

God's Own Country – Amazing Kerala

Experience the Journey

“A fascinating journey through India's tropical south, do experience the diversity in scenery, architecture, culture and most importantly, the people. Kerala is a tropical bliss with an idyllic coastline and lush tropical hills. Despite its relative riches, A part of the population in Kerala life continue with agriculture, tea, coffee and spice plantations and the coir industry, which still provides the basic economic structure of the region.”



Tour Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive Cochin

Upon arrival at Cochin Airport, meet and assistance by our office representative, followed by transfer to hotel for check-in. Cochin the “**Queen of Arabian Sea**” is undoubtedly the Commercial hub of Kerala, where ancient civilization gracefully mingles with the modern life it was an important spice trading centre on the Arabian Sea coast from the 14th century. **Post Lunch** proceed to you will have an in depth experience of Kochi during an **Ethnic tour** – start with the visit of the famous **Chinese Fishing Nets** of Cochin. Next visit is at the **St.Francis CSI Church**, the oldest European church in India built in 1503, where the Portuguese explorer Vasco de Gama was originally buried and pass by the finest



Santa cruz Basilica. Take a **Tuk Tuk** – the most popular mode of transport among the localities, go along with your local tour and stop at the **Dhobi Khana** (laundry station), once throbbing with activity, it is now a picture of slow extinction. Continue through the small streets of **Mattanchery**, and arrive at the **Fruit market** on Palace road where locals get a variety of fresh and organic produces at bargains prices. Don't miss a stop at the **Spice Market**, where exotic odours of the finest ginger, cloves, cardamom, turmeric and pepper emanate from the spice warehouses lining the street. Make a pause and have one “**meter tea**” at one of the tea stall. There is now an opportunity to interact with a **Brahmin Family**. The Brahmin are the highest of the four Hindu castes of priests and scholars of Vedic literature, their traditional occupation is to conduct rites at marriages, births and other auspicious occasions. Overnight stay at hotel (**Bed and Breakfast**)

Day 02: Cochin – Alleppey (65 Kms /1.5hrs)

Breakfast.By Midday proceeds to board the Houseboat for your **Backwaters cruise**. These boats are a reworked version of kettuvallams of olden times and made out of huge planks of Jack wood, joined with coir from Coconut shells.These original kettuvallams were once used to carry tons of rice and spices. They are today converted into comfortable floating accommodation offering enchanting cruises through the backwaters.**Cruise** through the palm fringed canals enjoying the beauty of rural village life.



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You will be offered to accompany the Chef on a visit to the direction a **local food market** to buy all the ingredients for the execution of your sumptuous **Keralan meals** served on board. The trip continues through a wonderful area of the lush green vegetation of Kerala backwaters. Dinner and overnight stay on Board. **(Full Board)**

Day 03: Alleppey – Kumarakom (45 Kms/ 1hrs)

Breakfast on board. Drive to **Kumarakom** on arrival check-in to your hotel for overnight stay. Kumarrakom village is a cluster of little islands on the Vembanad Lake, and is part of the Kuttanad region. Here you can see how people have adapted their lives to the waterways and do everything on these winding canals. Day free to enjoy the views of the famous Vembanad Lake, with its majestic canals and streams. Relax on the bank of the lake with the surroundings chanting birds from the nearby bird sanctuary. Or succumb to a rejuvenating Ayurveda Massage from the hotel (Payable locally). Overnight stay at Hotel **(Bed and Breakfast)**



Day 04: Kumarakom – Cochin International Airport (100kms / 2.5hrs)

Breakfast. Check-out hotel according to your flight time and tour ends with a departure transfer to Cochin Airport.

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Hotel Envisaged:

Destination	#Nights	Premium Hotels	Room Category	Deluxe Hotels	Room Category	Meal Plan
Fort Kochi	01	Fragrant Nature	Duke's Chamber	Le-Meridien	Deluxe	Bed & Breakfast
Alleppey	01	Marvel Cruise	One Bed Room	Marvel Cruise	One Bed Room	Full Board
Kumarakom	01	The Zuri	Lagoon View	Backwater Ripples	Lake view	Bed & Breakfast

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Cost of the tour (Minimum 2 PAX travelling together):-

Total cost of the package (Premium Hotels): INR 35200 per person

Total cost of the package (Deluxe Hotels): INR 28900 per person

Tour Package Includes:

- Accommodation with breakfast at all places.
- Transportation by Chauffer driven Air Conditioned Medium car (Sedan car)
- Meet and Assist on Arrival and Departure.
- Ethnic Tour of Cochin
- Backwater cruise by houseboat (Overnight)
- All currently applicable Taxes

Tour Package Exclusion:

- Any other items not mentioned under Inclusions
- No air-ticket cost is included in the package.
- Expenses of Personal nature such as extras at the hotel, phone charges, tips Laundry charges etc
- Any International or Domestic flights/airport taxes or Visa/Insurance charges. Rates shared for domestic flights are as of now, rates are subject to change and seats are subject to availability at the time of confirmation.

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