

Luxury Houseboat Cruise: Overnight Gourmet Backwater Experience

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Destination
Kerala



Duration
4 Nights 5 Days



Starting from
Rs. 36,500 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ **Kochi · 1N**

↗ **Alleppey · 1N**

↗ **Kovalam · 2N**

Overview

A relaxing 4 nights / 5 days Kerala tour package crafted for travellers who want a perfect blend of backwater luxury and sun-kissed beaches. This Kerala Beach tour package features an overnight gourmet houseboat cruise in the famous Alleppey (Alappuzha) backwaters, heritage sightseeing in Fort Kochi, and a soothing beach stay at Kovalam. Ideal for those searching for a Kerala tour package, Kerala Beach tour package, Kerala Beach package, or a 4 and 5 Kerala Beach tour package.

Highlights:

- Overnight luxury houseboat cruise on the Vembanad Lake with gourmet meals
- Fort Kochi heritage walk: Chinese Fishing Nets, St. Francis Church, Dutch Palace
- Relaxing beach stay at Kovalam with Lighthouse Beach and optional Ayurvedic spa
- Kathakali performance and guided local market visit
- Perfect balance of culture, cuisine, backwaters and beach time in 5 days

Note: This package is paced for leisure travel with comfortable transfers; timings may vary based on your flight schedule.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 4 nights: 1 night in Kochi, 1 night on a Luxury Houseboat in Alleppey, and 2 nights in a Kovalam beach resort (room categories as per selection).
- ✓ Meals: Daily breakfast, gourmet lunch & dinner onboard the houseboat (as per menu), and meals mentioned in itinerary.
- ✓ Transfers and sightseeing as per the itinerary by private air-conditioned vehicle.
- ✓ English-speaking local guide for Fort Kochi and houseboat boarding assistance.
- ✓ Kathakali demonstration or cultural show (one evening).
- ✓ Permits, taxes and service charges.
- ✓ This package is designed for travellers seeking a premium Kerala Beach package and combines backwater luxury with beach relaxation.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International / domestic airfare to Kerala.
- ✗ Visa, travel insurance, and personal expenses.
- ✗ Tips, portage, and gratuities.
- ✗ Entrance fees, camera fees, and optional activities (Ayurvedic spa, water sports) unless specified.
- ✗ Any meals not mentioned in the inclusions.
- ✗ Peak season surcharges or additional charges for late check-ins.
- ✗ Note: Optional activities can be added to customize this Kerala tour package; ask for a la carte prices.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Kochi & Fort Kochi Heritage Walk

Arrive at Cochin International Airport or Ernakulam Railway Station and transfer to your hotel in Fort Kochi. After check-in and some rest, enjoy a guided heritage walk exploring Fort Kochi: the iconic Chinese Fishing Nets, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica, and Mattancherry Dutch Palace (Jewish Palace). Stroll through the spice markets and antique lanes. In the evening, attend a Kathakali demonstration or a short cultural performance.

Tip: Carry a hat and water for the afternoon walk. Photography is great at sunset around the fishing nets.

Day

2

Drive to Alleppey & Board Luxury Houseboat (Overnight)

After breakfast, drive to Alleppey (Alappuzha) — the gateway to Kerala's backwaters. Board your luxury private houseboat by late morning. Savour a gourmet Kerala-style lunch prepared onboard while the houseboat glides through Vembanad Lake, serene canals, paddy-lined banks and sleepy villages. Afternoon tea as you watch village life and birdlife along the banks. Sunset views from the upper deck. Enjoy a chef-prepared dinner and overnight on the houseboat in comfortable cabins.

Important: The houseboat experience includes freshly prepared local cuisine; let us know any dietary preferences in advance.

Day

3

Disembark & Transfer to Kovalam — Evening at the Beach

After a leisurely breakfast onboard and disembarkation at Alleppey, drive south to Kovalam (approx. 3.5–4 hours). Check in to your beach resort and unwind. Spend the late afternoon at Lighthouse Beach or Hawah Beach—take a dip, watch the sunset, or enjoy a relaxed beachside dinner with fresh seafood options.

Tip: Drive times depend on traffic; set off early if you prefer more beach time.

Day

4

Full Day Beach Leisure & Optional Activities in Kovalam

A full day to enjoy the beaches of Kovalam. Relax on Lighthouse Beach, explore Samudra Beach, or try optional water sports (on request). Indulge in an authentic Ayurvedic massage or spa session at your resort, or take a short trip to Vizhinjam Marine Aquarium. Evening free to explore local shacks and sample Kerala seafood.

Note: Water-sport availability may vary by season. Pre-book Ayurvedic treatments to secure preferred slots.

Day

5

Kovalam Morning & Departure via Trivandrum

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast and final beach walk. Depending on your departure schedule, you may visit Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple or take a quick city drive in Thiruvananthapuram (Trivandrum). Transfer to Trivandrum International Airport or the railway station for your onward journey.

Important: Please share departure flight/train details in advance for a timely transfer. Temple visits require modest attire.

🔍 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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