

Kerala Backwater Short Break: Alleppey Classic Houseboat Experience

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Destination
Kerala



Duration
3 Nights 4 Days



Starting from
Rs. 12,100 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↪ **Kochi · 1N**

↪ **Alleppey · 1N**

↪ **Kumarakom / Alleppey Resort · 1N**

Overview

Discover the quintessential Kerala tour package designed as a perfect Kerala Weekend tour package or short escape. This 3 nights / 4 days Kerala Weekend package highlights the serene Alleppey Backwaters, an authentic overnight Houseboat (Kettuvallam) cruise on Vembanad Lake, and gentle village-side experiences in Alappuzha and Kumarakom. Ideal for travelers searching for a relaxed, scenic getaway – this itinerary is also a recommended option among 3 and 4 Kerala Weekend tour package choices.

Highlights:

- Overnight houseboat cruise through the iconic Alleppey backwaters
- Sunset on Vembanad Lake and village boat rides
- Visit to Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary and tranquil backwater villages
- Optional half-day sightseeing in Fort Kochi before departure

Tip: Best taken between November and February for cool, pleasant weather. Carry sunscreen and mosquito repellent for evening cruises.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation: 3 nights (1 night in Kochi / 1 night on classic houseboat / 1 night in Kumarakom/Alleppey resort)
- ✓ Meals: Daily breakfasts, houseboat lunch and dinner as specified
- ✓ Transfers: Airport pickup and drop-off (seat-in-coach or private as per package), all inter-site transfers mentioned
- ✓ Houseboat cruise: Overnight houseboat cruise with basic amenities
- ✓ Sightseeing: Village walks, Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary visit (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Taxes & permits: Applicable local taxes
- ✓ Assistance: Local representative support during the trip

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International / domestic flights to Kochi
- ✗ Entrance fees, special activities (e.g., canoe rides, Ayurvedic treatments) unless specified as included
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- ✗ Travel insurance and medical expenses
- ✗ Any items not mentioned under inclusions
- ✗ Note: Optional add-ons (Fort Kochi guided tour, Ayurveda packages) can be arranged at an extra cost.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Transfer to Alleppey and Board Classic Houseboat

Arrive at Cochin International Airport / Ernakulam. Meet and transfer to Alleppey (approximately 1.5–2 hours). On arrival, board your traditional Kettuvallam (houseboat). Enjoy a freshly prepared Kerala-style lunch as the boat gently cruises through the famous Alleppey backwaters. In the afternoon, take in the lush paddy fields, quaint villages, and canal-side life. Watch a spectacular sunset over Vembanad Lake. Dinner and overnight aboard the houseboat.

Important: Houseboat check-in is usually mid-day; carry light luggage and a valid ID.

Day

2

Disembark, Local Village Walks and Alappuzha Beach

After breakfast on the houseboat, disembark and transfer to your lakeside hotel or resort in Alleppey. Take a guided walk through local coir villages, traditional markets and narrow canals to see everyday life. In the late afternoon, visit Alappuzha Beach for a relaxing stroll and sunset. Enjoy dinner at the resort and overnight stay.

Tip: Try local snacks like karimeen fry and appam at trusted local eateries.

Day

3

Kumarakom Excursion, Bird Sanctuary and Resort Leisure

After breakfast, drive to nearby Kumarakom (short transfer). Visit the Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary — ideal for birdwatching enthusiasts. Experience a village canoe ride (optional) and learn about rice farming and coconut cultivation. Return to your resort for an Ayurvedic massage (optional) and leisure time by the backwaters. Overnight at the resort.

Note: Bird sightings vary seasonally; early mornings are best for sightings.

Day

4

Morning Leisure, Optional Fort Kochi Sightseeing and Departure

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast at the resort. Depending on your departure schedule, transfer back to Kochi. If time permits, opt for a half-day guided tour of Fort Kochi — highlights include Chinese Fishing Nets, St. Francis Church, and the colonial streets. Transfer to Cochin airport or railway station for your onward journey.

Tip: Coordinate transfer times with flight schedules; early morning departures may forgo Fort Kochi sightseeing.

Frequently Asked Questions

❓ **What are the top tourist destinations in Kerala?**

Kerala offers stunning tourist destinations like Munnar's tea plantations, Alleppey's backwaters, Kochi's vibrant culture, and Wayanad's lush hills. Don't miss the stunning beaches of Varkala and Kovalam, as well as the tranquil landscapes of Thekkady and Kumarakom. Each offers unique experiences for every traveler.

❓ **What is the best time to visit Kerala?**

The best time to visit Kerala is from October to March. During these months, the weather is pleasantly cool and dry, making it ideal for exploring the lush backwaters, hill stations, and vibrant culture. Remember to experience the festivals and local events that take place during this peak tourist season!

❓ **How can I travel around Kerala?**

Traveling around Kerala is easy thanks to its extensive transport options. You can use private taxis, auto-rickshaws, and public buses. For scenic routes, consider hiring a houseboat, especially in the backwaters of Alleppey. Trains and domestic flights connect major cities, making exploration seamless.

❓ **What are the famous cuisines to try in Kerala?**

Kerala is renowned for its delicious cuisine, featuring dishes like Sambar, Appam, and Puttu. Don't miss the spicy Kerala fish curry and the delectable dosa. For a unique experience, try traditional Sadya, a vegetarian feast served on a banana leaf, highlighting the region's rich flavors and diverse culinary traditions.

❓ **What activities can I enjoy in Kerala's backwaters?**

In Kerala's backwaters, you can enjoy serene houseboat cruises, kayaking through lush mangroves, and bird watching. Experience local cuisine on board, visit traditional villages, and partake in unique cultural performances. Don't miss the opportunity for peaceful sunsets and picturesque landscapes!

❓ **Is Kerala suitable for family vacations?**

Yes, Kerala is ideal for family vacations! With its serene backwaters, lush hill stations, wildlife sanctuaries, and beautiful beaches, it offers a variety of activities for all ages. Families can enjoy houseboat rides, explore spice plantations, and visit cultural sites, making it a memorable destination.

❓ What are the important festivals celebrated in Kerala?

Kerala is home to vibrant festivals like Onam, celebrated with colorful festivities and the traditional feast; Vishu, marking the New Year with family gatherings; and Thrissur Pooram, showcasing grand temple processions and spectacular fireworks. These events reflect the rich culture and heritage, making Kerala a unique tourist destination.

★ Traveller Reviews



Aditi Rao

★★★★★ 5/5

Everlasting Impressions of Kerala

From the stunning scenery to rich traditions, this tour made lasting impressions. I can't help but reminisce about the experiences. Highly recommend!



Kunal Kaur

★★★★★ 5/5

A Well-Rounded Experience

This Kerala tour provided a perfect blend of relaxation and activities. We got to unwind in the backwaters and explore beautiful hill stations. A great balance!



Vani Dubey

★★★★★ 5/5

Heavenly Kerala Escape

Kerala felt like heaven on earth! The combination of nature, culture, and warm hospitality made it a trip to remember. I left a piece of my heart there!



Kiran Menon

★★★★☆ 4/5

An Immersive Eco-Tour

The eco-tour experience was unique and educational. We learned about sustainable practices while enjoying the nature-rich surroundings. Very well organized!



Rajesh Iyer

★★★★★ 5/5

Charming Village Tours

Exploring local villages was a highlight. Interacting with locals and understanding their lifestyle was eye-opening. Very enriching experience!

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