

Backwaters of Kerala (3 Nights / 4 Days)

Pre & Post Congress Tour

HOW TO BOOK: Please email vasu@kwconferences.com giving your selection of tours and dates

Price per person Twin Sharing including taxes: INR 49,000

Additional Cost including taxes if the room is to be occupied without sharing: INR 19,685

Kochi, formerly known as **Cochin** (the colonial-era name), is a major city and seaport of India, located in Ernakulam district in the state of Kerala.

In 1102 AD, Kochi became the seat of the Kingdom of Cochin, which traced its lineage to the Kulasekhara Empire. Heralded as the Queen of Arabian Sea, Kochi was an important spice trading centre on the Arabian Sea coast from the 14th century. Occupied by the Portuguese in 1503, Kochi was the first of the European colonies in India. It remained the capital of Portuguese India until 1530, when they opted for Goa as their capital. The city was later occupied by the Dutch and the British, with the Kingdom of Cochin becoming a princely state.

Kumarakom is a tourist village in Kottayam district, Kerala. It is a cluster of little islands on the Vembanad Lake in Kerala. Kumarakom is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna. Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary is a noted bird sanctuary where many species of migratory birds visit. The Vembanad Lake, the largest backwater in Kerala, is habitat for many marine and freshwater fish species and it teems with Karimeen (Pearl spot), shrimp (chemmeen in the local language) and prawns. The bird sanctuary extends over 14 acres (57,000 m²), and came into existence following preservation efforts from the government. It is a major tourist attraction. The Aruvikkuzhi Waterfalls is another natural attraction in Tauranga area.

Alappuzha, traditionally known as Alleppey, is a picturesque town with canals, backwaters, beaches, and lagoons, it was described as the one of the places known as Venice of the East by Marco Polo (1292). History says Alappuzha had trade relations with ancient Greece and Rome in Antiquity and in the Middle Ages. The famous Chettikulangara temple is at Mavelikkara in Alappuzha district. Arthunkal church and Edathuva church are famous Christian worship centres in the district.

TOUR PROGRAM	NIGHT
<p>Day 1) Pre Date: May 22, 2015 Post Date: May 29, 2015</p> <p>KOCHI:</p> <p>Pick up on arrival from Kochi airport and transfer to hotel (program depends upon the flight time).</p> <p>Visit the old city to experience the reminiscent of European streets and houses; the Chinese Fishing Nets on the northern shore of Fort Cochin; and the St Francis Church.</p> <p>Lunch in the hotel. Dinner in the hotel or outside.</p>	<p>KOCHI</p> 

Day 2)

Pre Date: May 23, 2015

Post Date: May 30, 2015

KOCHI/KUMARAKOM (50 km):

08:00 hrs: Breakfast.

09:00 hrs: Check-out from the hotel and visit Jewish Synagogue; the Mattancherry Palace, known locally as the Dutch Palace; Fort Cochin.

11:00 hrs: Drive to **Kumarakom**, the paradise for the bird watchers and lovers of nature. Transfer to the island resort by boat. Relax and enjoy the wonderful environment around.

13:00 hrs: Lunch

16:00 hrs: Take small boat ride in the narrow lanes of the backwater and enjoy close view of the regular activities of the local villages around back water and the variety of flora and fauna.

Later free time for rejuvenating Ayurvedic massage or relax around the hotel.

Lunch & dinner at the resort.

KUMARAKOM



Day 3)

Pre Date: May 24, 2015

Post Date: May 31, 2015

KUMARAKOM/ALLEPPY (63km):

07:30 hrs: Breakfast

08:30 hrs: Take the house-boat (rice-boat) ride to **Alleppy** and transfer to the resort on the Arabian sea.

13:00 hrs: Lunch in the hotel.

16:30 hrs: Visit the village (walking or by bicycle) around. One may have a guided tour through the village and get some ideas about the daily life, tradition, culture of the local people.

Later enjoy the peaceful beach and the sunset of the Arabian sea.

19:30 hrs. Dinner at the resort (resort offers all the unique and tasty traditional cuisines of Kerala along with the continental foods).

Enjoy the enchanting traditional Dances performed by the famous performers (specially arranged by the hotel).

ALLEPPY



<p>Day 4) Pre Date: May 25, 2015</p> <p>ALLEPPY/KOCHI:</p> <p>Get up early and enjoy the sunrise on the Arabian sea. After leisure breakfast, checkout the resort with some unforgettable memories. Later transfer to Kochi airport for flight to Hyderabad.</p>	
<p>Day 4) Post Date: June 01, 2015</p> <p>ALLEPPY/KOCHI: Later transfer to airport for onward journey.</p>	

INCLUSIONS:

The tour cost includes:

- Arrival/Departure transfers, sightseeing, excursion as per programme by an air-conditioned Luxury Car/Coach with services of an English speaking guide for city tour.
- Hotel accommodation in a 5* category on twin sharing in standard room.
- All three meals included in the cost of the tour programme.
- Monument entrance fee wherever applicable.
- The rates/costs quoted above are inclusive of all taxes and Service Tax @ 2.58%.

*** Any increase in the Service Tax is payable by the guest**

EXCLUSIONS:

The tour cost does not include:

- Any additional accommodation not specified in the itineraries.
- Personal expenses like camera/video/handycam fee, laundry, telephone calls, tips,/gratuities , extra at the hotels etc. The cost also doesn't include room service, mini bar, any personal order of juice, tea, coffee, soft or hard drinks, etc.
- Any other services not specified above.
- Wherever, there is no 5* property available, accommodation will be provided at the highest category accommodation available there.

AIRFARES - if applicable will be additional at the time of booking. Airfares from destinations to Hyderabad OR Hyderabad to destinations are not included in the above mentioned costs/rates.