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Cochin, also known as Kochi, is an Indian city in the state of Kerala that is widely renowned for its beauty and rich history. This city has long been a hub of international trade, with merchants from around the world coming to Cochin to exchange various products for aromatic spices, fine fabrics and shiny jewelry. The city's architecture is influenced by the Dutch, Portuguese, Chinese and Italian cultures, and it is filled with museums, temples, shops, restaurants, and other attractions to keep visitors entertained.



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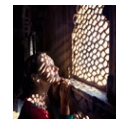
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## THE CITY



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Cochin, also called Kochi, is a famous Indian port city known for its internationally-linked history and culture. Iconic Chinese fishing nets, spice markets and beautiful skyline have made the city a popular destination for tourists, whilst still helping maintain its authenticity. One of the most famous districts of the city is Fort Kochi. It's an island located not far from the coast of Cochin and offers beaches, antique shops and traditional colonial buildings.

Another popular area is Ernakulam, the heart of Kochi filled with restaurants, shops, malls and museums. It's also where the business district can be found. Most of Cochin's important landmarks are located in Ernakulam. No matter where you end up in Cochin, you are guaranteed to have a great time and an amazing experience while you explore the city.

## DO & SEE



*Arvind Vallabh/unsplash*

No matter the amount of time you allocate to Cochin, you will always have too little. Because of the city's rich historic background, there are plenty of sites, museums and attractions to visit. Take a stroll along the scenic Chinese fishing nets or visit one of the religious buildings. Make sure you don't lose track of time, since there is so much to do and see in Cochin!

### Chinese Fishing Nets



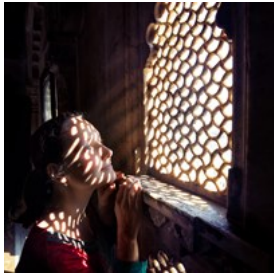
One of the most iconic sights of Cochin are the Chinese fishing nets, also called the Cheenavala. Even though they are not from India, they have

been associated with this region for centuries. The fishing nets are still being used by local fishermen, which creates a curious view, especially so at sundown.

Photo: [johnnychaos/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: River Road, Fort Kochi Kerala, Cochin

### Kerala Folklore Museum



With over 4000 artefacts from all over the country, the Kerala Folklore Museum is a feast for the eyes. Showcasing everything from

traditional ornaments to toys and coins, the museum also features written descriptions of the items on display, making for fascinating discovery.

Photo: Pikoso.kz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Folklore Junction, Thevara, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9am-6pm

Phone: +91 484 266 5452

Internet: [www.keralafolkloremuseum.org](http://www.keralafolkloremuseum.org)

Email: [keralafolkloremuseum@gmail.com](mailto:keralafolkloremuseum@gmail.com)

### Chottanikkara Temple



Chottanikkara is one of the most famous temples in the country, and given its beautiful ancient decoration and tranquil atmosphere it's not hard

to see why. The Chottanikkara Temple is where the goddess Shakthi devi has been worshipped for centuries; it still maintains its beautiful interior decor.

Photo: Roney Maxwell/Shutterstock.com(image cropped)

Address: Chottanikkara, Ernakulam, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 4am-8.45pm

Phone: +91 484 271 3300

### Marine Drive



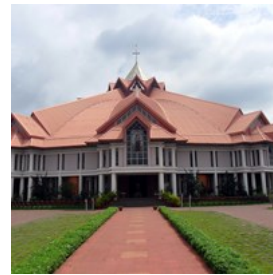
Marine Drive is an authentic and picturesque promenade where you can relax and enjoy the stunning views. As you stroll along, you

can visit shopping malls, cafes, restaurants and individual stores. Feel the gentle breeze and enjoy the sunset at the end of the day to complete your Cochin experience.

Photo: Anand Venugopal/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Marine Drive, Cochin

### Little Flower Church



Beautiful architecture, a peaceful environment, and impressive relics. The Little Flower Church is a Syrian Catholic church, which is both a site of spiritual significance for some and a fascinating local attraction to others.

Photo: Jijicvx/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: Sahodaran Ayyappan Road, Elamkulam, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Tue 5.30am-6.45pm, Wed-Sun

5.30am-7pm

Phone: +91 484 220 3290

Email: [lfcekm@gmail.com](mailto:lfcekm@gmail.com)

### Carnival Tours & Travels



If you want to experience Cochin with a guided tour, this is definitely something for you.

Carnival Tours & Travels arranges all sorts of trips in and around Cochin. From a harbour cruise to a day dedicated to traditional cooking, this company offers it all and more.

Photo: Dudarev Mikhail/Shutterstock.com

Address: Princess Street, Fort Kochi, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-5pm

Phone: +91 484 392 7042

Internet: [www.cochinprivatetours.com](http://www.cochinprivatetours.com)

Email: [enquiry@cochindaytours.com](mailto:enquiry@cochindaytours.com)

### Cherai Beach



Located just 30 kilometres away from the city is a beautiful island with a mesmerising beach, a 15-kilometre long coast line sprinkled with sea shells and coconut trees. If you want to get away from the city and relax on a breathtaking island, Cherai Beach is the place to be.

Photo: Daniel J. Rao/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vypin island, Cochin

More Info: Located on the Vypin island.

### Paradesi Synagogue



The Paradesi Synagogue is the oldest active synagogue in the former British colonies. Its interior is defined by multiple low-hanging Belgian glass chandeliers; the Synagogue also contains artefacts such as the Scrolls of Law, containing the Jewish Pentateuch.

Photo: ChameleonsEye/Shutterstock.com

Address: Synagogue Lane, Jew Town, Kappalandumukku, Mattancherry, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Thu, Sun 10am-Noon, 3pm-5pm

More Info: Closed on Jewish holidays and Friday and Saturday.

### Subhash Park

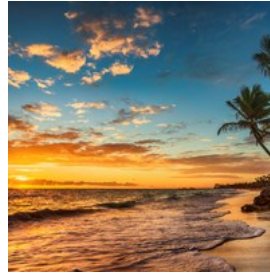


This park was designed with the younger ones in mind: here you can find a children's playground and a small train which takes kids on a ride through the park. Enjoy the beautiful nature and greenery on a family day out.

Photo: szepei/Shutterstock.com

Address: Park Avenue, Marine Drive, Ernakulam, Cochin

### Vypin Island



The island is connected with several bridges, also called the Goshree bridges, to the mainland of Cochin. You can enjoy the beautiful beach and sea, take a look in the little shops or sit down for a meal at one of the restaurants or cafes.

Photo: Valentin Valkov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vypin Island, Cochin

## DINING



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It's not difficult to find a good restaurant in Cochin. Even though there are loads of establishments that focus on Indian cuisine, there is also plenty of choice of international restaurants. The state of Kerala (where Cochin is located) also goes by the "Land of Spices", so expect a plethora of pungent scents and flavours.

### The Asian Kitchen by Tokyo Bay



If you are looking for a night of oriental flavours, The Asian Kitchen by Tokyo Bay is the place to go. They have a huge variety of Asian dishes,

such as Thai tom ka gai soup, Japanese sushi, and Malaysian laksa - flavours from all across Asia are represented on the menu.

Photo: sarsmis/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Saint Francis Church Road, Cochin  
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 12.30pm-3.30pm / 7pm-11pm  
Phone: +91 934 951 3617  
Email: tsukijikochi@gmail.com  
More Info: Opp. Parade Ground

### Ginger House



Authentic Indian dishes full of flavour and spices. That's exactly what you get at Ginger House: ginger prawns, local

curries, and even ginger ice cream. What makes the restaurant even more impressive is the fact that the dining area looks much like a museum filled with old Indian treasures.

Photo: adycreative/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Jew Town, Mattancherry, Cochin  
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 8am-11pm  
Phone: +91 949 551 3744  
Internet: www.gingerhousecochin.com  
Email: gingerhousecochin@gmail.com

### Oceanos Restaurant



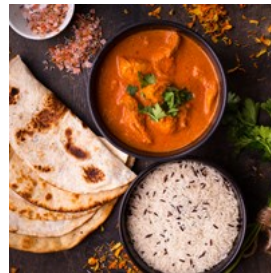
Seafood is in focus at Oceanos Restaurant. They create delicious and traditional dishes with the freshest seafood of Cochin, such as fish

wrapped in banana leaves and garlic prawns with appam.

Photo: KYTan/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Elphinstone Road, Fort Kochi, Kochi  
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 12.30pm-3.30pm / 6.30pm-10.15pm  
Phone: +91 999 510 5110

Email: ashid.han@gmail.com

### Dhe Puttu



Local and traditional dishes, that's Paragon in a nutshell. Loved by the locals because of the huge variety of quality dishes. They especially focus on curries with mutton, seafood, and vegetables.

Photo: its\_al\_dente/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Dhe Puttu NH Bypass Edappally, Ernakulam, Cochin  
Opening hours: Mon-Sun Noon-Midnight  
Phone: +91 484 280 7591  
Internet: www.dheputtu.com  
Email: dheputtukochi@gmail.com

### Brindhavan



Vegetarian eaters are well-catered to in town. Brindhavan's main focus lies on traditional vegetarian dishes. Let your taste buds be blown away by their signature dishes such as ghee masala dosa and channa masala.

Photo: espies/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Civil Line Road, Cochin  
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 7am-10.30pm  
Phone: +91 484 234 2239  
Internet: www.brindhavan.in  
Email: info@brindhavan.in  
More Info: 32/2352 A16 Kalavath Tower

### Restaurant 51



Spectacular international dishes and an amazing view of the ocean is everything that you need to unwind after a busy day. Restaurant 51 has been praised for their wide variety of dishes, especially the Xandari beef burger, and the spinach and ricotta ravioli.

Photo: Eo naya/Shutterstock.com

Address: V/40 Bazaar Road, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 7am-10.30pm

Phone: +91 484 222 3115

Internet: [www.xandari.com/harbour](http://www.xandari.com/harbour)

Email: [51@xandari.com](mailto:51@xandari.com)

More Info: Located in hotel Xandari Harbour

### Punjab House



Punjabi dishes all around in Punjab House. The restaurant is a local favourite, and it's not difficult to see why. They only use the freshest ingredients they can find, which is just one of the reasons why their dishes, such as the parathas with onions and potatoes, taste delicious.

Photo: norikko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 40/1920 Broadway, Marine Drive, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9.30am-3pm / 7pm-10pm

Phone: +91 484 236 8605

### Mosaic



Indian, Italian, and American dishes are featured on the menu. Mosaic is known for their huge variety of dishes, which is one of the reasons why the restaurant is popular. Patrons

seem to especially enjoy the Greek salad and the braised lamb shanks.

Photo: DronG/Shutterstock.com

Address: XI/641A Kundanoor Junction, NH-47 Bypass,

Maradu, Ernakulam, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 6.30am-11pm

Phone: +91 484 286 5000

Internet: [www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/kochi/cokch/hoteldetail](http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/kochi/cokch/hoteldetail)

Email: [reservations@crowneplaza-kochi.com](mailto:reservations@crowneplaza-kochi.com)

More Info: Located in hotel Crowne Plaza

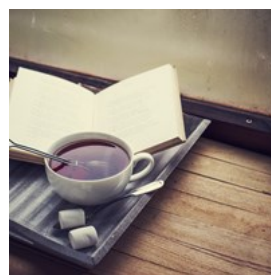
### CAFES



Yuliia Kononenko/Shutterstock.com

Whether you are looking for a traditional curry, homemade lassi, or just a good old cup of joe, you will not be disappointed by what Cochin has to offer. The city is filled with cafes which will give you a taste of Indian and international cafe cultures. Locals are also known to have a sweet tooth, so be prepared to not skip on dessert.

### Pepper House



If you are looking for a place to completely unwind and relax with a cup of coffee, search no further. It's a cafe, library, art shop, and

design shop combined. Be prepared to spend a long time in this cafe, since there is plenty to see and taste.

Photo: iravgustin/Shutterstock.com

Address: 11/10A&B Kalvathi Road, Fort Kochi, Kochi

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +91 484 221 5667

Internet: [www.pepperhouse.in](http://www.pepperhouse.in)

Email: [phd@pepperhouse.in](mailto:phd@pepperhouse.in)

### Coffee Cube



Comfortable seats, excellent coffee, and a wide variety of baked goods - that's what Coffee Cube is all about. Even if you're feeling slightly

bored, there are enough English magazines, games and novels to keep you occupied.

Photo: Pondpond/Shutterstock.com

Address: Convent Junction Near Archies, Cochin 11, Eranamkulam, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-10pm

Phone: +91 484 400 0414

Internet: [www.coffeecube.net](http://www.coffeecube.net)

Email: [mail@coffeecube.net](mailto:mail@coffeecube.net)

### Loafer's Corner Cafe



There's no shortage of good food at the Loafer's Corner Cafe. The cafe has a menu full of sandwiches and a huge collection of cakes and salads. The

cafe is frequented by locals, who enjoy spending some time in this little place.

Photo: EM Karuna/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1/351 Princess Street, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 8.30am-6pm

Phone: +91 484 221 5351

More Info: Opp. Park Avenue Hotel Fort Nagar

### Cake Hut



Cake Hut is exactly what one would imagine it to be, a cafe overflowing with the variety of cakes they offer their customers. It's one of the

most popular confectioneries in the city, with amazing chocolate truffle, caramel toffee and red velvet cakes as just a few examples.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kathrikadavu, Kaloor Kadavanthra Road, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9.30am-10pm

Phone: +91 808 600 0081

Internet: [www.cakehut.in](http://www.cakehut.in)

Email: [info@cakehut.in](mailto:info@cakehut.in)

### French Toast



One of the locals' favourite brunch spots. The cafe is known for their brioche, flourless chocolate cake and the strawberry french toast.

Get yourself a cup of coffee (or any other beverage) and enjoy your time at French Toast!

Photo: vaaseenaa/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8th Crossroad B, Ambikapuram Road, Panampilly Nagar, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-10pm, Sat-Sun 8am-10pm

Phone: +91 812 908 4545

Email: [iwantfrenchtoast@gmail.com](mailto:iwantfrenchtoast@gmail.com)

### Happy Camper Cafe



Breakfast all day, every day: that's the philosophy of Happy Camper Cafe, located in the hostel with the same name. Hence the menu being filled with

breakfast foods such as scrambled eggs,

American pancakes and grilled sandwiches. It might take you some time to take your pick!

Photo: Oleksandra Naumenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Njaliparambu Junction Fort Nagar, Fort Kochi, Cochin

Phone: +91 484 221 7144

### Cocoa Tree



Best sandwiches, cakes and smoothies. Cocoa Tree has earned its well-deserved good reputation among locals who are happy to spend time at the little cafe. They also focus on international dishes, such as the British fisherman's pie, American brownies and Italian pasta.

Photo: verca/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9/2026 Panampilly Nagar, Cochin

Opening hours: Sun-Sat 11am-1am

Phone: +91 484 411 9529

### Farmer's Cafe



If you feel like having a hearty lunch, visit Farmer's Cafe. The cafe is known for their traditional lassis with a special twist (such as the mango lassi, for example). For those unsure, lassi is a delicious Indian yogurt-based drink.

Photo: Yuliia Kononenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rids Dale road, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 7.30am-10pm

Phone: +91 984 604 2881

Internet: [www.farmerscafe.business.site](http://www.farmerscafe.business.site)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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What better way is there to end the day than with a drink and some finger food? You will not be disappointed by the bar selection the city has to offer. Piano bars, cocktail lounges, and even a saloon designed in the Wild West theme, you can find all these and so much more in this buzzing city. The bars close on the early side due to existing regulations; most bars close before midnight. Despite this fact, you are guaranteed to have a wonderful evening!

### Ava Lounge



After a long day, sometimes all you want is to relax and have a drink. Ava Lounge is the perfect place to accomplish just that. They serve refreshing traditional cocktails and various other beverages, so make yourself comfortable on one of the soft couches.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sahodaran Ayyappan Road, Elamkulam Junction, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11am-11pm

Phone: +91 484 412 9999

Internet: [www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-kochi/bars](http://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-kochi/bars)

More Info: Located in Radisson Blue Kochi



### Mattancherry Bar



Known for its relaxing piano music, traditional yet modern drinks and a vintage decor, the Mattancherry Bar is a favourite of the locals.

They even have a special Detox series, aimed at making you feel invigorated.

Photo: Travel\_Master/Shutterstock.com

Address: Malabar, Cochin, Willingdon Island, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11am-10pm

Phone: +91 484 664 3000

Internet: [www.vivanta.tajhotels.com/en-in/malabar-cochin/restaurants/mattancherry-bar-restaurant](http://www.vivanta.tajhotels.com/en-in/malabar-cochin/restaurants/mattancherry-bar-restaurant)

More Info: Located in Vivanta by Taj

### Mezzo



Mezzo is a cosy lounge and restobar that guarantees you a fabulous night. The bar offers a huge variety of cocktails and has an

international wine list. You can also order tapas, mini steaks and local seafood to satisfy your cravings.

Photo: santypan/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Avenue Regent, Mahatma Gandhi Road Pallimukku, Kochi

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11am-11pm

Phone: +9995-2-8888-0

Internet: [www.theavenueregent.com/food-drink.php#mezzo](http://www.theavenueregent.com/food-drink.php#mezzo)

Email: [fbm@avenuehotels.in](mailto:fbm@avenuehotels.in)

More Info: Located in The Avenue Regent

### ConneXions



One of the most famous bars of the city, and for good reason. They serve cocktails, wine, whiskey and anything that you could possibly imagine. If

you are feeling fancy, you can even order a cigar from their special collection.

Photo: Georgii Shipin/Shutterstock.com

Address: XI/641A, Kundanoor Junction, NH 47 Bypass, Ernakulam, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11am-11pm

Phone: +91 484 2865 000

Internet:

[www.crowneplaza.hotelsgroup.in/crowne-plaza-kochi.html](http://www.crowneplaza.hotelsgroup.in/crowne-plaza-kochi.html)

More Info: Located in Crowne Plaza Kochi

### Swirl



Imagine yourself sitting at a table dimly lit by a tiny fire lamp. Swirl forges that magical atmosphere where you feel right at home with a

drink and finger food in front of you. Try one of the many contemporary cocktails such as the Jamaican Blossom.

Photo: cdrin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shanmugham Road, Marine Drive, Ernakulam, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11am-11pm

Phone: +91 484 667 3300

Internet: [www.gateway.tajhotels.com/en-in/marine-drive-ernakulam/restaurants/swirl](http://www.gateway.tajhotels.com/en-in/marine-drive-ernakulam/restaurants/swirl)

More Info: Located in The Gateway Hotel

## SHOPPING



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You can definitely shop till you drop in this beautiful town filled with malls, boutiques and quirky shops. There are plenty of shops to discover, ranging from ones selling books to jewellery, clothing, food stuffs - and the list goes on. The city also has several malls selling everything that you could ever dream of.

### LuLu Mall



From restaurants to clothing, jewellery, shoe shops, cafes, a cinema and whatever your shopaholic heart desires. LuLu Mall is even one of

the biggest shopping malls of the Asian continent. You can walk around for days without seeing everything that the mall has to offer!

Photo: India Picture/Shutterstock.com

Address: 34/1000, N.H 47, Edapally, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

Phone: +91 484 272 7777

Internet: [www.lulumall.in](http://www.lulumall.in)

Email: [lulukochi@in.lulumea.com](mailto:lulukochi@in.lulumea.com)

### Kochi Books



The shop is filled with all sorts of books, ranging from comics to the old classics and much more. A huge variety is represented

Photo: Casezy idea/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1/400 Princess Street, Fort Kochi, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 8.30am-8.30pm

Phone: +91 484 221 8730

Internet: [www.kochibooks.com](http://www.kochibooks.com)

Email: [sales@kochibooks.com](mailto:sales@kochibooks.com)

### Cochin Spice Market



The most exotic smells will lure you towards the Cochin Spice Market. The market is known for the infinite amount of spices on sale. You will find the common cinnamon and ginger, but also discover new spices you had never heard of before.

Photo: FotoSajewicz/Shutterstock.com

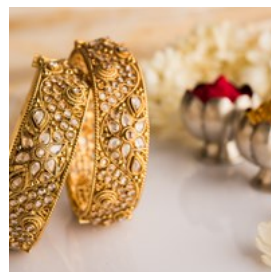
Address: Jew Town Road, Jew Town, Kappalandimukku, Mattancherry, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-6.30pm

Phone: +91 989 089 6416

Internet: [www.thespicemarket.in](http://www.thespicemarket.in)

### Bhima Jewels



In the mood for something sparkly? At Bhima, you can find a piece of jewellery for any occasion. The shop has been established almost a century ago, and has always been a favourite go-to place for the locals to buy precious accessories.

Photo: espies/Shutterstock.com

Address: Jos Junction, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Ernakulam, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-7.30pm

Phone: +91 484 237 8382

Internet: [www.bhima.com](http://www.bhima.com)

Email: [info.usp@bhima.com](mailto:info.usp@bhima.com)

### Oberon Mall



One of the busiest shopping venues of the entire city, Oberon Mall is known for its huge variety of shops, restaurants and even an

indoor gaming zone. There is a kids' play area where the children can enjoy their time as well.

Photo: [ivanko80/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/ivanko80)

Address: National Highway Bypass, Edappally, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

Phone: +91 484 280 9444

Internet: [www.oberonmall.com](http://www.oberonmall.com)

Email: [mall@oberon.in](mailto:mall@oberon.in)

### Fabindia



"Celebrate India" is the place's motto, and that's exactly what they do.

They sell the most beautiful traditional and contemporary Indian

wear one can find. They use authentic Indian fabrics and designs and even traditional techniques to guarantee an authentic look.

Photo: [SL-Photography/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/SL-Photography)

Address: 1/279 Napier Street, Fort Kochi, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10.30am-8.30pm

Phone: +91 484 645 6682

Internet: [www.fabindia.com](http://www.fabindia.com)

Email: [fort.cochin@fabindia.net](mailto:fort.cochin@fabindia.net)

### Centre Square Mall



You could spend an entire day at the Centre Square mall. Food courts, clothing shops, a cinema...and the list goes on. Due to its smaller size, it's less crowded, which makes for an even better shopping experience.

Photo: [Dragon Images/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/DragonImages)

Address: 40/6972, Rajaji Junction, Mahatma Gandhi Road Shenoy's, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10.30am-10pm, Sat-Sun 10.30am-10.30pm

Phone: +91 484 404 1888

Internet: [www.centresquarekochi.com](http://www.centresquarekochi.com)

Email: [info@centresquarekochi.com](mailto:info@centresquarekochi.com)

### Anokhi



Unique and authentic fabrics, that's what you'll get when you visit Anokhi. The shop is loved by locals, which makes sense since the quality is superb. The shop only hires the most skilled craftsmen who create the beautiful fabrics by hand.

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Address: Lilly Street, Fort Kochi, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +91 484 312 7426

Internet: [www.anokhi.com](http://www.anokhi.com)

More Info: In June-July the shop is closed on Sunday

### New Castle Gallery



This shop is a feast for the eyes: beautiful carpets, amazing perfumes, and shiny jewellery. This is just a small summary of the

items on sale at the New Castle Gallery.  
Surround yourself with antiques and curiosities,  
and let yourself be amazed.

Photo: Elena Dijour/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 6/704, Bazaar Road, Mattancherry, Cochin  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8.30am-7.30pm  
Phone: +91 484 221 0737  
Internet: [www.newcastlekochi.com](http://www.newcastlekochi.com)  
Email: [newcastlekochi@gmail.com](mailto:newcastlekochi@gmail.com)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Passport / Visa



The Indian government offers a traditional visa (stamped inside of the passport), or an eVisa, obtained online. All nationals of the European

Union and multiple countries across the world are eligible for an eVisa, which should be applied for at least 4 days prior to travel date and is accepted at 24 airports and 3 seaports countrywide. Special conditions apply to Pakistani passport holders or individuals with familial ties to Pakistan. Citizens of Bhutan, Nepal, and the Maldives are exempt from visa requirements (if not entering via mainland China).

Photo: TukTuk Design

### Cochin International Airport (COK)



The Cochin International Airport is located approximately 28 km from the city centre. The airport is conveniently set at the crossroads of all

three national highways, NH 47, NH 17 and NH 49, and it takes approximately 30 minutes to get here from the city centre.

#### Bus

There are lots of busses travelling between the city centre and the airport. A bus leaves every 1.5 hours from Fort Kochi. Times might differ depending on the, so be sure to check the bus schedule. The bus company KSRTC offers two classes of bus services from the airport to its destinations: fast passenger, and an even faster express. The last one will arrive at the city centre a bit earlier.

#### Taxi

Another option is a taxi, which are quite cheap in India. There is a prepaid taxi counter just before the airport exit, which is available 24/7.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Airport Road, Cochin, Kerala  
Phone: +91 484 261 0115  
Internet: [www.cial.aero](http://www.cial.aero)

### Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit Cochin is October through February. The weather is pleasant, temperatures ranging from 20 to 33 degrees

Celsius. Oddly, there are hardly any tourists

during this period. If you are a fan of high temperatures, travel to Cochin between the months of March and June, when the highs hit 40 degrees Celsius. July through September is the monsoon season. Expect lots of rain, but also beautiful nature since the city turns into a green oasis thanks to all the moisture.

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### Public Transport



One of the ways to travel within the city is by bus; these are mostly operated by private companies. The largest company runs the red busses, which are

the most important form of transportation in the city. You can buy tickets online or on the bus itself. Almost all of the busses leave from the Fort Kochi Bus Terminal.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

### Taxi



Taxio +91 484 444 0444  
B-Cabs Ride Easy +91  
484 404 6667 Kerala  
Taxis +91 965 696 2225

Photo: ArrivalGuides

### Post



The main post office of Cochin is the Kochi Head Post Office, located at Risdale Road found at Fort Kochi. There are loads of red letterboxes to

be found across the city.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Ridsdale Road Near Parade Ground, Fort Kochi

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

Phone: +91 484 226 1388

### Pharmacy



Sree Sudheendra  
Pharmacy operates 24/7:  
Chittoor Rd, Kacheripady,  
Ernakulam One of the  
largest pharmacies of the  
city is Cosmed, located at

the LuLu mall.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 34/1000, N.H 47, Edapally, Cochin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-10.15pm, Sat-Sun

10am-10.30pm

Phone: +91 484 403 4949

### Telephone



Country code: +91

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### Electricity



230 V / 50 Hz Type C  
"Euro" plugs and types D  
& M three-pin plugs are  
used

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### Population

City: 677,381

Metro: 2.1 million

### Currency

Indian Rupee, 10

**Internet**

[www.keralatourism.org](http://www.keralatourism.org)

**Newspapers**

Malayala Manorama — [www.manoramaonline.com](http://www.manoramaonline.com)

Onmanorama (in English) — [www.onmanorama.com](http://www.onmanorama.com)

Mathrubhumi Newspaper — [www.mathrubhumi.com](http://www.mathrubhumi.com)

**Emergency numbers**

Police: 100

Fire brigade: 101

Ambulance: 102