

## 03 NIGHTS/04 DAYS KERALA BACKWATERS TOUR

**Kerala** popularly known as Gods Own Country is truly a blessed land with all the natural attractions and most modern amenities. A tropical state located in the southern tip of India, Kerala is famous for its backwaters, beaches, hills, house boats, wild life, adventure, culture, traditions art forms, Ayurveda, monsoon, greenery and everything else in between.

### DAY 01

### DELHI-COCHIN

Pick up from Delhi Hotel and transfer to Airport to catch your flight for Cochin.

On Arrival at Cochin Airport transfer and Check in at the Hotel.

Lunch at local restaurant. (On Own)

In the afternoon, begin your exploration with a walking tour that takes you around **Fort Kochi**, the most historic part of Kochi. Your walking tour shows you the **Church of St Francis**, the oldest European-built church in India.

Continue to the **Jewish Quarter** where you visit the historic synagogue (Closed on Fridays & Saturdays). Built over 400 years ago it contains beautiful Belgian glass chandeliers, and is paved with hand painted tiles from China.

Also visit **The Dutch Palace** (Closed on Fridays) at Mattancherry. It was built in 1555 and its coronation hall and the murals painted are noteworthy features.

In the Evening witness Kathakali Dance performance at a typical Kerala theatre.

Return back to the hotel.

Dinner at Hotel/ Local Restaurant. (On Own)

Overnight at the Hotel.



### DAY 02

### COCHIN-ALLEPPEY (55 KMS /02 HRS)

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Check-out at the Hotel.

Drive to Alleppey en-route visiting Kumbalangi village.

Kumbalangi is a lush green village of Cochin. It is declared as the first model fisheries and tourism village of India which has its own tradition and culture. Most of the villagers are engaged in agriculture and fishing. The village is 16 Sq. Km in area and surrounded by backwaters and paddy fields.

On arrival at Alleppey, board the house boat from Alleppey boat jetty.

Lunch at the Houseboat.

The House boats are the modern version of the old rice barges which were used to transport merchandise and goods through the waterways of Kerala in the bygone era. The house boat will cruise through the tranquil backwaters, wider and narrow canals passing by lush green paddy fields, villages, temples, churches, rustic houses etc. giving you an opportunity to view the life on the backwaters – it beats at its own gentle rhythm.

Dinner at the Houseboat.

Overnight at the House Boat



**DAY 03****ALLEPPEY-KUMARAKOM**

Breakfast at the House boat.

Disembark houseboat at Kumarakom.

Transfer to the Hotel.

Check in at the Hotel.

On arrival Proceed for sightseeing tour of Kumarakom - a vibrant backwater hamlet. Kumarakom is a prime backwater tourism destination in Kerala with 900 sq. km of sprawling backwaters. A surreal tropical paradise of emerald paddy fields, mangrove forests and lush coconut groves laced with a labyrinthine network of waterways and canals. Watch the enchanting beauty of Kumarakom unfold before your eyes as you glide through the backwaters in your canoe, motor boat or houseboat.



Lunch at local restaurant. (On Own)

Rest of the day free to enjoy Ayurveda at the hotel (On direct payment basis)

Ayurveda - Ayurveda is a Sanskrit word that means “the science of life.” It is an ancient art of healing that has been practiced continuously throughout Kerala for over 5,000 years. Ayurveda is probably the oldest authentically recorded healing science in existence today and includes yoga philosophy and integration of the body, mind and consciousness. A specialist would speak about the healing science of Ayurveda, and century’s old herbal remedies.



Dinner at Hotel/ Local Restaurant. (On Own)

Overnight at the Hotel.

**DAY 04****KUMARAKOM-COCHIN AIRPORT (70 KMS/3 HRS)**

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Check out from the Hotel. Drive to Cochin Airport.

On arrival at Delhi Airport transfer to Hotel.

**\*\*\*TOUR ENDS\*\*\***

**TOUR COST**

Particulars	Cost Per Person (IN INR)
Single person travelling	49200
Two or more persons travelling together	26100

**COST INCLUSIONS:**

1. 01 Night accommodation in Cochin at Crowne Plaza or similar and 01 Night at Houseboat from Alleppey to Kumarakom & 01 Night accommodation at Abad Whispering Palms, Kumarakom or similar.
2. 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner & Breakfast at the Houseboat.
3. Transportation using AC Innova Car.
4. Entrances Ticket wherever applicable
5. Service of English Speaking Guide during the city tour.
6. Applicable Govt service tax.

**COST EXCLUSIONS:**

1. Camera Fee wherever applicable.
2. Any other services not specified above.
3. Domestic Airfare. (The same may be arranged at the best available fares at the time of reservation.)
4. Porterage at airports and hotels.