

7 Days Backwaters of Kerala **Tour Code: CI 009 / Valid Till : 31 Mar 2018**

Travel to Kerala for one of the most memorable experiences in one's life. Kerala travel brings you closer to Nature with lush green vegetation and alluring wildlife. The blue expanding waters and delightful beaches make Kerala an idyllic travel destination for people of all tastes.

Most of coastal Kerala the sea made deep inroads, often penetrating many miles inland. These backwaters run through the countryside as deep or shallow channels or canals, some even being interconnected. From the earliest times a boat (Ketuwallam) has been the means of communication, which ranges in size from one-person carrier to those scores of people, from rustic open goods transporters to artistically built, roofed live-in type.

Day 01 Arrival Cochin

Meet and transfer to hotel. Overnight in hotel.

Day 02 Cochin

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Tour of old Cochin visiting **The Dutch Palace** at Mattancherry. **The Jewish**



Synagogue at the heart of what is called the Jew Town. **The St. Francis Church**, the oldest European church in India. The Santa Cruz Basilica, originally built in 1557 by the Portugese. The Chinese fishing nets, believed to have brought to Kochi by Chinese traders. Also visit the Willingdon Island named after Lord Willingdon, is the headquarters of the Southern Naval Command of India.

Evening witness to Kathakali dance show. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 03 Cochin-Munnar

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Drive to among spice & rubber plantation all the way to Munnar (approx. 5hrs). Arrive & check-in to hotel.

Rest of the day is free to walk around. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 04 Munnar**(Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Tour of **Munnar**- takes you around tea gardens where picturesque colonial towns and meandering mountain streams present photo opportunities galore.



Evening walk around the Tea gardens. Dinner and overnight in hotel

Day 05 Munnar-Thekkady (Periyar National Park)**(Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Drive early to Thekkady (approx. 5 Hrs.). Arrive and check in hotel.



Take a boat ride. Visit the earliest sanctuary to be set up in 1934, it extends to 777 square kms. & forms part of the high mountain ranges, the Western Ghats. Wild life can be seen while cruising on Periyar Lake in a motor boat. Amongst the animal which can be seen are mostly wild elephants.

Visit around some spice plantation area. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 06 Thekkady-Allepey-Houseboat**(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Drive downhill (approx. 4-5hrs) to Kumarakom backwaters via Tea/coffee/rubber plantation.



Arrive and board houseboat. A private boat cruise along the serene backwaters of Kerala is a highlight of any visit to the South. These converted rice barges or “Kettuvallams” sail along the shallow, palm-fringed lakes and narrow canals. You will pass Villages built on narrow spits of land, stopping to visit local markets by

bullock-cart, or to marvel at the craftsmen engaged in centuries-old boat-making tradition. The boat offers one or two cabins with a small sitting room and a crew of 2 staff and a chef. The food is authentic Kerala cuisine. For most of the journey, the boat is poled, sailing only between dawn and dusk. A fascinating experience and a unique way to see the traditional way of life in the Kerala backwaters.

Dinner and overnight in houseboat.

Day 07 Houseboat-Cochin-Further destination

(Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast. Disembark from house-boat.

Later drive to Cochin (approx. 3 Hrs.). Arrive Cochin and transfer to local restaurant for dinner.

Transfer to airport to board flight to further destination.

Days	Night's	City Name	<u>Cat "A" (3 Star)</u>	<u>Cat "B" (4 Star)</u>	<u>Cat "C" (5 Star)</u>
01/03	2	Cochin	Abad Plaza	Casino	Vivanta by Taj Malabar
03/05	2	Munnar	Abad Copper Castle	Tea County	Windermere Tea Estate
05/06	1	Thekkady	Green Forest	Poetree Sarovar Portico	Spice Village
06/07	1	House Boat	House Boat	House Boat	House Boat
2/3pax	6	Twin Sharing	USD 677 PP	USD 750 PP	USD 1107 PP
		In single room	USD 950 PP	USD 1076 PP	USD 1763 PP

Cost inclusions:

- 6 Night's accommodation at hotel mentioned, twin/double sharing.
- Meals as per the Itinerary.
- All transfers, sightseeing, excursions and drives using excellent AC vehicle.
- Service of English speaking local guides.
- All payable monument entrance fees. (As per the itinerary). Subject to Change.
- Kathakali dance show (Cochin)
- Spice Plantation tour (Munnar)
- Boat ride in Lake Periyar (Sharing basis).
- All **PRESENT** applicable government taxes. **(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**.

Above cost valid from 01 Oct 17 to 31 Mar '18 (Not valid from 20 Dec-10 Jan '18)

Cost exclusions:

- Any expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, aerated drinks or bottled water used in room, items ordered on room service, mini bar etc.
- Meals apart from those indicated in the itinerary
- Camera fees are not included in the cost
- Cost incurred in obtaining visa or insurance
- Cost incurred in case of hospitalization or evacuation
- Tips/ gratuities paid to drives, guides, room boy, bellboys etc.
- Airport departure tax.
- Domestic airfare extra.

Above cost DO NOT include any surcharge for X'mas and New Year Eve hotel might have for Gala Dinner.

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