

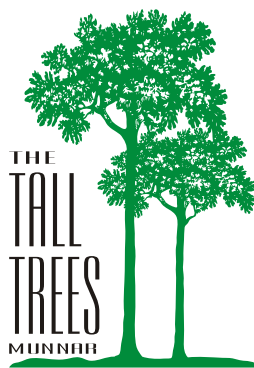


# Munnar Tourism



The Tall Trees Resorts is the finest and most judicious combination of carefully preserved pristine nature and tastefully arranged creature comforts. It is just at the right distance from Munnar , near enough to be able to enjoy its conveniences and far enough to shut out its hustle and bustle. Well-appointed cottages with all cozy comforts nestling in the sprawling 66 acres of unsullied nature with over 600 large trees, wild orchids and other rare flora, endemic species of colourful birds, butterflies, moths and harmless wild animals, gurgling streams, rock formations, well-kept cardamom plantations, etc make it a paradise unparalleled. There are several tourism destinations of enchanting beauty in its proximity, easily accessible from Munnar Town.

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## PLACES OF INTEREST

### Pothamedu (6 kms from Munnar)

Manicured tea gardens, lush coffee plantations and wood-shaded cardamom estates, with stretches of 'potha grass' (from which the name is derived) covered hills all combine to make this place unforgettably.

### Devikulam (7 kms from Munnar)

The curative properties of the pure mineral waters of the 'Sita Devi lake' (in which Sita, wife of Rama, is believed to have bathed) is the main attraction here. Rare varieties of flora and fauna in and around Devikulam draw a lot of tourists to this place. The road to Munnar, a part of Kochi - Madurai highway, is itself a feast to the eyes.

### Pallivasal (8 kms from Munnar)

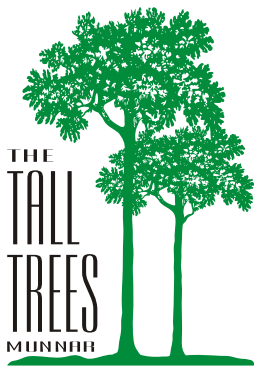
The site of the first hydro-electric project of Kerala and the bewitching beauty of nature all around make this place a must - see spot near Munnar. Here human achievements mate with scenic beauty of the high ranges to give the visitor an unforgettable sight.

### Chithirapuram (10 kms from Munnar)

The antique charm of old cottages, bungalows and courts with captivating greenery all around make this place an enchanting tourist spot. The sight of the Pallivasal hydroelectric power station on one side and undulating hills on the other side will cast a spell on the beholder.



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## Lock Heart Gap (13 kms from Munnar)

Kochi - Madurai National Highway clings precariously on a rocky slope for over 2 kms, with mist-wrapped villages 2000 ft. below on one side and vertical rocky formations on the other side. Rare wild flowers including Kurinji are abundant on either side of the gap. The cave believed to have been used by Malaikkallan, a legendary Robin-Hood - like highway robber was an interesting tourist spot till recently. This has now been broken away to widen the road.

## Rajamala (15 kms from Munnar)

Half the world population of the Nilgiri Tahr, a rare variety of mountain goat on the verge of extinction, live in Rajamala. The abundance of tourists and the proximity of the staff employed by the forest department have made them almost tame. Kurinji flowers, which bloom all over the hills once in 12 years, draping the grassy hills, as far as the eye can see, with blue flowers, attract thousands of tourists. The proximity of Eravikulam wildlife sanctuary is also an added attraction.



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## **Echo Point (15 kms from Munnar)**

On a lake embankment, with rolling hills all around, you will find hundreds of young people, mostly students, making loved friendship calls, which are returned manifold by the surrounding hills. The lake is placid and the hills around are blanketed in green woods.

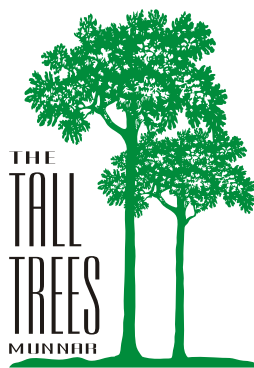
## **Vagavurai (24 kms from Munnar)**

When Vaga trees (*Abhizzia Lebbek*) wear red flowers all over the 'varais' (hill slopes) blush with beauty. Hundreds of Vaga trees bloom simultaneously and offer an unforgettable sight. The first pepper and orange plantations in Kerala and the first mini hydel project of the state were in Vagavurai. There is also a waterfall and a meandering stream here to complete the picture.



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## LAKES



### **Mattupetty (13 kms from Munnar)**

One of the largest cattle breeding projects of India, raising over hundred varieties of high yielding, the Indo-Swiss Project is the star attraction here. Though the visitors are not allowed into all the cattle sheds, there is a lot to see and learn. Besides, the Mattupetty lake and dam near by with boating facilities provided by the District Promotion Council of Idukki await the fun loving tourists. Herds of elephants can be occasionally sighted on the banks of the lake. The garden maintained by the project sports over 250 varieties of roses, 71 varieties of dianthus, several varieties of dahlias, etc.

### **Anayirankal (27 kms from Munnar)**

Anayirankal lake and dam are very popular picnic spots. Herds of elephants visit the lake to quench their thirst and allow the visitors to feast upon the sight of them. The scenic beauty of the lake, the surrounding tea gardens and forests has made the place the favourite of resort owners. Several five star quality resorts have sprung up in the hill slopes overlooking the lake.

### **Kundalai (28 kms from Munnar)**

Cherry blossoms appearing twice a year and kurinji flowers blooming once in twelve years colour the hills and valleys around Kundalai lake. The Sethuparvati dam built in 1946 as a part of Pallivasal hydroelectric project is a sight to be hold. The serene atmosphere of the lake and its surroundings will be etched in the memory of the visitor. Pedal boats and kashmeri shikaras make the trip more enjoyable to tourist.



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## WILDLIFE

### Wildlife Sanctuaries

The tropical rainy forests of Kerala contain an abundance of rare ethnic flora and fauna. Though the facilities for viewing them at a safe distance are limited, it is indeed an experience to be treasured to watch elephants, tigers, etc. in their natural habitat.

### Eravikulam (17 kms from Munnar)

A tranquil lake reflecting grassy mountains surrounding it and frequented by rare animals form the heart of the Eravikulam National Park. Fascinating rare flowers and animals can be sighted and studied without the crowds usually found in tourist spots. Anaimudi with a height of 2695 mtrs. is a part of this park. The adventure seekers and serious students of rare species find this place most ideal for the pursuit of their interests.



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## Chinnar (64 kms from Munnar)

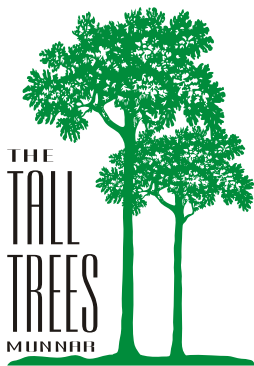
Chinnar wildlife sanctuary is a unique semi-arid tropical forest region lying contiguous to the Eravikulam national park. It is in the rain shadow region of the Western Ghats. Rare endemic flora like the critically endangered *albizia lathamii* and rare fauna like the endangered giant grizzled squirrel and white bison are also often sighted. With the largest number of reptilian fauna in Kerala including the mugger crocodile and 225 recorded species of birds, it is indeed a unique biosphere area of 90.422 sq. kms. Chinnar has the unique thorny scrub forest with Xerophytic species. There is a drastic variation in the climate and vegetation, as the altitude varies from 500 to 2,400 metres within a few kilometres radius.

## Periyar (110 kms from Munnar)

One of the largest wildlife reserves in India, the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary at Thekkady is the most popular wildlife reserve in the country. The tiger reserve forming a part of the sanctuary is a great crowd puller. A boat ride on the placid Periyar Lake is the easiest way to sight wild animals in close proximity. Herds of wild elephants, which come to drink the water and frolic in the lake, bewitch the viewers. Bison, spotted deer, sambar, leopard, stripe necked mongoose, Malabar flying squirrel etc. are also frequently sighted.



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## WATERFALLS

### Attukat (9 kms from Munnar)

To experience an ideal long trek amidst misty mountains, cascading waterfalls, and wooded valleys, this is the most suitable place in the high ranges. Nestling amidst rolling hills, Attukat is sure to raise your spirits.

### Nyamakad (10 kms from Munnar)

Perennial waterfalls and graceful greenery make this place a popular picnic spot. It is on the way to Rajamala, the abode of the rare Nilgiri Tahrs.

### Powerhouse Waterfalls (17 kms from Munnar)

The water from 'Sita Devi Kulam', believed to be a panacea for all ills, gushes down from the rocky heights to the vicinity of the Kochi - Madurai highway, just after the Lock Heart Gap. The waterfall is visited by believers and non-believers in its curative properties, as the sight of the falls itself is mind-blowing. The powerhouse will not be seen as it had long ago been abandoned.



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