

Kerala Survival Malayalam

Pocket cheat sheet - the casual phrases locals actually use

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GREETINGS & POLITENESS

Namaskaram	Hello (any time of day)
Sukhamaano?	How are you?
Sugham, ninakko?	I'm good — and you?
Nandi / Valare nandi	Thanks / Thank you very much
Sheri	Okay / alright
Kshamikkanam	Sorry / excuse me
Pinne kaanaam	See you later

TEA SHOP & FOOD

Chetta, oru chaaya thaa	Brother, one tea please
Randu chaaya, kaduppathil	Two teas, strong
Enikku vishakkunnu	I'm hungry
Vellam venam	I'd like some water
Erivu kurachu mathi	Just a little spice
Nalla ruchi! / Adipoli!	Delicious! / Awesome!
Bill tharumo?	Can I have the bill?

DIRECTIONS & AUTO

...evidayaa?	Where is ...?
Bus stand evidayaa?	Where's the bus stand?
Ethra dooram?	How far is it?
Nere / Idathottu / Valathottu	Straight / Left / Right
Town-ilekku varuvo?	Will you go to town? (auto)
Ethra aakum? Kurakkaamo?	How much? Can you lower it?
Aduthu nirthiyaa mathi	Just stop nearby

SHOPPING & BARGAINING

Ithethrayaa?	How much is this?
Kurachu koodi kurakkaamo?	Can you lower it a bit?
Vere colour / size undo?	Another colour / size?
Ithu ittu nokkaamo?	Can I try this on?
Ithu venam	I'll take this
Oru bag tharumo?	Can I get a bag?

NUMBERS & MONEY

Onnu, randu, moonnu	1, 2, 3
Naalu, anchu	4, 5
Aaru ... patthu	6 ... 10
Ethra roopayaayi?	How many rupees?
Ithaa nooru roopa	Here's 100 rupees
Baakki tharane	Please give the change

EMERGENCIES & HEALTH

Aarengilum sahaayikkane!	Someone please help!
Aashupathri evideyaa?	Where's the hospital?
Oru taxi vilikkaamo?	Can you call a taxi?
Enikku sukhamilla	I'm not feeling well
Enikku panyundu	I have a fever
Enikku vazhi thetti	I'm lost

FAMILY & FRIENDLY

Amma / Achan	Mother / Father
Chetta / Chechi	Brother / Sister (also strangers)
Mole / Mone	Dear (to girl / to boy)
Choru kazhicho?	Have you eaten? (warm hello)
Enikku ninne ishtaanu	I like / love you
Sookshichu pokane	Take care

STILL LEARNING? SURVIVAL LINES

Ithiri pathukke parayaamo?	Can you speak a bit slowly?
Enikku manassilaayilla	I didn't understand
Onnoode parayaamo?	Can you say it again?
Ithinte artham entha?	What does this mean?
Njaan padhichondirikkuvaa	I'm still learning Malayalam
Athe / Alla / Illa	Yes / No (not) / No (none)

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