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Editor's note



Hello TRAVELURes, hope you are executing your long due plans this year. This magazine will give you a overlook of the beauty of Munnar hill station and the aroma of tea garden. The lake and falls waving you through the mountain and tranquility of this place that signifies this place's importance as one of the best honeymoon places in India.

The hill station is located in the heart of western ghats. Lying beautifully in the lap of Kerala's soothing weather. Eagerly waiting for your presence.

Thank you.
Anup verma





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Munnar, the famed hill station of south India, is a romantic locale where natural beauty is everywhere to visit, explore and to enjoy. Munnar is situated at the confluence of three mountain streams – Muthirapuzha, Nallathanni and Kundala – and the word ‘Munnar’ means three rivers in Malayalam. Situated about 1600m above sea level, the hill station had been the summer resort of the British Government during the colonial era. Imprints of the colonial past stand tall in the Munnar town in the form of English country cottages. Virgin forests, savannah, rolling hills, scenic valleys, numerous streams, huge splashy waterfalls, sprawling tea plantations and winding walkways are all part of the great holiday experience on offer for a traveler to Munnar. Munnar is also known for Neelakurinji, a rare plant which flowers only once in twelve years. The ‘kurinji season’ in Munnar is a magnificent sight when the hills and valleys get bathed in the blue of the Neelakurinji blooms.

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Munnar is one of the most aesthetic places in Kerala. Located in the Idukki district and nestled within the mesmerizing Western ghats, Munnar can make a great choice for a vacation. The beautiful hill tops around and the tranquil ambience can soothe your heart, mind and eyes all at the same time. The lush greenery all around Munnar gives it a vibrancy that is hard to beat. Every inch of this place is steeped beauty and tranquility, which draws people from all over the world every year. Other than the breathtaking beauty, Munnar is also known for its tea plantations. It is a story that started way back in 1876, and has changed the identity of Munnar forever. The vast green field with fresh and natural tea leaves not only amplifies the beauty of the place, but also works tremendously towards its economic development. The culture and the traditions of Munnar are also majorly influenced by the tea plantations, making it an intrinsic part of Munnar. So, a trip to Munnar is simply incomplete without checking out the best tea plantations there. You can get yourself authentic south-Indian tea and enjoy the soothing aura and beauty of this place.



Mattupetty Lake

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Not many think of dams as sightseeing spots. The Mattupetty Dam in the Idukki district of the South Indian state of Kerala is a major water storage facility. The water body that it creates is known as Mattupetty Lake. The Mattupetty Lake is a beautiful sight in summers, while swelling to its maximum volume. This availability of water continues to support the flora and wild animals that rely on this reservoir. Different sections of this dam can function independently. By the sheer weight, it can hold back a total of 55.4 million cubic metres of water. The lake covers an area of 323.75 hectares, Mattupetty Dam is



ng places but Mattupetty is different. Located in the e of Kerala, the Mattupetty Dam is more than just a wa- t forms as a result of this gravity dam is often termed e is a perennial lake which never dries up even in the um capacity in the monsoon when the rains add to its nuously round the year makes it very popular with birds rvoir to quench their thirst. Made of concrete, the dif- n independently. By the sheer strength of the dam's million cubic metres of water! With a water spread area ervices a catchment area of 105 square kilometres.

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At about 7,130 ft (2,170 m) above sea level, Kolukkumalai Tea Estate is the highest tea estate in the world. Kolukkumalai tea plantation Munnar is known for its tea leaves, the aroma of which is distinct from the others around. The leaves are handpicked, processed, and manually packed for distribution. And the colonial-era factory still uses the age-old methods of tea processing. Apart from tasting tea, tourists visit this place for the mesmerising views it offers. Here, you can take the safari across the tea estate, trek down the hills and get a guided tour of the factory. You can also find accommodation within Kolukkumalai Tea Estate for a night or two. But before you prep up for the visit, keep in mind that the drive isn't for the faint of hearts.

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Tea Estate

Pothamedu Viewpoint is one of those places in Munnar which fills you with refreshing vibes. A never-ending cover of tea plantations, evergreen meadows and cars turning cautiously on the winding road below is the scene you witness. It offers a panoramic view of Munnar and the surrounding hills covered with coffee, cardamom, pepper plantations and tea. You trek your way through them to reach the vantage point. On a cloudless day, you can even see the distant Muthirapuzha River and Idukki Arch Dam.

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Pothamedu Viewpoint is a must-visit if you are looking for a refreshing holiday.

The entry to Pothamedu Viewpoint is free, and it is open to everyone. You can go there anytime during the day and on all days of the year, including weekends and holidays. Activities up there.....

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RELAXING WITH YOUR FAMILY/

WATCH THE SUN SLIDE DOWN THE HORIZON, SPREADING ITS GOLDEN GLOW OVER THE SURROUNDING HILLS.

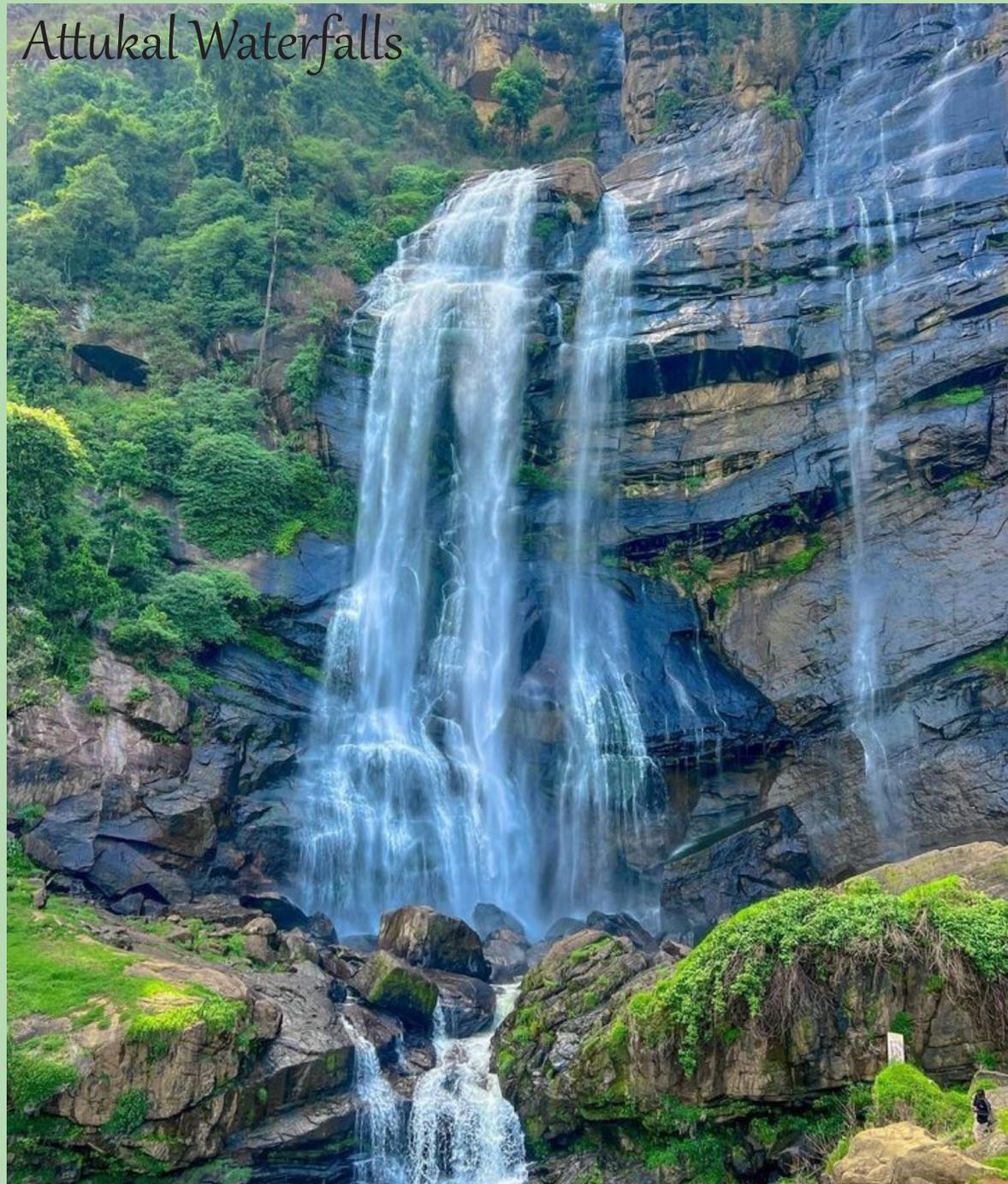


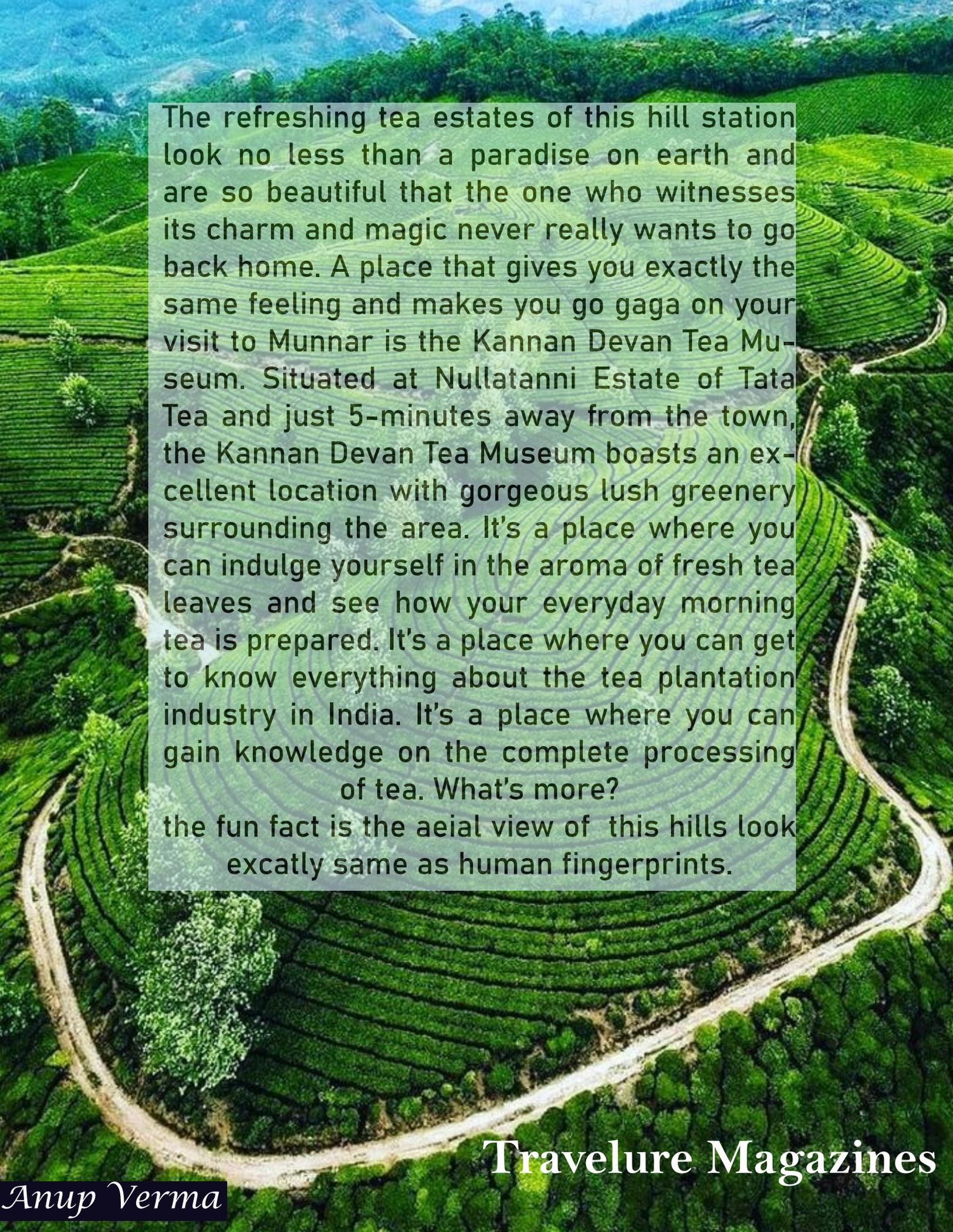
Nestled among the Nilgiri mountain range, Anamudi Peak is the highest peak in southern India. It is about 2,695 m (8,842 ft) high, and it's a popular spot for trekking in Munnar. Anamudi Peak is located in the Eravikulam National Park, and you will find different species of animals like Asian elephants, Gaurs and Nilgiri Tahrs. The peak offers a breathtaking view of the valley and hills around. You can see the tea plantations, spice plantations and the wildlife in the area. The area is covered with evergreen forests of bamboos and teak trees, and as you walk down the path, you will also see the rivers flowing through the valley. Apart from trekking and hiking expeditions, local people also go for a picnic in the adjoining areas, and it attracts many photographers too.

Somewhere between Pallivasal and Munnar, the Attukal Waterfalls gush through the hills to show their cascading might to all the onlookers. Also known as Attukad Waterfalls, the force with which the waters roll down the rocks make them appear white due to the froth. The rocks themselves are rather smooth due to the continuous erosion that shapes them. Since the cascades are at short gaps of altitude from one another, you can see the entire panorama of this natural phenomenon. The scene looks particularly arresting in the monsoon and winters when the vegetation turns the surrounding hills green. The region around the falls is quite popular with trekkers also as there are several beautiful trails one can hike on. Even while you gaze at the falls from across the road, you can smell the distinctive aroma of medicinal plants which grow on either side of Attukal Waterfalls.

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The refreshing tea estates of this hill station look no less than a paradise on earth and are so beautiful that the one who witnesses its charm and magic never really wants to go back home. A place that gives you exactly the same feeling and makes you go gaga on your visit to Munnar is the Kannan Devan Tea Museum. Situated at Nullatanni Estate of Tata Tea and just 5-minutes away from the town, the Kannan Devan Tea Museum boasts an excellent location with gorgeous lush greenery surrounding the area. It's a place where you can indulge yourself in the aroma of fresh tea leaves and see how your everyday morning tea is prepared. It's a place where you can get to know everything about the tea plantation industry in India. It's a place where you can gain knowledge on the complete processing of tea. What's more?

the fun fact is the aeial view of this hills look excatly same as human fingerprints.

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