

Kochi and Kerala Houseboat Tour from £1224pp

5 days/4 nights

Premium Tour from £1224 based on 2 people sharing.

Itinerary overview

Day 1 & 2 – Kochi

Day 3 & 4 – Alleppey

Houseboat

Day 5 Kochi and onwards travel

Price includes

Accommodation

Meals (as specified)

Guides

Private transfers

Sightseeing as mentioned

Extras

International flights

Internal flights

supplement

We say.....

A wonderful short extension to any of our India wildlife tours, a splash of colour, Indian culture and traditional Keralan village life.

DAY 1 KOCHI

On your arrival at the airport and after clearing customs and immigration if arriving from overseas, our representative will meet and escort you to the Malabar House Hotel where you will be staying in a roof garden room

Kochi (colonial name Cochin) is a vibrant city situated on the south-west coast of the Indian peninsula in the breathtakingly scenic and prosperous state of Kerala, hailed as 'God's Own Country'. Its strategic importance over the centuries is underlined by the sobriquet Queen of the Arabian Sea. Informally, Kochi is also referred to as the Gateway to Kerala.

Accommodation & Meals

2 nights at [Malabar House](#) (Roof garden room) (B)

DAY 2 KOCHI

After breakfast proceed on a guided tour of Cochin visiting Fort Cochin, Jewish town, Dutch Palace (Mattancherry), and the Chinese fishing nets.

Moving northwest from Mattancherry Palace along Bazaar Road, you pass wholesale emporia where owners, sitting behind scales surrounded by sacks of spices may well be prepared to talk about their wares.

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Keep walking in a northerly direction over the canal and then westwards into Fort Cochin. The architecture of the quiet streets in this enclave is very definitely European, with fine houses built by wealthy British traders, and Dutch cottages with split farm house doors. At the water's edge there's a bus stand, boat jetty and food and drinks stalls.

In the evening visit Kathkali Dance Theatre for live performance of famous Kathkali Dance. Kathakali is a traditional dance form of Kerala and the impressive facial expressions, hand gestures and dance moves will leave one spellbound.

Stay overnight at Kochi.

DAY 3 ALLEPPEY HOUSEBOAT

After breakfast drive to Alleppey and board your private houseboat.

Kottayam (Alleppey), is the embarkation point for the riceboats which are known locally as Kettuvallam. Fringing the coast of Kerala and winding far inland is a vast network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals. These backwaters represent a unique geographical formation and are home to a distinct and fascinating traditional lifestyle.

Accommodation & Meals

2 nights on a [Kumarakom Lake Resort Houseboat](#) (B L D)

DAY 4 ALLEPPEY HOUSEBOAT

Enjoy breakfast on board whilst cruising through lush green spice plantation areas and local villages.

DAY 5 KOCHI - ONWARD TRAVEL

You'll disembark at around 10:00 and transferred to Kochi by road and if needed, onto Kochi Airport to board your flight for onward journey.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

What's included?

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis at hotels mentioned or of a similar category. Rooms will be their standard ones unless otherwise specified. We reserve the right to substitute accommodation of an equivalent standard if the accommodation shown is not available during your travel dates.
- Meals as specified above in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch & D=Dinner).
- All transfers, sightseeing and overland trips by air-conditioned Toyota Innova car.
- Services of an English speaking guide for the sightseeing in Kochi.
- Kathkali dance show at Kochi.
- Entrance fee to the places of visit including ASI monuments.
- Mineral water during all transfers, drives & sightseeing.

- Assistance at airports/railway station and at the hotels at the time of check in/out in all the major cities.
- **3.09% Service Tax on total bill**

What's not included?

- International flights. We are happy to help you book these or you can arrange your own.
- Domestic flights.
- Insurance.
- India visa fee.
- Meals or drinks except those specified above.
- Any services of accompanied escort (supplement advised, if required).
- Tips and gratuities.
- Purchases of a personal nature.
- Any expenses incurred due to any unforeseen situation or any other reason beyond our control including acts of God, change in government tax policy, etc.

COST:

1st MAY 2016 to 30th SEPT 2016 £898 per person sharing

1st OCT 2016 to MAR 31st 2017 £1224 per person sharing

Please note that if your booking falls on Christmas Eve or New Year Eve, the hotels may impose mandatory gala supplements.

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Our consultants are dedicated to providing you, our clients, with the holiday of your dreams, we will always endeavour to offer you the best value India wildlife holiday in line with the time available and budget guidelines you have supplied.

The camps, lodges and hotels included in our trips are regularly vetted by our consultants to ensure the highest standards are maintained and that every trip is a unique and authentic Indian experience.

India Wildlife Holidays will never compromise the quality of our holidays by offering a knowingly inferior product in the interests of price.