

# Back water of Kerala

**03 Nights/04 Days**  
**Alleppey - 3**

## **Day 1**

**COCHIN - ALLEPPEY (60 Kms/01.30 Hrs)**



Arrive Cochin. Transfer to Alleppey. Embark into the Luxury House Boat – Heaven on Water along the extraordinary Kerala backwaters.

The House boat sets sail and heads to the north of Vembanad Lake, sailing through Taneermukkam, famous for the salt water barrier dam and its ancient temple. Lunch is served on board.

Watch a whole new world unfold during your cruise as you sail along the tranquil waters of Asia's largest freshwater lake, and then through a shimmering exotic maze of interlinked canals and rivers and lakes bordered by vibrant and lush green foliage, palms and paddy fields. Catch a view of the famous Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary - a cluster of islands that is an ornithologist's delight.

Evening at leisure, exploring any of several leisure options. Dinner and overnight on board.

## **Day 2**

**ALLEPPEY**



After breakfast, the boat sail through Punnamada Lake which hosts the Annual Nehru Trophy Boat Race. Past the finishing point, it dock at Kanjipadam village with its rice fields, little houses and constant gaggle of geese and ducks. And there's the 100 year old temple of Shree Bhagavathy Kshetram which hosts a 5 day annual cultural Ulsavam (festival). You are transported into the quaint lifestyle that thrives around the backwaters which are the lifelines of this gentle rural world, quite charmingly different from anywhere you have ever been – soothing for the eyes and for the soul.

Transfer to rice boats and weave your way through the picturesque, narrow canals in Chambakulam, known for its annual snake boat races and the oldest Angadi (market). Walk through the paths and lanes of this craft and coir village and also visit the St. Mary Florence Church built in 1870.

Return to the House Boat in time for a sumptuous lunch, before proceeding through the Pamba River, also known as Dakshina Ganga – the Ganges of the South. Watch the play of the sky, the water, the birds as you sail back. Dinner and overnight on board.

### **Day 3** **ALLEPPEY**



After breakfast, set sail and travel through R-block, in region which is the famous rice-bowl of Kerala, to reach Punnamada jetty where shikara boats are arranged for you to experience the highlights of this area. The journey through these canals takes you past small scenic islands with a view of the coconut and paddy fields, Chinese fishing nets and toddy tappers. Bordered by mud walls reminiscent of the dykes of Holland, the fields are a striking example of the few places where farming is done below sea level. The area is also a haven for migratory birds.

Later return to the boat for lunch. Sail back through Chithira Kayal with more of the below-sea-level paddy farming.

Dinner and overnight on board.

### **Day 4** **ALLEPPEY – COCHIN (60 Kms/01.30 Hrs)**



After Breakfast, Sail to bid adieu to the tranquil, almost dream-like Kerala backwaters. Sail close to the uninhabited Padiramnal Island. Padiramnal means ‘the Sands of Night’ and the island is a Birdwatcher’s paradise. Home to over 90 local species and 50 migratory boards, you may catch glimpses of the pintail Duck, Common Teal, Night Heron, Cormorant, various types of Egrets, Jacanasth Cotton Pygmy Goose and the Whiskered Tern. The Monarch flycatcher has also been spotted.

Disembark at Boat Jetty at 10.00 am and drive back to Cochin. Drop at Airport or Rly. Station.