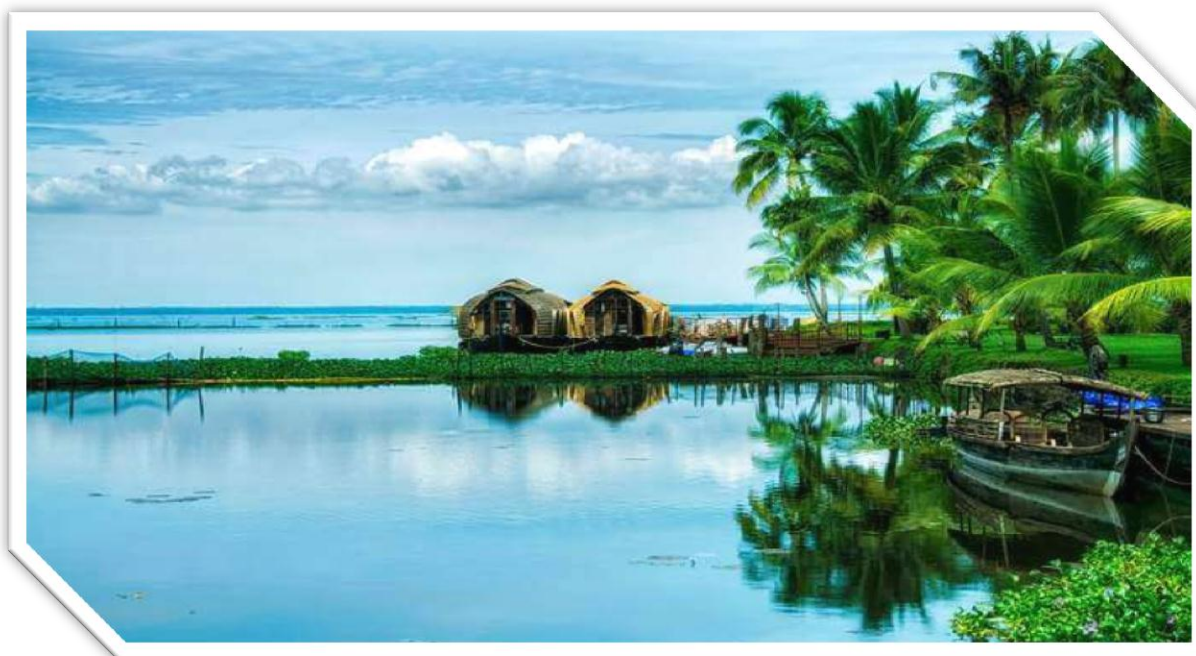


PHOTO FEATURE OF KERALA

By Pooja Oak

Wayanad means the land of paddy fields in Malayalam. Wayanad is one of the greenest places to visit in Kerala. Enriched with godly beauty, serene atmosphere and rich culture, Wayanad is a perfect mix of nature and man-made heritage. After all, the place is famous for its richness in cultures, traditions and tribal heritage. Small, unnamed waterfalls, that line the city haphazardly, add to the place's charm.

ALLEPPEY



Alleppey tops this list of best tourist places in Kerala with pictures. Its backwater trips, houseboat stays, and serene beauty attract a fair number of people to its territory. In fact it is the most popular place to experience Kerala's backwaters. Lord Curzon's depiction of Alleppey as the Venice of the East is not a hyperbole.

KOVALAM



Kovalam beach, one of best beaches in Kerala, is famous for its New Year celebrations, deep strong massages, Ayurvedic treatments, sunbathing fests, and water sports like parasailing. It has a crescent shaped coastline which is always buzzing with activities. People from different countries, cultures, and states come together and add to the beauty of the place.

MUNNAR



A very popular one among hill stations in Kerala, Munnar is one of the best places to visit in Kerala. Once the summer capital for British, the gradient and alignment of hills were particularly designed for tea farming. With about 80,000 miles of tea plantation, an equal measure of aromatic vegetation, misty valleys, and low-flying clouds, Munnar is a hill station that has become one of the best places to visit in Kerala.

VARKALA



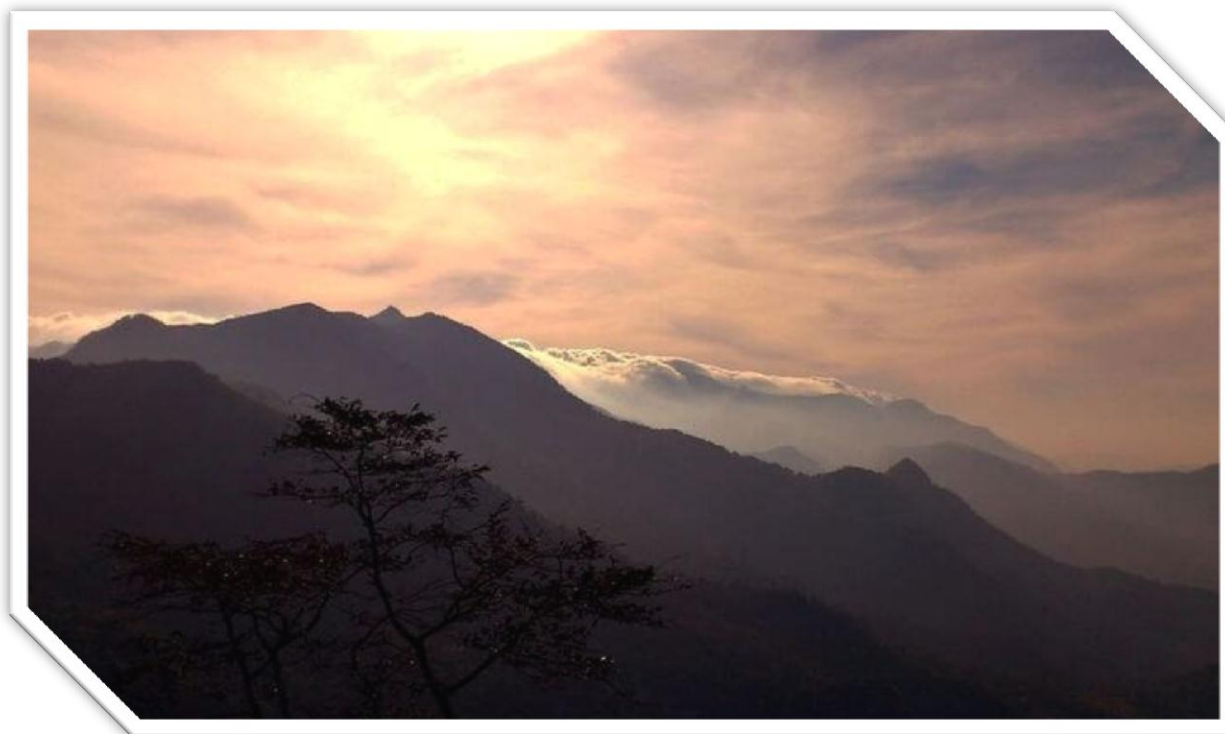
Varkala is one of the best seaside places in Kerala. The enticing coastline with cliffs on one side and lush greenery on the other attracts thousands of tourists and water-adventure enthusiasts to the beach. It is popular for activities like boat riding, surfing, parasailing, jetting, horse-riding are the life of the beach. The unmatched beauty of the beach is at its prime during sunsets.

PALAKKAD



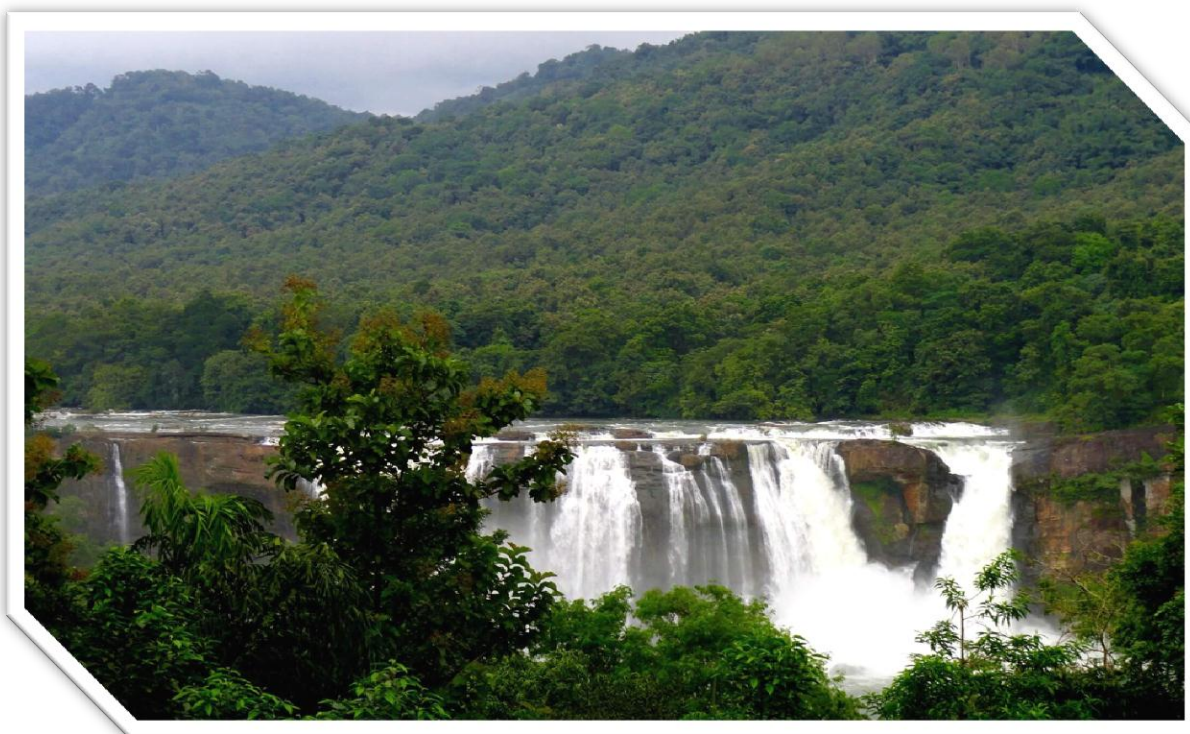
Just like a beautiful picture postcard, Palakkad features most awesome weather, picturesque mountains, sparkling lakes, beautiful dams, lush green forests and majestic temples and forts. With vast sprawling paddy estates and tea plantations, Palakkad, one of the most scenic places in Kerala is aptly known as the ‘granary of Kerala’.

PONMUDI



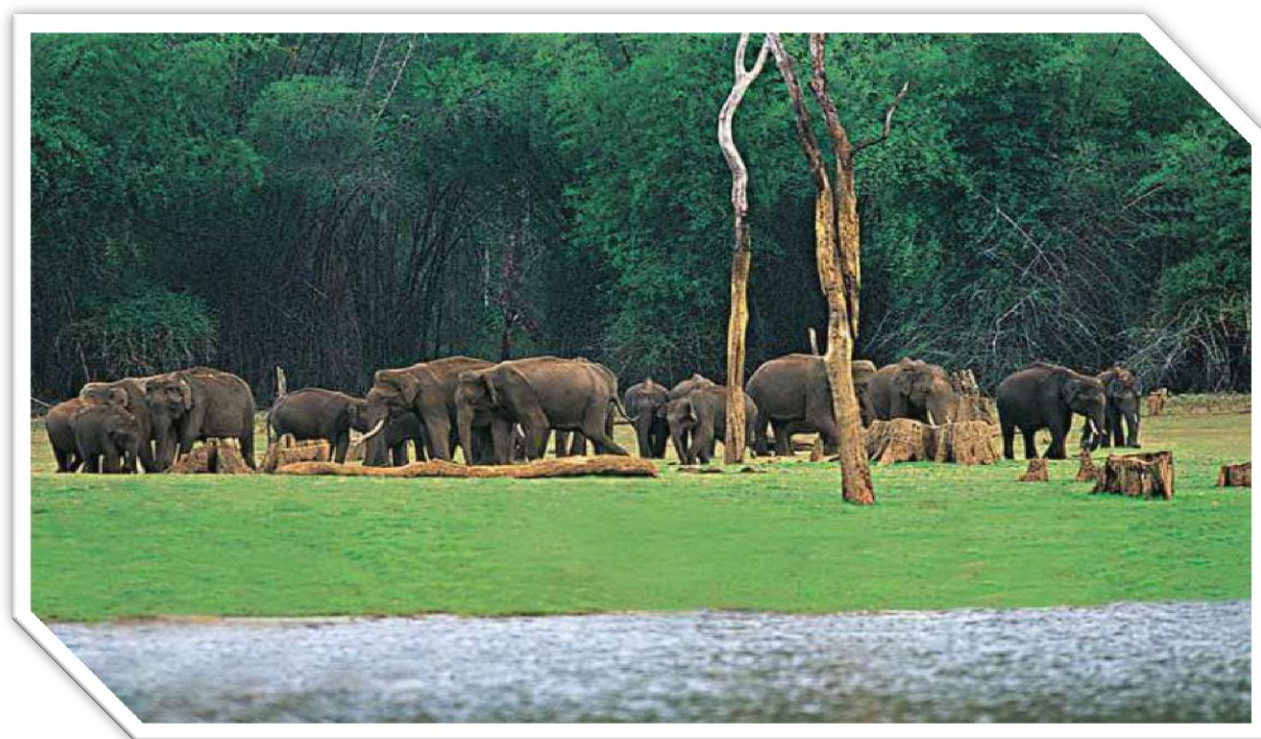
If you're a mountain-child and wish to lose yourself amidst lush mist-laden hills, then Ponmudi is the place for you. This is one of the best places to visit in Kerala also for the hikers and trekkers, since there is so much to explore! With many narrow winding roads, the landscape of Poovar looks surreal. The tea gardens spanning all around add charm to its beauty.

THRISSUR



Thrissur boasts of its rich cultural extravaganza along with scenic splendor like picturesque waterfalls and beaches. Famous for Thrissur Pooram and Onam celebrations, this small quaint town of Kerala is fittingly acknowledged as the ‘cultural capital of Kerala.

THEKKADY



Thekkady is simply a heaven hidden in thick forests and wild vegetation. You get to see the near extinct species of animals including tigers, sambars, gaurs and lion tailed macaques. Also, there are elephants, lions, deers, bison, boars, and the Great Indian tigers. Probably, the most favored among the Kerala's tourist places, Thekkady boasts of abundant beauty and exotic wildlife.

BEKAL



Bekal is specially known for its famous Bekal Fort, which is rated amongst the best tourist places in Kerala. Many Indian movies, like Rang De Basanti, are filmed in the fort premises. The sea breeze passing through your hair, the pleasant weather and good company are key ingredients to have good time in Bekal. Owing to exotic beauty and serenity

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