

Enchanting Kerala

04 Nights/05 Days

Kumarakom -1, Kumarakom>>Alleppey -1, Varkala -1, Kovalam -1

Day 1

COCHIN - KUMARAKOM (65 Kms/1.30 Hours)



Arrive Cochin, transfer to Kumarakom and check into the hotel. **Kumarakom**, the queen of Vembanad, is a 'resort' destination. This tiny village on the edge of Vembanad Lake was practically unknown till one Henry Baker purchased land from the erstwhile King of Travancore to build himself a grand home. Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary is a must-visit with its numerous beautiful rivulets and waterways. The scenic Vembanad Lake surrounded by mangrove forests and paddy fields is one of the best places for bird viewing inside the sanctuary. A large population of feathered species along with a pleasant climate make it a great picnic spot. Day is leisure, overnight stay.

Day 2

KUMARAKOM>>ALLEPPEY (40 Kms)



After breakfast, checkout and embark on the traditional Rice barge (House boat) to Alleppey – Land of Backwater situated on the banks of Vembanad Lake, Alleppey also known as Alapuzzha - is one of the most magnificent Backwaters destinations of the Kerala state. Set in the labyrinth of Backwater channels and bridges the town is one of the best gateways to explore the unspoiled natural beauty of the countryside. Apart, Alleppey is known for the production of the high quality coir goods, rice bowl of Kerala, boasts of a diverse variety of fauna and its famous annual Snake Boat Race festivals on arrival Check-in to House Boat – Lunch in House Boat.

Afternoon House boat takes you on a tour through the backwaters, a splendid area full of canals, lakes and coves. You can sunbathe on the deck or observe the landscape from the protection of the cabin. The population's whole life takes place here on the water. The people sail, fish, swim and bathe here. They do their washing and their washing up. They are so adapted to the water that you can see people talking for an hour, while they are up to their necks in water. Peddlers take care of the supplies and the public transport goes on the water. Countless water birds wait for their chance

to catch a fish. The trip goes through a wonderful area full of palm trees, rice fields and floating water plants that surround the boat like emerald Green Island. Evening leisure House boat. Overnight on board.

Day 3

ALLEPPEY - VARKALA (125 Kms/03 Hrs)



After breakfast, disembark House Boat in Alleppey and drive to Varkala. Check-in at Hotel.

Varkala is a coastal and pilgrim town, a natural paradise for tourists. It is an attraction for its unlimited potential and infinite charm where tourists enjoy a wide range of pursuits like boat riding, sun bath and ayurveda. Varkala is also an important religious place for the Hindus. The **Papanasam Beach** at Varkala is a quiet, secluded beach known for its white, silvery stretch of sand, mineral springs and rocky cliffs. The final resting place of Sree Narayana Guru, the great social reformer of Kerala, is near Varkala, atop a hill named Sivagiri. High cliffs with mineral springs rising majestically is a scene typical of Varkala.

According to a myth, sage Narada was approached by a group of mendicants who confessed to having sinned. Narada threw his valkkalam (the bark of tree which the mythical sage used to wear) into the air, and the place where it landed was subsequently named Varkala. The mendicants were directed by Narada to offer their prayers in the newly created place by the seashore. The place where they prayed for redemption came to be known as the Papanasham Beach (Papanasham means redemption from sins). Day free for leisure. Overnight stay.

Day 4

VARKALA - KOVALAM (60 Kms/ 1 Hr)



After breakfast, checkout and drive to Kovalam and check in at hotel. Remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure for relaxation and independent/spa activities.

About Kovalam - Just 16 km from the capital Trivandrum, on the coast of the Arabian Sea is situated Kovalam. Because of its beaches Kovalam belongs to one of the renowned Destinations for leisure. Kovalam means a grove of coconut trees. The crescent-shaped beach has three parts. The most popular, is lighthouse beach, the Hawah beach and Samudra beach. A golden strip of sand, laced with palm trees, this internationally acclaimed, lush, tropical beach is often referred to as "the

Paradise of the South". The Sun bathing, Swimming, Ayurvedic Rejuvenation, Yoga and meditation, Herbal body toning massages, Special Cultural Programmers, Catamaran cruising; etc are the other attraction of this place. Day is leisure on the beach. Overnight stay.

Day 5

KOVALAM - TRIVANDRUM (20 Kms/45 Mins)



After breakfast, drive to trivandrum International airport for your flight to onward destination.