

Kochi, Kerala, India

A layered port city where colonial spice-trade history meets Kerala's backwater canals — the Chinese fishing nets at dusk alone are worth the visit.

-  Docked (Willingdon Island)
-  Typical call: 8-10 hrs
-  Indian Rupee (INR)
-  Malayalam / English widely spoken
-  Best Oct–Mar

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Sagarika or Samudrika terminal, Willingdon Island — ~10 km from Fort Kochi

Walk to center: Not walkable; taxi, tuk-tuk or ferry to Fort Kochi required

Best For: History, culture, backwaters, spice markets, Kathakali dance

Don't Miss: Chinese Fishing Nets at sunset and Paradesi Synagogue in Jew Town

 Getting around:  Taxi  ₹300–500 ·  Rideshare  Uber, Ola

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Fort Kochi Heritage Walk** — Explore the colonial grid of Fort Kochi on foot: the Chinese Fishing Nets on the waterfront, St. reveals rice paddy fields, coconut groves, and traditional...
- **Mattancherry Palace & Paradesi Synagogue** — The Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Palace) was built by the Portuguese in 1555 and features stunning Kerala murals depicting the Ramayana.
- **Kathakali & Kalaripayattu Show** — Several performance venues in Fort Kochi offer early-evening Kathakali (classical Kerala dance-drama with elaborate costume and face painting) and...
- **Spice Market & Kerala Food Tour** — Kochi was the epicenter of the global spice trade.
- **Kerala Backwaters Houseboat Cruise** — A 2–3 hour motorized houseboat cruise through Kochi's network of canals and lagoons

BEST WALKS

- **Fort Kochi Waterfront & Heritage Loop** 2.5 km | 1-1.5 hrs | Easy — Start at Fort Kochi Jetty (Customs Jetty) and walk north along the waterfront to the Chinese Fishing Nets — allow time to watch fishermen haul the counterweighted nets.
- **Mattancherry Spice & Synagogue Stroll** 1.5 km | 45 min | Easy — From the Mattancherry Boat Jetty (short ferry from Fort Kochi Jetty or tuk-tuk), walk through the spice warehouses along Bazaar Road to the Dutch Palace, then follow the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:14AM–6:35PM · Jun 6:04AM–6:46PM · Aug 6:16AM–6:42PM · Sep 6:15AM–6:25PM · Oct 6:13AM–6:07PM	
Apr	92°	77°	6d	Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (Asia/Kolkata). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.	
Jun	86°	76°	22d		
Aug	84°	74°	20d		
Sep	85°	75°	15d		
Oct	87°	75°	13d		

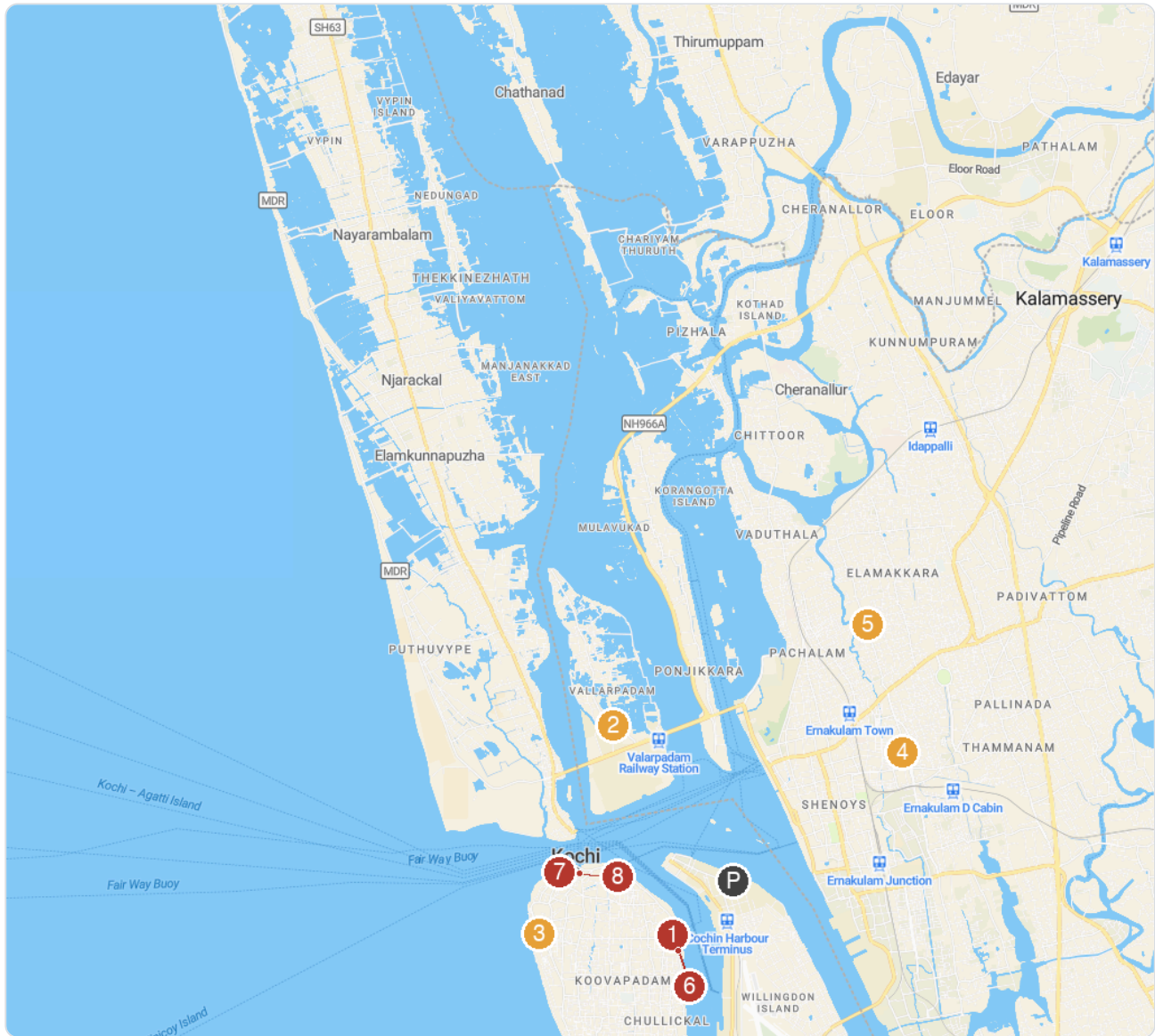
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry rupees in cash. ATMs are available at the terminal, and currency exchange is on-site. Tuk-tuks, ferry tickets, and small market vendors are cash-only. Cards work in upscale restaurants and larger shops.
- Plan return transit carefully. Fort Kochi traffic can be slow and unpredictable. Budget at least 45-60 minutes to get back to the ship, especially during morning rush or afternoon congestion.
- Cover shoulders and knees for religious sites. St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica, and the Paradesi Synagogue all require modest dress. A light scarf in your bag solves this quickly.
- Negotiate tuk-tuk fares upfront. Agree on a price before getting in and confirm whether it's per person or per vehicle. App-based autos (Rapido, Ola Auto) are available for transparent fares if you have a local SIM.
- Monsoon season (June–September) brings heavy rain. Ships still call, but heat and humidity are intense. Carry a compact umbrella and expect some sites to be wetter underfoot.
- Sunset at the Chinese Fishing Nets is magical — and crowded. The nets are operational fishing equipment, not a performance. Arrive 30 minutes before sunset for the best light and fewer tourists.

Kochi, Kerala, India — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Mattancherry Palace | Historic palace with stunning murals and royal artifacts. | 2 National Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Ransom - Vallarpadam | Major Catholic basilica, a pilgrimage site for Christians. |
| 3 Indian Naval Maritime Museum | Museum showcasing Indian naval history and maritime heritage. | 4 St. Francis Xavier's Roman Catholic Church | Historic Catholic church, a colonial-era architectural landmark. |
| 5 Little Flower Roman Catholic Church | Serene local Catholic church with beautiful architecture. | 6 International Tourism Police Station And Police Museum | Unique museum detailing police history and tourism safety. |
| 7 Vasco Da Gama Square | Lively waterfront square, perfect for people-watching and local snacks. | 8 Cochin Cultural Centre (Kathakali, Kalaripayattu, Mohiniyattam, Bharatanatyam) | Cultural center for traditional Kerala dance and martial arts. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |