roadworks, rain, stops and your exact addresses can push the journey beyond that allowance. Keep the rest of the morning free of timed visits.

Arrange baggage storage or check-in with your Alappuzha land hotel in advance; early room access is not assumed. Have lunch and allow time to rest. If locally confirmed conditions and departure times work, choose a short daytime boat outing of around 1-2 hours. This duration is a planning choice, not a claim that a particular listed tour offers that slot.

Before paying, confirm the operator, exact boarding point, boat type, private/shared format, duration, safety equipment, facilities, total price, inclusions and the selected option's current cancellation and weather policy. Our boat comparisons support that decision; nothing is reserved by this route. Omit the boat if the arrangements or conditions do not work. Night 2: stay in an Alappuzha town land hotel, not aboard a houseboat.

Day 3 / An unhurried morning, then back to Kochi

Keep the morning flexible for breakfast, rest and a short local outing if conditions permit. Agree the hotel checkout and pickup arrangements. Do not add another distant excursion before the return journey.

Return to Kochi by your arranged car or taxi, again reserving 2-3 hours as an editorial planning allowance that can be exceeded. Leave the rest of the day flexible for delays and settling in. The route ends in Kochi; it does not establish a same-day flight connection. Plan any airport transfer, check-in buffer and onward departure separately. Accommodation after Day 3 may be needed and is additional.

[Read the current web route](#)

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Transport assumptions and the evidence behind them

Kerala Tourism's location finder lists approximately 53 km between Alappuzha and Fort Kochi. It is an orientation distance, not a hotel-to-hotel navigation route. The district administration's older access page describes a generic Kochi road connection and has a 28 May 2019 update footer; its timing is not treated as current traffic evidence.

The 2-3-hour allowances above are our conservative editorial estimates informed by that geography. They are not a transport-provider quote, measured journey, timetable or guarantee. Ask your transport provider about the actual addresses, current conditions and a suitable pickup time. Local transfers and stops need their own time.

This sequence is researched for car/taxi transfers only. Bus, rail and ferry schedules, fares, station connections and luggage arrangements have not been checked sufficiently to substitute them into these days. If those modes are essential, build a separate schedule before relying on this route.

When to adapt it, and what to leave out

With only two full days, keep a Kochi base and use the local destination guide rather than compressing this entire sequence. A short route is a choice about pace, not a list of every attraction in the district.

Weather can disrupt road travel and boating. Reconfirm local conditions and operator restrictions before setting out; do not take a boat during rough-weather warnings. Wear suitable lifejackets and follow the operator briefing. If boating is cancelled, omit it and keep a quiet land stay if local conditions permit. If warnings affect the transfer itself, retain the Kochi base and reassess before leaving.

An overnight houseboat, Munnar, Thekkady or a wildlife programme would change the route and is not included. Accessibility, walking surfaces, boarding steps, suitable equipment and facilities have not been individually assessed for your party. Confirm them directly before committing.

Source review: 31 October 2026. Check dates record our editorial review, not live availability or future opening guarantees.

Booking and useful guides

For the optional Day 2 outing, the existing local shikara listing below is a place to check a suitable duration and departure. Confirm the actual boarding address, duration, selected option, current availability, inclusions and cancellation terms on Viator. This route does not reserve a boat or confirm a 1-2 hour slot.

[A shikara ride with a choice of duration / Viator \(affiliate link\)](#)

Listing details last checked 2026-10-28. Departure: Alleppey; confirm the meeting point for your option.

The Viator booking link is an affiliate link. Kerala.today may earn a commission from qualifying bookings. Booking, payment and cancellation are handled by the provider; check the selected option before paying.

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Free PDF for this three-full-day suggested route only. Other planner combinations do not have a researched PDF itinerary.

Sources and check date

Route sources reviewed 31 October 2026. A review date does not confirm future opening, traffic or availability.

[1. Kerala Tourism: Fort Kochi heritage and geography](#)

[2. Kerala Tourism location finder: Alappuzha and Fort Kochi distance](#)

[3. Alappuzha district access page - older orientation information](#)

[4. Mattancherry Palace: English official page - reconfirm closures](#)

[5. Mattancherry Palace: Malayalam official page - conflicting closure guidance](#)

[6. Kerala Tourism: boating conditions and operating checks](#)

Palace closure guidance conflicts across official language versions. The older district road page is orientation only; our 2-3 hour transfer allowances are editorial estimates, not verified live driving times.

[Read the maintained web route](#)

Use this guide to make your own checks before booking. Nothing in this download makes a reservation.