

# Backwater Cycling & Village Life: Alleppey Lagoons & Local Markets

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Destination  
**Kerala**



Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 16,800 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↪ **Kochi · 1N**

↪ **Alleppey · 3N**

↪ **Kumarakom · 1N**

## Overview

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Backwater Cycling & Village Life: Alleppey Lagoons & Local Markets is a thoughtfully curated 5-night, 6-day Kerala tour package that blends gentle adventure, cultural immersion, and serene backwater experiences. Designed for travelers seeking authentic rural life, this Kerala Adventure tour package highlights Alleppy's lagoons, Kumarakom bird sanctuary, and vibrant local markets while offering plenty of active moments like cycling through paddy fields and short canoe explorations. Perfect as a 5 and 6 Kerala Adventure tour package option, it balances relaxation with hands-on experiences – homestays, houseboat cruising, market visits, and interactions with local artisans and farmers.

### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 5 nights accommodation: 1 night in Kochi, 3 nights in Alleppey homestay/eco-lodge, 1 night in Kumarakom resort
- ✓ Daily breakfasts and 3 authentic Kerala lunches
- ✓ 1 Sunset canoe ride in Alleppey lagoons
- ✓ Guided backwater cycling with helmet and bottled water (e-bikes on request)
- ✓ Village immersion activities: coir workshop visit, cooking demonstration, market visits
- ✓ 1-way traditional houseboat cruise from Alleppey to Kumarakom (shared/private options available)
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for village days and cycling
- ✓ Transfers as per itinerary (airport pickup and drop-off from Kochi)
- ✓ All applicable tolls, taxes, and service charges

### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International/domestic flights to/from Kochi
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in inclusions (dinners unless specified)
- ✗ Entry fees for optional private attractions or special experiences
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, and gratuities
- ✗ Travel insurance (recommended)
- ✗ Optional equipment/e-bike surcharge if requested on short notice
- ✗ Any PCR/health tests or requirements in effect at the time of travel
- ✗ Note: Single-room supplements may apply for solo travelers; group bookings and customized pickups can be arranged.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival, Fort Kochi Walk & Local Market Exploration**

Arrive at Cochin International Airport and transfer to Fort Kochi. After check-in, take a relaxed walking tour of the historic Fort Kochi area. Explore St. Francis Church, the Chinese fishing nets, and the Jewish Synagogue / Mattancherry Palace. Late afternoon visit the lively Princess Street and local spice shops – perfect for an introduction to Kerala flavours and handicrafts. Tip: Carry small change for market purchases and expect shaded walking paths.

Day

2

### **Transfer to Alleppey & Sunset Backwater Canoe Ride**

After breakfast drive to Alleppey (Alappuzha) – the gateway to Kerala’s backwaters. On arrival, check in to a village homestay or small eco-lodge. In the afternoon enjoy a guided shallow canoe (vallam kali) ride into the lagoons to watch village life from the water: fishermen, toddy palms, and floating vegetation. End the day with a sunset photo session and a traditional Kerala dinner at your homestay.

Day

3

### **Guided Backwater Cycling: Paddy Fields, Coir Workshops & Local Markets**

Today is a highlight for active travelers: a guided cycling route through narrow village lanes and paddy fields. Stop at a coir-making workshop to see rope-making from coconut husks, visit a local market to sample snacks and fresh fruit, and meet a fisher family to learn about daily routines. Enjoy lunch at a homestay with a farm-to-table menu. Level: easy to moderate – suitable for beginners; e-bikes available on request.

Day

4

### **Village Immersion Day: Cooking Demonstration & Market Scouting**

Spend a relaxed morning visiting a bustling Alleppey market – buy spice samples and locally made snacks. Return for a hands-on Kerala cooking demonstration with a local family: learn to make staples like appam, stew, and a simple vegetable curry. In the late afternoon choose between a short bicycle ride to a nearby chapel or a guided nature walk along the lagoon edges. Note: Cooking sessions can accommodate dietary restrictions if informed in advance.

Day

5

### **Houseboat Cruise to Kumarakom & Birdwatching Evening**

Check out from the homestay and board a traditional houseboat (kettuvallam) for a scenic cruise across Vembanad Lake toward Kumarakom. Enjoy slow cruising past rice paddies, narrow canals and village docks. Arrive in Kumarakom by late afternoon and check in to a lakeside resort. Spend the evening at the Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary or enjoy a guided birdwatching walk at sunset to spot egrets, kingfishers, and migratory waterfowl.

Day

6

## Morning Market Visit & Departure via Kochi

Early morning optional market visit in Kumarakom for fresh produce and local breakfast snacks. After breakfast transfer to Cochin for onward departure. If time permits, quick stop at Marine Drive, Kochi for last-minute shopping or a short harbour stroll. Airport or railway drop-off times will be coordinated based on your flight/train schedule.

## 🔍 Frequently Asked Questions

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### 🔍 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.

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### 🔍 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!

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### 🔍 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.

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### 🔍 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.

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## ❓ 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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