

Highlights of Kerala

04 Nights/05 Days

Cochin -1, Kumarakom -2, Kumarakom>>Alleppey -1

Day 1

COCHIN (ARRIVAL) + LSS 25 Kms



Arrive Cochin, Check-in at Hotel. After Lunch, explore **Cochin** - We visit 'The Jewish Synagogue' at the heart of what is locally called the Jew Town, 'The St. Francis Church', the oldest European Church in India, 'The Santa Cruz Basilica' originally built in 1557 by the Portuguese, The Dutch Palace, Spice market at the narrow streets and the 'Chinese fishing nets' are huge cantilevered fishing nets believed to have brought to Kochi by Chinese traders. **[Please note: Jewish synagogue & Dutch palace are closed on Friday & Saturday].**

Evening visit the famous dance drama of Kerala, the "Kathakali" This dance can be characterized by grotesque gesticulations, amazing costumes and very extensive make-up. The stories are mostly taken from the epics Mahabharatha and Ramayana. Back to hotel. Overnight stay.

Day 2

COCHIN - KUMARAKOM (65 Kms/1.30 Hrs)



After breakfast drive to Kumarakom. Arrive by noon and check-in to your resort. Rest of the day will be at leisure to enjoy the waterfront. Overnight stay.

Day 3

KUMARAKOM



Day will be at leisure. Experience the ancient science of life - Ayurvedic massage available at the hotel. Overnight stay.

Day 4

KUMARAKOM - ALLEPPEY (40 Kms)



Following a leisurely breakfast, 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 5

ALLEPPEY - COCHIN DROP (60 Kms/01.30 Hrs)



Early morning disembark from your comforts of the house boat and transfer to Kochi airport to take a flight to your onward destination.