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## Kochi



Kochi is one India's most important seaports, and the commercial and industrial capital of Kerala. Characterised by 600 years of international trade, the city is a diverse cultural paradise. But tourists have also long been drawn to Kochi for its stunning scenery and welcoming atmosphere.





## **Location**

Located in the Ernakulum region of Kerala, Kochi sits along the Arabian Sea on the south-west coast of India.

## **Exploring Kochi**

Bolghatty Island and Bolghatty Palace, Mattanchery Palace, Jewish Synagogue – the oldest synagogue in the Commonwealth Parishath Thampuran Museum, St. Francis Church, 500 year old Portugese houses, Chinese Fishing Nets along Cochin harbor.

## **Shopping**

Kerala's famous polished metal mirrors or Aranmula kannadi, rosewood artifacts, coir floor coverings and tablemats, old dowry boxes from Travancore, gold jewelry exclusive to Southern India, cotton saris, traditional khadi (handspun and hand-woven) attire and antiques from Jew town, aromatic spices and exotic cashews, ornaments made of coconut shells or bamboo cane, miniature models of snake-boats.

## **Special Attractions**

Kathakali dance performances and Kalari Payattu demonstration of physical exercises and mock duels.

## **Major Festivals**

Onam – Kerala's new year and harvest season celebrated between August and September and Temple Festival.

## **Currency**

Indian Rupee (INR)

## **Language**

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

## **Climate**

Kochi has a typically tropical, humid climate around the year. The monsoon occurs between June and September, while summertime is between March and May, when it is hot and humid. Kochi is at its most temperate in winter, between the months of October and February, where it experiences cool winds and light rainfall.

## **Flying Time**

Flying time from Muscat : 2 Hours 30 Minutes

## **Time Difference**

GMT + 5.30 Hours

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