

Itinerary

Delhi – Kochi – Alleppey - Kochi - Delhi

03 Nights / 04 Days

Day 1

: Delhi – Kochi (Fly) – Alleppey by drive 1 hours 30 minutes approx

- Pick up from your place of stay in Delhi
- Transfer to Delhi Airport
- Meet upon arrival in Kochi and drive to Alleppey
- Check-in to houseboat for an overnight stay
- Overnight at the hotel

In the morning, pick up from your place of stay in Delhi and transfer to Delhi airport to board flight UK 881 at 0620 hrs. Meet on arrival at Kochi airport at 0920 hrs and drive to Alleppey to embark hose boat.

Fringing the coast of Kerala and winding far inland is a vast network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals. These backwaters represent a unique geological formation and are the basis of a distinct lifestyle. Tranquil and alluring, they offer you the experience of a lifetime. Travelling through the backwaters of Kerala is a marvellous experience with the simple, unique pleasures it offers. Life on your houseboat will be interrupted by delightful surprises. Flocks of graceful ducks; small restaurants on the banks which offer delicious kapa (boiled tapioca) and fried karimeen (a kind of fresh water fish); women in little canoes selling tender coconuts; the song of the cuckoo; the heady fragrance of rich green paddy fields - A journey with no traffic jam! An experience to breathe life back into your engine!



Observe the preparation of your lunch by one of the boatmen who also doubles up as an expert cook on board the 'kettuvallam'. A typical prepared meal onboard the kettuvallam would consist of kootu, a coconut gravy-based dish using lentils and snake-gourd, topped with black mustard shreds; drumstick and dal curry; thoren, another Keralan vegetarian specialty; and a variety of grilled seafood, including fish (when available) and local prawns succulently prepared with lime, pepper and other spices. Enjoy lunch that will be served piping hot.

Enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the beautiful backwaters of Kerala in a Kettuvallom (house boat). Kettuvallom's of Kerala are giant country crafts that were used in the early days to transport goods from the isolated interior villages to the towns. Now converted to beautiful dwellings, they are accommodated with fully furnished bedrooms with attached bathrooms, sundeck, open lounge, kitchenette and a crew comprising of a chef, guide and oarsmen. Float through the placid waters passing palm fringed canals, lakes and villages and have the time of your life.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2

Day 2: Alleppey – Kochi by Drive

- Post breakfast disembark houseboat and drive to Kochi
- Check in at the hotel
- Afternoon witness Kathakali
- Overnight at the hotel

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Check in at the hotel.

In the afternoon witness Kathakali Dance performance.

Kathakali represents a synthesis of all that is best in dance, drama and music and has been recognized by connoisseurs of art, the world over as a 'total art form of immense sophistication and power'. It is the impression created by make-up and the costumes that make Kathakali a visual par excellence.

You will witness the Kathakali artists readying themselves up with the make up for the final performance. Costume is elaborate with the face painted up. Great importance is laid on the Vesham or make-up, which are of five types - Pacha, Kathi, Thadi, Kari and Minukku. The pomp and magnificence of Kathakali is partly due to its decor part of which is the kireetam or huge headgear and the kanchukam the over sized jackets, and a long skirt worn over a thick padding of cushions. The identity of the actor is completely mutilated to create a super human being of larger-than-life proportion



Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3

In Kochi

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning city tour
- Check-in to hotel
- Evening at leisure
- Overnight at the hotel

Morning after breakfast proceed for the city tour of Kochi

You will first proceed to Mattancherry, where you will visit the **oldest Jewish Synagogue** in India [closed on Friday and Saturday] built by a thriving Jewish community in 1568 A.D. Now the community has dwindled in numbers, however the synagogue is beautifully preserved. You can see the religious scrolls and the beautiful hand-painted tiles from China, which decorate the synagogue. Its fascinating interiors include 19th century



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Belgian Chandeliers, a ladies gallery and an elegant brass pulpit. **The Dutch Palace** [closed on Friday] features a fine collection of paintings. The **St. Francis Church** [closed on Sunday during Mass] was built in 1510 and its coral inlaid wall and murals at Ramayana are noteworthy features.

Jewish Synagogue you will visit **Chinese fishing nets**. The cantilevered fishing nets line the entrance to the harbour mouth. The long rows of Chinese Nets silhouetted against the sunset present a spectacular sight of Cochin's waterfront. These are large nets, which hang from bamboo or teak posts, still used by the local fishermen of Fort Cochin.

Continue your tour to the **St. Francis Church** [closed on Sunday during Mass], originally named after Santo Antonio and dedicated to him as the Patron Saint of Portugal. Five Portuguese priests who arrived with Albuquerque built St. Francis church in 1510. This church, said to be the oldest European church built in India, was the original burial site of Vasco da Gama in 1524.

Evening at leisure

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 4

**Kochi – Delhi (Fly)
Depart Delhi**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check-out and transfer to Kochi airport
- Meet upon arrival at Delhi airport
- Drop to your place of stay in Delhi

Post breakfast in time check-out from hotel and transfer to airport to board flight UK 882 at 1000 hrs to Delhi.

Meet on arrival in Delhi at 1305 hrs and transfer to your place of stay.

“Recollect the golden memories”

NOTE: THE DRIVING TIMES MENTIONED IN THE PROPOSAL ARE APPROXIMATE AND AS PER NORMAL TRAFFIC CONDITIONS. SOMETIMES DUE TO MORE TRAFFIC / CONGESTIONS ON THE ROADS THE DRIVES MAY TAKE MORE TIME THAN MENTIONED.

HOTELS ENVISAGED OR SIMILAR: (Depending on availability):

Cities	Hotels
Alleppey (01 night)	Premium Houseboat
Kochi (012night)	Crown Palaza

Total: 02 nights
Check in & check out time is 1200 noon at all the hotels.
The net per person costs using above hotels on twin sharing basis are as under.

Nos. of pax	Per person cost on twin sharing basis
2 paying pax	INR 41580 per person
3 paying pax	INR 35175 per person
4 – 6 paying pax	INR 36225 per person
7 – 10 paying pax	INR 36645 per person
Single room supplement (Payable over and above twin sharing cost)	INR 20900 per single room

All the above rates are valid from 01st till 30th November' 2018.

Airfare: Special economy class airfare is INR 14000 per person for the sectors Delhi – Kochi - Delhi (This airfare is tentative at the time of quoting and is subject to change based on availability of the seats and actual fare at the time of booking).

The above cost includes:

- Accommodation on twin sharing with breakfast as specified above in the program.
- Overnight houseboat is on Full board (The boat will be anchored in the night)
- All transfers, sightseeing's and excursions using Air-conditioned Toyota Innova Car for 2–3 Pax, Air -conditioned Mini Van for 4-6 Pax and Air -conditioned Mini coach for 7-10 Pax
- Services of English speaking local guide for city tour only.
- One time Entrance fees (except camera fees), as prevails currently.
- Kathakali Dance show
- Any hike in hotel rate, entrance fees, Guide Fee, Fuel charges will be payable extra.
- 01 Mineral water bottle per person in the vehicle.
- All currently applicable Govt. taxes

The above cost does not include:

- Any expenses of personal nature like table drinks, laundry, telephone calls, mineral water during the meals, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks etc.
- Any airfare or airport tax.
- Any camera fees at monuments and sites.
- Any tips
- Any visa fee.
- Any other service or meals not mentioned above in the program.

IMPORTANT:

All elements included in this quotation are subject to availability until the booking is made. The hotels / services as quoted may change while our giving you the final confirmation based on current availability.

Also, kindly note, our above tour prices are based on the currently prevailing rate of exchange, fuel prices, entrances to monuments, government tax structure. Since these elements are controlled by the government and are always subject to change without prior notice – therefore, in case of any excessive hike in all or any of these elements our tour price might get affected and change accordingly.