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### • Exploring Kozhikode

There are a lot of places to visit and enjoy in this city, which attracts large number of tourists each year. The city has many temples, the most important of which include the Tali Temple, Trivannur Temple & Valayanad Devi Temple. The city also houses a large number of Churches and Mosques including Mother of God Church, St Mary's Church, Jami Mosque, and Mishkal Masjid to name a few. Other places of interest include Mananchira Square, Sweet Meat Street, Palayam Market, Valiya Angadi, Kozhikode Beach, Regional Science Centre, Kappad Beach and Dolphin's Point which is a great place to watch dolphins playing early in the morning.

The backwaters of Calicut are a unique feature to Kerala. They are a network of canals, estuaries, deltas, and rivers that meander into the Arabian Sea. Fantastic for exploring and relaxing as well as visiting places of tourist interest such as the Lighthouse, Pazhassiraja Museum, Thusharagiri Waterfalls, Pookot Lake, Bird Sanctuary, Dolphin's Point, and the Lion's Park.

### • Shopping

Sweet Meat Street is the busiest street in Kozhikode and derives its name from the times when the street was lined with sweetmeat stalls. One can pick up fancy clothes from the shops lining S M Street and Mavoor Road. There is a wholesale spice market at the Big Bazaar Road. The Comtrust Store off Town Hall Road sells handloom fabrics produced in the factory next door. Calicut is popular for its local handicrafts such as rosewood and buffalo horn carvings, coir products and miniature snake boats. The best places to get these are the supermarket on Mavoor Road and CSI at Mananchira and Big Bazaar at SM Street.

### • Currency

Indian Rupee (INR)

- **Language**

English is widely spoken and understood in all cities and Tourist areas. Hindi is the official language.

- **Climate**

The best time to visit India is in the winter. 3 major seasons. Winter summer and monsoon.

- **Flying Time**

Flying time from Muscat : 2 Hours 30 Minutes

- **Time Difference**

GMT + 5.30 Hours