



6D KERALA EXPERIENCE

- Experience a stay in a moving Houseboat
- Loose yourself in the picturesque Backwaters of Kerala
- Opportunity to refresh your soul with an ayurvedica massage

Day 01 Singapore / Kochi

(Meal on Board)

Meet at Singapore Changi International Airport for your flight to **Kochi**, Kerala. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel for a good nights' rest. Kerala is one of the most sought after tourist destinations in Asia. It has an equable climate, has a long shoreline with serene beaches, tranquil stretches of emerald backwaters, lush green hill stations and exotic wildlifewaterfalls....

Day 02 Kochi / Alleppey

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

This morning, transfer to **Alleppey** where you board your **private houseboat** for cruising along the Backwaters. Backwaters are a network of lakes, canals and estuaries and deltas for 44 rivers that drain into the Arabian Sea. Traveling the backwaters is one of the highlights of a visit to Kerala. The boats cross shallow, palm-fringed lakes studded with cantilevered Chinese fishing nets and travel along narrow, shady canals where coir (coconut fiber), copra (dried coconut meat) and cashews are loaded onto boats. Along the way are small settlements where people live on narrow spits of reclaimed land only a few meters wide. Although practically surrounded by water, they still manage to keep cows, pigs, chickens and ducks and cultivate small vegetable gardens. Lunch and dinner will be served on board the houseboat.

(Note : Aircon on board the houseboat operates from 9pm till 7am. No running hot water available)

Day 03 Alleppey / Kumarakom

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Your houseboat will drop you at your resort in **Kumarakom**. The village of Kumarakom is a cluster of little islands on the Vembanad Lake and this small water world is part of the Kuttanad region. Today is free for you to relax at your resort or try the optional Ayurveda Massage (at your own expense) in your resort. Ayurveda is the only system of medicine in the world that has methods to totally rejuvenate the body and mind.

Day 04 Kumarakom / Kochi

(Breakfast / Lunch)

Check out of your resort and return to Kochi City today. Your city tour today includes a visit of the **St Francis Church**, allegedly India's oldest European built church. The **Jewish Synagogue** was built in 1568, and is the oldest in the commonwealth. It was destroyed by the Portuguese in 1662, but rebuilt by the Dutch 2 years later. In 1555 the Portuguese built **Mattancherry Palace** as a gift to the Maharaja of Kochi as a goodwill gesture to ensure trade privileges. The Dutch renovated the palace in 1663, hence its alternative name, the Dutch Palace. The Palace is now converted to a Museum. Strung out along the tip of Fort Cochin, the fixed cantilevered **Chinese fishing nets** were introduced by traders from the court of Kublai Khan. They are mainly used at high tide, requiring at least four men to operate this system of counter weights. In the evening, catch the **Kathakali Show**. The renowned state drama of Kerala, possibly had its beginnings in ancient drama methods of the 2nd century AD. Kathakali literally means story play and the Kathakali performance is the dramatized presentation of a play.

(Note : Jewish Synagogue is closed on Saturday and Jewish Holidays. Visitors with shorts, bermudas / sleeveless t-shirts and tops are not allowed to enter / Mattancherry Palace is closed on Fridays and Saturdays)

Day 05 Kochi / Singapore

(Breakfast)

If time permits, you can do some last minute shopping before transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Day 06 Arrived Singapore

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