

★ KURINJI YEAR 2026 — THE HILLS TURN BLUE



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THE GHAT EXPERIENCES LLP

Beyond sightseeing. Into experiences.

Sunrise jeep tracks. Riverside elephants. Tea tasted at the source, nine guided trails and starlit camps — a full menu of Munnar days, planned by four Kerala travel veterans in one WhatsApp chat.

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The Experience Menu · 2026

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WELCOME

Four people. 25+ years. One promise.

We spent our working lives inside Kerala tourism — building trips, running ground operations, learning which promises hold and which fall apart at the first rain.

Along the way we kept meeting the same traveller: someone who came for Munnar and left with a checklist. Three viewpoints, one boat ride, a photo at the tea-garden fence. Ticked, done, forgotten.

The Ghat Experiences is our answer. One company, four veterans, and a single door to the experiences we actually rate — estates that let you in, trails our partners walk weekly, villages that welcome guests, tables worth the drive.

You'll feel Munnar. Not just photograph it.

THE FOUNDING TEAM

— Pradeep K Marx

— Manoj Menon

— Joji Paul

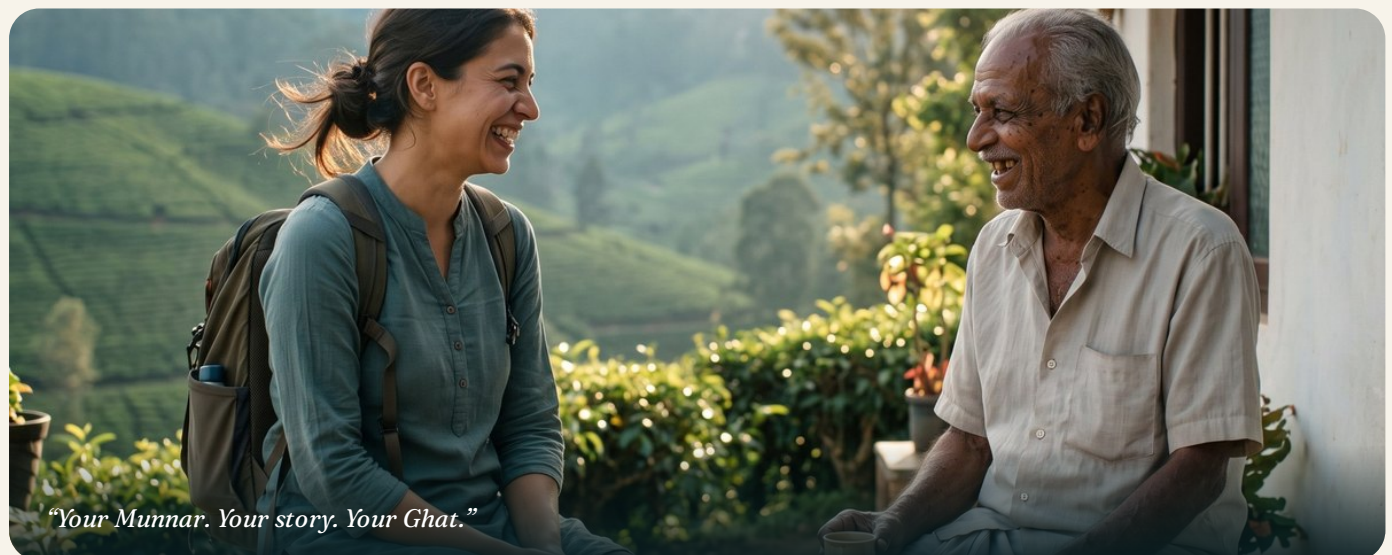
— Victor K

THE SHORT VERSION

Why travellers trust us

- ✓ 25+ years of combined tourism experience
- ✓ ISO 9001:2015 certified company
- ✓ Member — Munnar Destination Makers (MDM)
- ✓ Registered LLP based in Kerala, India
- ✓ Secure online payments — international cards accepted
- ✓ One booking = one tree planted

Enquiring is free — and answered by a founder.



"Your Munnar. Your story. Your Ghat."



ONCE IN TWELVE YEARS · THIS YEAR

The hills turn blue in 2026.

This is what it looks like — Neelakurinji, flowering once every twelve years. The kurinji spread across the Mattupetty–Kannimala hills last bloomed in 2014, and its cycle returns now. The first flowers are already open, with the full spectacle expected in **September–October 2026**.

12 years

One bloom per cycle. This population flowered in 1990, 2002 and 2014. Miss it, and the next chance is 2038.

Sep–Oct

Peak weeks of 2026. Scattered flowering has already begun on the high slopes.

2 treks

Chokramudi and Meesapulimala — bloom country we already climb every week.

Where the blue arrives

Chokramudi hills

Edalimedu · Mattupetty

Sevenmala

Gundamala

Upper Meesapulimala

The honest note

Many viral “kurinji” reels show a lookalike flower, not the real Neelakurinji — Kerala Tourism itself has warned travellers about this. We take you to the true bloom, in the right weeks, with guides who know the difference.

Nature sets the dates

Flowering and forest access shift with the weather. We track conditions on the ground and confirm honestly before you book — never after.

Kurinji weeks are few, and they fill first.
Hold your dates today — no payment to enquire.

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Choose your Munnar. Thirteen ways in.

Mix any of them into one trip — we'll make the days fit. Prices are indicative starting rates; every quote is confirmed in writing.



No. 01

Signature Ghat Experiences

Kolukkumalai at dawn, Anakulam's elephants, Chinnar's wild side.

₹2,000 onwards · page 5



No. 02

The Soul of Munnar

Nine stops, half a day — history, tea, food, faith, people.

₹4,500 / person onwards · page 6



No. 03

Trails & Hikes

Eight guided trails, from soft dawn walks to Meesapulimala.

₹1,990 onwards · page 7



No. 04

Adventure & Nature

Ripple Waterfalls and four hours of open jeep track.

₹2,500 onwards · page 8



No. 05

Camping

Starlit tents, campfires and hot chai at altitude.

Custom quote · page 8



No. 06

Tea & Local

Factory floors, tastings and the valley's classic circuit.

₹2,000 onwards · page 9



No. 07

Village Life

Anakulam's riverside elephants. Vattavada's hill farms.

Custom quote · page 10



No. 08

Toddy & Culinary

Palm-fresh toddy, fiery kappa and the real Kerala table.

Custom quote · page 10



No. 09

Photography Tours

Pre-wedding, newly-wed and nature shoots in tea country.

Custom quote · page 11



No. 10

Weddings & Honeymoons

Begin the story above the clouds.

Custom quote · page 11



No. 11

Freedom to Explore

A scooty and the routes we rate — or a private day built around you.

₹1,000 / day onwards · page 12



No. 12

Sightseeing by Coach

All the Munnar locations in a day — one coach, one guide, any group size.

Request a quote · page 13



No. 13

Chauffeur & Transfers

Airport pick-ups to full Kerala routes — one desk, one driver.

₹4,200 onwards · page 14

Something else in mind?

Mix any of these — or describe your own day. We'll draft it by evening.

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The days people fly here for.

*Six flagship experiences —
guided, priced and planned to
the minute of light.*

01 Chase the light

Every signature day is built
around a moment — dawn on a
summit, dusk at a lake.

02 Go where cars can't

Jeep tracks, forest gates and
estate roads, opened with the
right permissions.

03 One written price

Vehicle, guide and entries
quoted together. No surprises
at the counter.

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Munnar's greatest days — done properly, at the hour the hills are at their best.

The six signatures

Kolukkumalai Sunrise Off-Road

₹7,000 onwards

A 4×4 climb in the dark to the famous high tea slopes —
sunrise breaks over the plains a kilometre below.

Anakulam Elephant Village

₹5,000 onwards

The river village wild elephants visit at dusk — forest roads,
farms and chai stops on the way.

Chinnar Wildlife Experience

₹3,500 onwards

Rain-shadow country: watchtower lookouts, river trails and a
drier, wilder side of the hills.

Anayirangal Lake

₹3,000 onwards

A reservoir ringed by tea and grassland, where elephant herds
graze the shoreline.

Top Station

₹2,500 onwards

The ridge-edge classic on the Kerala–Tamil Nadu line — the
valley drops away beneath your feet.

Door of Heaven · Sunrise or Sunset

₹2,000 onwards

A gap in the high ridges that frames dawn and dusk like a
doorway. Pick your light.

Rates are indicative starting rates — basis (per person or per vehicle), inclusions and
timings are confirmed in writing with your quote. Wildlife sightings are nature's call; we
time it right and keep it honest.

Private jeeps & cars

Local guides

Entries arranged

Dawn & dusk departures

One half-day. The whole town's story.

Not a sightseeing dash — a guided walk through what Munnar actually is. Nine stops, roughly in the order your day unfolds.

- Local Breakfast**
Appam, puttu and sweet chaya — start the day the Kerala way.
- Munnar Town & Heritage**
The planters' town and its bazaar-era stories, street by street.
- Srishti Experience**
Handmade paper and natural dyes at the celebrated Srishti units.
- Tea Museum**
From hand-rollers to the automated factory floor.
- Tea Plantation Walk**
Into the rows themselves, with pluckers at work around you.
- A Cup of Munnar**
Tea tasted properly, at the source.
- Sacred Munnar**
The hill CSI church and an old Hindu temple, quiet side by side.
- Market Walk**
Spices, jaggery and mountain vegetables in the working market.
- Banana Leaf Lunch**
A full Kerala lunch served on the leaf. End well fed.

₹4,500
ONWARDS

per person · half day · guided

History Tea Food Faith
People Local Life

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Travelling light? **Half-Day Munnar Sightseeing** — Tea Museum, Srishti visit and Munnar Market with a guide. Mon–Sat · ≈4 hrs · minimum 2 · car pick-up within 2 km · **₹2,300 / person onwards** · by bike ₹1,800 onwards (fuel not included)

Be on a summit before the world wakes up.

Eight guided trails — local guides, entry tickets and refreshments sorted, with our trusted local adventure partner. Daily departures.

01 Start in the dark

A 5:30 am start sounds hard. It's the best decision of your trip.

02 Climb through tea and grassland

Estate rows give way to shola forest and open ridge.

03 Watch the valley switch on

Sunrise from the top, hot refreshments in hand.

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Trail	Duration	Timing	Per person
Sunrise Hike — Lakshmi hills	2½–3 hrs · 5–6 km	5:30 – 8:30 am	₹1,990 ONWARDS
Sunset Hike	2½–3 hrs · 4–5 km	5:30 – 7:30 pm	₹1,990 ONWARDS
Day Soft Hike — Lakshmi	3–3½ hrs · 5–6 km	9:30 am – 12:30 pm	₹1,990 ONWARDS
Chokramudi Peak ★ Kurinji · Sep–Oct	4–4½ hrs · ≈8 km	5:30 – 10 am	₹2,200 ONWARDS
Day Long Hike — Lakshmi	4–4½ hrs · 8–10 km	9:30 am – 2 pm	₹2,990 ONWARDS
Pothamedu Hike	4–4½ hrs · ≈8 km	sunrise or day	₹2,990 ONWARDS
Top Valley Hike	4–4½ hrs · ≈8 km	sunrise or day	₹3,800 ONWARDS
Meesapulimala ★ Kurinji · Sep–Oct	4–4½ hrs · ≈8 km	5:30 – 10 am	₹4,750 ONWARDS

All trails run daily with a minimum of 2 guests — local guide, entry tickets and refreshments included. Chokramudi, Pothamedu, Top Valley and Meesapulimala include car pick-up and drop within 2 km of Munnar town; Pothamedu can also run as a bike ride at ₹2,500 per person onwards (fuel not included). Meesapulimala runs with a minimum of 4 and includes breakfast and jeep travel on the mountain — jeep pick-up and drop from Munnar is ₹4,500 per jeep onwards, extra. Rates are indicative per person; the exact price is confirmed in writing before you pay anything. First-timers welcome on the soft hikes.



No. 04

Adventure & Nature

Wet boots. Wide grins.

Ripple Waterfalls ₹2,500 onwards

A guided river-and-falls day — pools, spray and forest paths off the tourist line.

4-Hour Jeep Safari ₹3,000 onwards

Open jeep, estate tracks and viewpoints the buses never reach.

Guide, entries & refreshments arranged

No. 05

Camping

The stars are better up here.

- Camps sited for the view — sunset on arrival, sunrise from your tent
- Campfire evenings, hot camp food, guides on site all night
- Combine with a sunrise trek straight from camp

Custom quote · pack warm layers



Walk into a working estate.

Taste at the source — then follow the valley's classic circuit.

01 Walk the estate rows

With a guide who knows the pluckers by name.

02 Taste like a professional

Visual, smell, taste, touch — the four steps real tasters use.

03 See the factory floor

Some of South India's finest orthodox tea, getting ready for market.

04 Make a day of it

Add the dam, the national park and a factory lunch — one easy circuit.

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From a half-day tasting walk to a full valley circuit — tea the way the people who make it know it.

Options & rates

Tea Trial Programme

Guided plantation walk, photo points, tea tasting and a tea-house or factory visit — car pick-up within 2 km of town · Tue–Sun · ≈3½–4 hrs · starts 9 am – 4 pm

₹2,990 onwards
by bike ₹2,100 onwards

Thalayar Tea Factory with Lunch

The working factory floor, explained end to end — with lunch on the estate.

₹3,000 onwards

Tea & Valley Trail

Eravikulam National Park · Mattupetty Dam · Lockhart tea factory — the classic circuit in one day.

₹2,000 onwards
up to 4 guests

Per person unless noted · Tea Trial minimum 2 guests · bike-ride rates exclude fuel. Eravikulam entry follows park rules and season. Rates indicative — confirmed in writing before you book. Easy walking; most ages manage happily.

Local guide throughout

Estate access arranged

Photo points

Tea tasting



No. 07

Village Life

Some evenings, wild elephants walk down to the river.

- Anakulam — riverside village elephants visit at dusk
- Vattavada — terraced farms and strawberry patches, 2,000 m up
- A simple, honest local lunch you'll describe for years

Custom quote · private & small-group

No. 08

Toddy & Culinary

Kerala on a plate. And in a palm-fresh glass.

- A real kallu shaap, as an invited guest — not a gawker
- Kappa, fiery meen curry, beef fry — heat set to you
- Alcohol-free food trail available: same food, same stories

Custom quote · mornings are freshest



No. 09

Photography Tours

The mist does half the work. We arrange the rest.

- Pre-wedding, post-wedding, newly-wed and nature shoots
- Locations scouted, golden hours timed, access arranged
- Bring your photographer, or ask us to arrange one locally

Custom quote · scouted, uncrowded spots



No. 10

Weddings & Honeymoons

Begin the story above the clouds.

- Intimate ceremonies and celebrations in the tea hills
- Venue, stays, ceremony flow and guest movement — one team
- Stay on after: honeymoon days designed around you

Custom quote · itemised in writing

No plan. Best plan.

Some travellers want a guide. Some want the keys. This page is for the second kind — with our number saved, just in case.



Scooty Rental

₹1,000 / day onwards

Two wheels and a full tank of mountain air. Ride the dam roads, climb to Vattavada, stop at every chai kada that smells right. We mark the routes we rate on your map — and stay one message away the whole day.

Day-wise rental

Route tips included

Make It Your Ghat

Your places · Your pace · Your time.

A private vehicle, a driver who knows the hills, a guide if you want one — and a day built entirely around what you love. Tell us the Munnar in your head; we'll draft it by evening, with one written price.

Draft my day — WhatsApp +91 62383 20025

Rides we rate

Mattupetty & the dam roads

The Vattavada climb

Anayirangal lakeside

Old Munnar bazaar

Top Station road at dawn

One coach. One day. All of Munnar.

The classic Munnar circuit without a convoy of taxis — everyone rides together, one guide tells the story, and every entry and timing is handled before you arrive. Our most-asked-for group day.

Families

Friends & big groups

Office & student groups

Senior-friendly pace

On request

one written quote · no payment to enquire

One coach

One guide

Entries arranged

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WHY GROUPS LOVE IT

Everyone together

No taxi convoy, no lost cars, no waiting at every gate — one vehicle, one plan, one WhatsApp thread.

WHY GROUPS LOVE IT

A guide who narrates

The dams, the estates and the story of Munnar — told as you ride, not read off a signboard.

WHY GROUPS LOVE IT

Entries handled

Tickets, timings and parking sorted in advance, so the day flows instead of queues.

The circuit — shaped to your group

Mattupetty Dam

Eravikulam National Park

Top Station

Anayirangal Lake

Tea Museum

Photo Point

Pothamedu viewpoint

Munnar Market

...and every classic stop in between. Tempo travellers and full coaches, sized to your group; park entries follow season and official timings.

Tell us your group size and date —
a coach plan and one written quote come back by evening.

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One driver. The whole journey.

Premium chauffeur-driven travel across Kerala — the same care whether it's a twenty-minute pick-up or a week on the road. Clean cars, hill-experienced drivers, and a desk that already knows your plan.



- Airport & railway transfers
- Intercity travel
- Full-day & multi-day hire
- Sightseeing by coach
- Private family trips
- Premium leisure travel
- Customised itineraries

Private transfers from Munnar		One way · sedan, up to 4 guests
Kochi Airport (COK)		₹4,200 ONWARDS
Aluva railway station		₹4,200 ONWARDS
Thekkady		₹4,200 ONWARDS
Fort Kochi		₹5,500 ONWARDS
Kumarakom		₹6,500 ONWARDS
Madurai		₹7,000 ONWARDS
Coimbatore		₹7,000 ONWARDS
Varkala		₹11,000 ONWARDS

Pick-up and drop within Munnar Town limits; a small surcharge applies beyond. Sedan rates cover a maximum of 4 guests — larger groups and vehicles quoted on request. All rates are starting, indicative rates and vary with season, availability and operating conditions. Final pricing, inclusions and availability are confirmed in writing at booking.

Sightseeing by coach

The full group sightseeing day has its own page — see [page 13](#). Tempo travellers and full coaches, quoted on request, with mountain jeeps where the roads demand them.

On the road with you

Your driver and our desk share one plan — timings, halts and detours agreed before you roll, and one WhatsApp thread throughout.

Landing at Kochi? Send your flight number — we'll be waiting at arrivals.

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One route, hills to the sea.

A favourite nine-day shape — one of many. We plan the whole line: stays, drives, boats and the days between, priced as one written quote.

Munnar DAYS 1-3
Tea trails, a sunrise trek, an Anakulam evening — the hills done properly, not hurriedly.

Thekkady & the spice hills DAYS 4-5
Periyar's forests and working cardamom estates — an easy, beautiful drive from Munnar.

The backwaters DAYS 6-7
Alappuzha or Kumarakom — a houseboat night, village canals, the slowest afternoons in India.

Fort Kochi DAYS 8-9
Chinese nets, harbour-front streets and cafés — an unhurried finish, minutes from your flight home.

Detours worth taking

Wayanad — quiet green highland

Athirappilly — the big falls

Varkala & the coast — cliff-top finish



The drives are part of the trip.

Every move, one desk.

Getting here, paying from anywhere, and how a booking actually happens — the practical page.

GETTING HERE**By air**

Cochin International (COK) is the closest airport — about 110 km away. We arrange the transfer up; see page 14.

GETTING HERE**By rail**

Aluva is the nearest useful railway station, also about 110 km, with our cars or taxis onward to the hills.

GETTING HERE**By road**

The ghat climb from Kochi is part of the trip — waterfalls, hairpins and tea slopes. Allow more time than the map suggests.

Pay from anywhere

Secure online payments with international cards accepted — guests booking from abroad pay as easily as guests at home. Every quote is itemised, in writing, and nothing is charged at the enquiry stage.

[Ask for a quote](#)[International cards accepted](#)[Itemised written quotes](#)[No payment to enquire](#)

How it works

1**Say hello**

Message us your dates, group size and pace on WhatsApp.

2**Get your plan**

A day-by-day plan and one clear price come back. Change anything.

3**Travel easy**

You explore. Our local team stays one message away, the whole time.

Tell us your dates. We'll shape the days.

Your Munnar. Your story. Your Ghat.

No payment now. No obligation. Your message lands with the founders
— and a day-by-day plan with one clear price comes back.



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Opens a chat with our team
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