

Welcome to God's Own Country

A Delegate's Concierge Guide to Kochi & Beyond

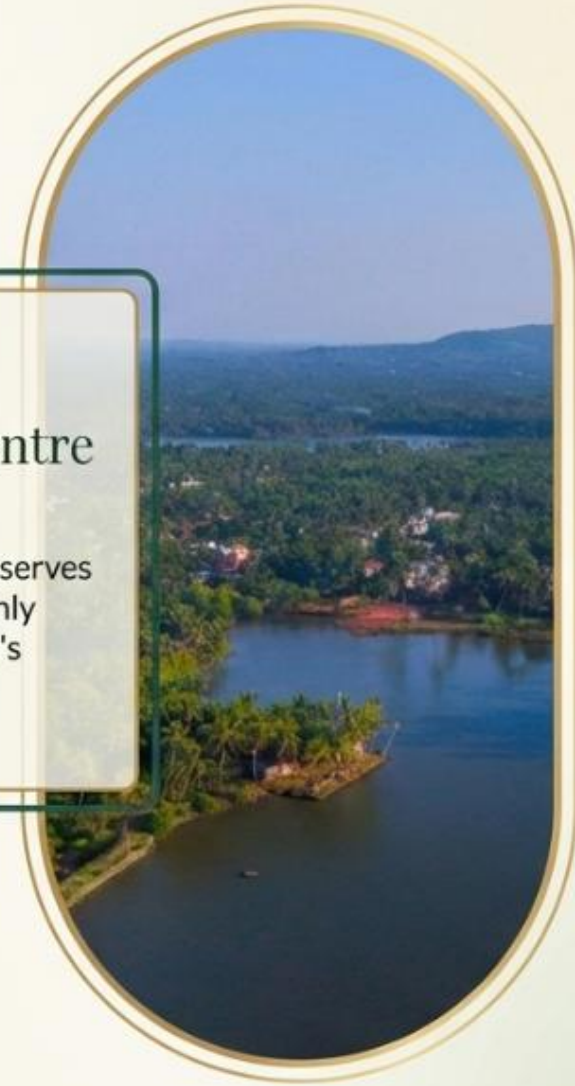
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Point of Origin: CIAI Convention Centre

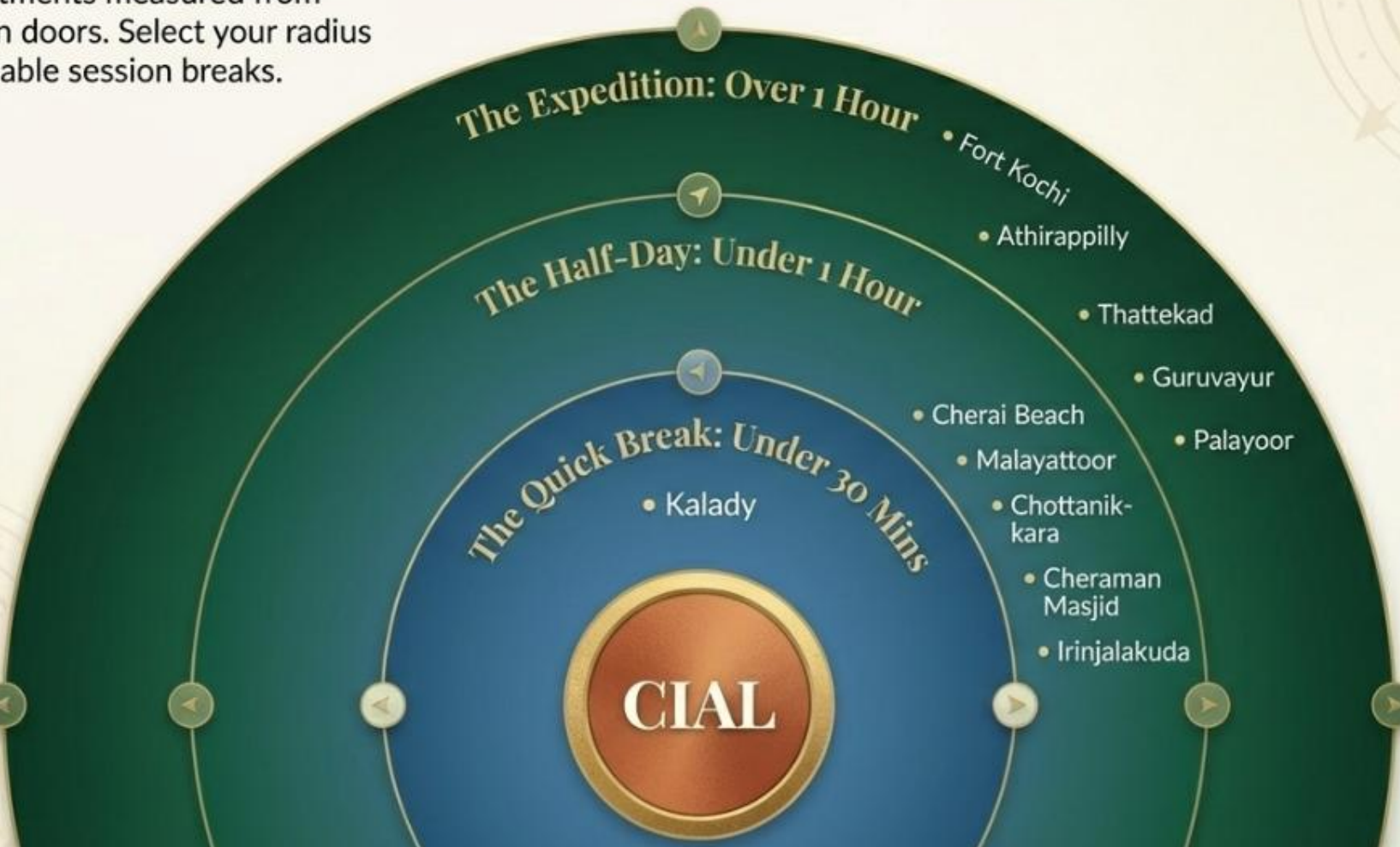
Positioned adjacent to Cochin International Airport, the venue serves as a strategic nexus. It offers highly efficient access to central Kerala's defining cultural, historical, and natural landscapes.



Anchor Point

The Proximity Radar

Transit commitments measured from the convention doors. Select your radius based on available session breaks.



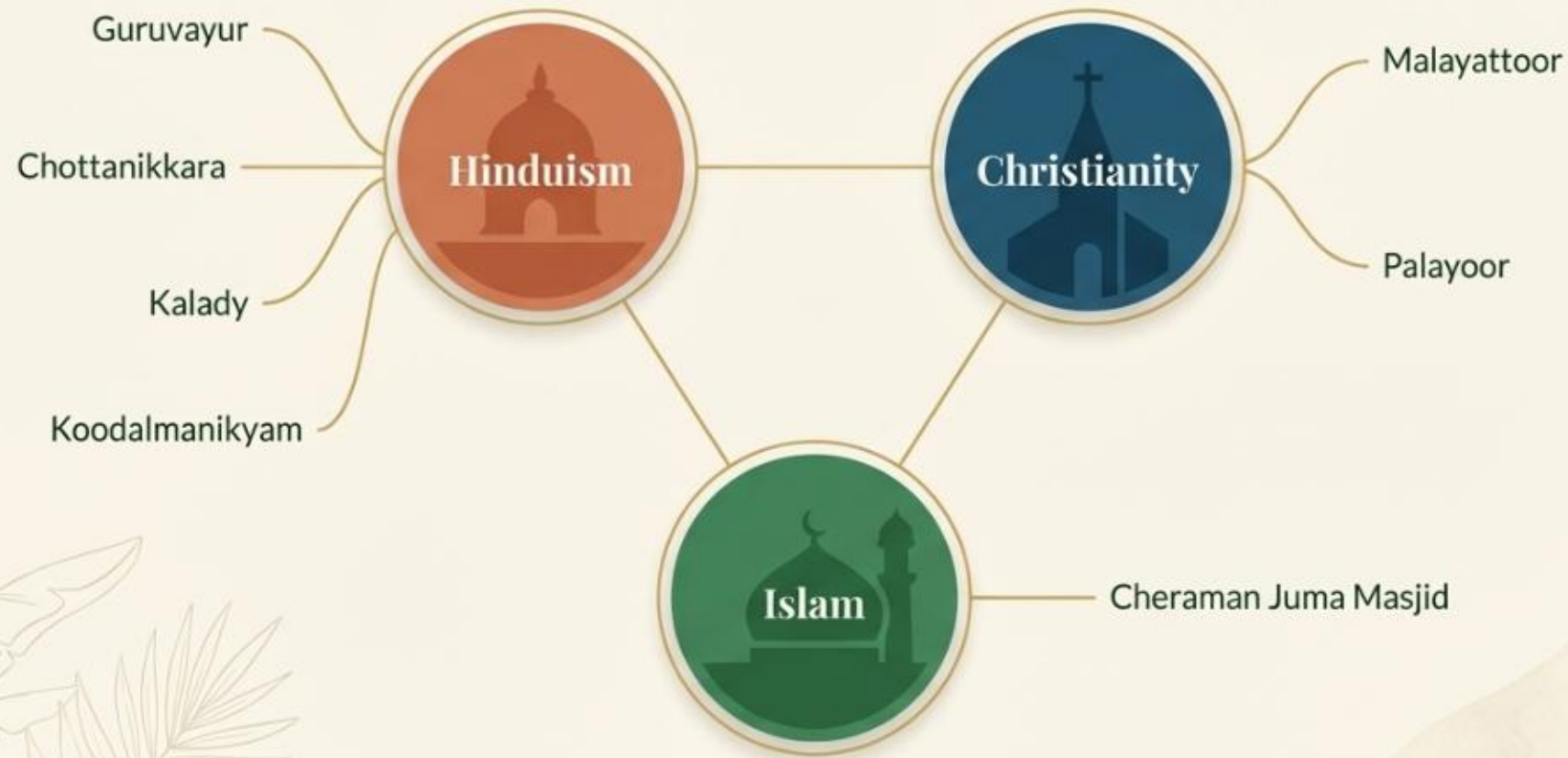
The Delegate's Escape Matrix

Align your availability with your intent

	 Spiritual & Heritage	 Nature & Leisure	 Cultural Immersion
< 1 Hour Break	Kalady		
1-2 Hour Escape	Malayattoor, Cheraman Masjid, Chottanikkara, Koodalmanikyam	Cherai Beach	Fort Kochi
> 2 Hour Deep Dive	Guruvayur, Palayoor	Athirappilly, Thattekad	

An Ecosystem of Belief

Central Kerala is a testament to centuries of religious coexistence. Within a tight geographic radius, seminal sites of Hinduism, early Christianity, and pioneering Islam share the same cultural soil.



The Hindu Heritage Trail



Kalady (7 km | 15 mins): The birthplace of philosopher Adi Shankaracharya, who established Advaita Vedanta.



Koodalmanikyam, Irinjalakuda (42 km | 1 hr): India's unique, sole temple dedicated to Bharata. Renowned for its expansive courtyards and the Kuttan Kulam temple tank.



Chottanikkara (40 km | 1 hr): Dedicated to Goddess Bhagavathy (Durga), famous across South India for rituals addressing mental and spiritual ailments.



Guruvayur (82 km | 1h 30m): A premier South Indian Vaishnavite pilgrimage centre, drawing millions to worship Lord Krishna.

The Dawn of Global Faiths in India



Early Islam
Cheraman Juma Masjid

35 km | 45 mins

Widely regarded as the first mosque in India (approx. 629 CE). Built by Arab missionary Malik Ibn Dinar, it stands as a powerful symbol of early Indo-Arab trade and enduring religious coexistence.



Apostolic Christianity
The St. Thomas Legacy

- **Malayattoor (19 km | 45 mins):** A hilltop pilgrimage centre where St. Thomas the Apostle is believed to have prayed during his missionary journey.
- **Palayoor (80 km | 1h 30m):** Established in the 1st century CE, marking a seminal site in the history of Christianity in the Indian subcontinent.



The Heritage Trail

Fort Kochi Heritage Area

 Heritage | 42 km | 1 Hour

- ✦ **Colonial Echoes:** Walk through streets defined by Portuguese, Dutch, and British architectural legacies.
- ✦ **Iconic Landmarks:** Photograph the ancient Chinese Fishing Nets and visit the historic St. Francis Church and Mattancherry Palace.
- ✦ **Modern Vibe:** A thriving hub of art cafés, heritage boutiques, and vibrant cultural performances.



Distance: 28 km | Travel Time: 45 Minutes

Coastal Serenity at Cherai

Located on Vypin Island, this long sandy shoreline offers the perfect environment for evening walks to decompress after conference sessions. Dolphins are occasionally spotted offshore.

The Forest Route

Combine these two equidistant nature escapes into a single eco-tour.



Athirappilly Waterfalls

 Nature | 50 km | 1 Hour 20 Mins

Kerala's largest waterfall, famously known as the "Niagara of South India."



Thattekad Bird Sanctuary

 Nature | 50 km | 1 Hour 20 Mins

The "Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary," a vital conservation area for Western Ghats avian species.

See You in Kochi

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of scientific excellence and rich regional
heritage at KERACON 2026.

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