



BACKWATERS OF KERALA

EXPLORE

DREAM

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“There are some parts of the world that, once visited, get into your heart and won't go. For me, India is such a place. When I first visited, I was stunned by the richness of the land, by its lush beauty and exotic architecture, by its ability to overload the senses with the pure, concentrated intensity of its colors, smells, tastes, and sounds. It was as if all my life I had been seeing the world in black and white and, when brought face-to-face with India, experienced everything re-rendered in brilliant technicolor.”

-- *Keith Bellows, National Geographic*



Day 1 – Mumbai / Kochi

Take an evening flight for Kochi from Mumbai.

AI 681 @1720 Hours from Mumbai reaches Kochi @ 1915 Hours

On arrival at Kochi, Transfer to hotel and check-in at hotel.

One of the oldest ports and gateway to the spice capital of the world, Kochi offers a fascinating combination of natural beauty, precious heritage and modern comforts. Located in the southern Indian state of Kerala, Kochi is famous for its gold and, of course, spices. Over centuries, it has welcomed the Arabs, British, Chinese, Dutch, and Portuguese with open arms. Today, this port city continues to be a prominent maritime hub as well as business centre.

Overnight in Kochi



Day 2 – Kochi / Kumarakom

Morning depart for kumarakom by surface from Kochi. (48 kms / 01 hour)

On arrival check-in at hotel.

Afternoon visit Spice Plantation

Kerala is world-renowned for Indian spices such as pepper, cardamom, cinnamon and more. The region also produces spices used worldwide in the name of flavours such as vanilla, oregano, rosemary, thyme, basil, mint, bay leaf and sage. A tour of the spice plantation is an extremely sensory experience. Different parts the plantation are used for growing different spices. A walk through the aromatic winding pathways of the plantation can be truly relaxing experience.

Overnight in Kumarakom



Day 3 – Kumarakom / Alleppey / Kochi

Enjoy backwater cruise with lunch

The Kerala backwaters are a chain of brackish lagoons and lakes lying parallel to the Arabian Sea coast. Vembanad Lake is the largest of the lakes, covering an area of 200 sq km bordered by the city of Alleppey. A boat cruise on the beautiful blue back waters makes for an experience of a lifetime. The busy village life on the banks of the backwaters provides for a fascinating contrast to the calm waters, transporting you to another place and time. Enjoy a delectable meal on the boat as you cruise through the lush green coconut groves.

Overnight in Kochi



Day 4 – In Kochi

We begin our tour with the Jewish synagogue in the Jew town part of the Fort Kochi area. Built in 1568, the synagogue is the oldest one active in the Commonwealth of Nations. The complex has four buildings.

Next we visit the Dutch Palace, also known as the Mattancherry Palace, constructed by the Portuguese in 1567 and presented to the then ruler of Kochi. The Dutch Palace is so called because the Dutch carried out some extensions and renovation in it in the mid-17th century.

The next stop on the tour is St Francis Church. Built in 1503, it is the oldest European church in India. The legendary Portuguese explorer, Vasco da Gama, who made several voyages to India, died in Kochi in 1524.



Next we will have a remarkable spectacle—fishing done using the Chinese fishing nets. These nets are fixed land installations, which are used for a very unique and unusual method of fishing. Operated from the shore, these nets are set up on bamboo and teak poles and held horizontally by huge mechanisms, which lower them into the sea.

Kathakali Performance in evening

No trip to Kerala is complete without watching a Kathakali performance. The Centuries-old Kathakali style of ballet has evolved into a highly structured dance performance based on ancient Indian lore. The dance form involves the use of hand gestures, eye movements, and facial expressions. Aided by elaborate full-body costumes and face makeup, the performers relate the dramatic tales of angry demons, virtuous kings, and all the classic characters of mythical battles between good and evil.

Overnight in Kochi



Day 5 – Departure

Morning in time transfer to Kochi airport to board your onward flight.

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