



**Tour Name** : Colony, Backwaters & Beaches of Kerala

**Duration** ; 6 Nights / 7 Days

**About the tour:**

If you're looking to spend your week in India fully unwinding, then look no further than the sunny, laid-back southern state of Kerala. Fly into Kochi and explore Fort Kochi, the old-town quarters famous for its cobblestoned lanes and Dutch, Portuguese, and Jewish heritage. From there, head to Alleppey, a Venetian-esque town built onto canals and streams known as the Keralan backwaters. If your idea of a good time involves a hammock and a steady supply of fresh coconuts, then look no further than Marari Beach, an stretch of sandy coastline where you'll get a chance to see local fishermen in action as they haul in their catches of the day. Or head south to Kovalam, a sandy and shallow coast dotted with Ayurvedic spas.

## Outline Itinerary

### **Day 1; Arrive Kochi**

On arrival at Kochi airport assistance and transfer to hotel. Kochi founded by Vasco-da-Gama in 1502, quickly developed into a principle port and the center of the spice trade on the Malabar Coast. A picturesque town of dilapidated buildings, vibrant bougainvillea and a languid palm-fringed harbour, Portuguese, Dutch and British settlers have all influenced this charming city. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 2; Kochi**

Breakfast at hotel. Smell of the seawater and fish, hung over nets and locals on the beach – today we explore the Fort Kochi. Starting on foot, begin the day at the church of St Francis, the oldest European church in India, then walk to the town's waterfront – site of the iconic Chinese fishing nets and the many fish stalls. Later visit Mattancherry Palace, which was built by the Portuguese in 1557 as a gift to the Raja of Kochi, and the town's fine synagogue. The area here is also known for its many antique and souvenir shops. End the day with a mesmeric sunset cruise around the bustling harbour. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 3; Kochi - Alleppey (60Kms/ 1.3hrs approx)**

Breakfast at hotel, drive to Alleppey the Kerala backwaters to join a private houseboat for a night cruise. Authentic and comfortable, all meals are cooked on board and the boat is staffed with a captain, a deck hand and a cook. Spend the remainder of day cruising the picturesque and peaceful backwaters.

Explore the backwaters that entails a network of lakes, coconut shaded canals and estuaries – tiled and thatched cottages bright with hibiscus dot the embankments and the cantilevered Chinese fishing nets hung over the water's edge. Witness local life with children swimming and playing in the water, women attending to their daily chores and men fishing from their canoes. Lunch, dinner & overnight in houseboat.

### **Day 4; Alleppey - Mararikulam (20kms/ 30min approx) or Kovalam (160kms/ (3hrs approx)**

After breakfast disembark houseboat and drive to Marari and check in at a Beach Resort for a three-night stay. Rest time free and easy to relax on the beach. Overnight at beach resort.

### **Day 5; Mararikulam/ Kovalam**

Breakfast at hotel, day free and easy to relax on the beach and connect with yourself. Overnight at beach resort.

### **Day 6; Mararikulam / Kovalam**

Breakfast at hotel, day free and easy to relax on the beach and connect with yourself. Overnight at beach resort.

**Day 7; Mararikulam - Kochi (75kms/ 2hrs approx) or Kovalam - Trivandrum (**  
Breakfast at hotel. As per your flight schedule transfer to Kochi or Trivandrum Airport to board flight for onward destination.

**Price details:**



Price using 3 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020												
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)					
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	Currency	INR	Euro	USD
1 person	₹	103,838	€ 1,385	\$1,598		N/A	€ N/A	\$ N/A		N/A	€ N/A	\$ N/A
2 person	₹	75,382	€ 1,005	\$1,160	₹	55,162	€ 735	\$849		N/A	€ N/A	\$ N/A
3 person	₹	68,471	€ 913	\$1,053	₹	60,313	€ 804	\$928	₹	44,451	€ 593	\$684
4 person	₹	67,037	€ 894	\$1,031	₹	58,520	€ 780	\$900	₹	43,017	€ 574	\$662
5 person	₹	63,015	€ 840	\$969	₹	53,493	€ 713	\$823	₹	38,995	€ 520	\$600
6 person	₹	61,154	€ 815	\$941	₹	51,167	€ 682	\$787	₹	37,135	€ 495	\$571
7 person	₹	59,122	€ 788	\$910	₹	48,627	€ 648	\$748	₹	35,102	€ 468	\$540
8 person	₹	57,597	€ 768	\$886	₹	46,721	€ 623	\$719	₹	33,578	€ 448	\$517
Child 5-11yrs		₹13,324				€ 178				\$205		
Child below 5yrs		Free										
H B supplement		₹3,529				€ 47				\$54		
Additional night in Cochin	₹	5,882	€ 78	\$90	₹	3,309	€ 44	\$51	₹	2,696	€ 36	\$41
Price using 4 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020												
Particular	Particular			Particular			Particular					
Currency	Currency	Currency	Currency	Currency	Currency	Currency	Currency	Currency	Currency			

1 person	₹128,103	€ 1,708	\$1,971	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹87,515	€ 1,167	\$1,346	₹55,162	€ 735	\$849	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹80,603	€ 1,075	\$1,240	₹60,313	€ 804	\$928	₹55,725	€ 743	\$857
4 person	₹79,169	€ 1,056	\$1,218	₹58,520	€ 780	\$900	₹54,292	€ 724	\$835
5 person	₹75,147	€ 1,002	\$1,156	₹53,493	€ 713	\$823	₹50,270	€ 670	\$773
6 person	₹73,287	€ 977	\$1,127	₹51,167	€ 682	\$787	₹48,409	€ 645	\$745
7 person	₹71,254	€ 950	\$1,096	₹48,627	€ 648	\$748	₹46,377	€ 618	\$713
8 person	₹69,730	€ 930	\$1,073	₹46,721	€ 623	\$719	₹44,852	€ 598	\$690
Child 5-11yrs	₹22,882			€ 305			\$352		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹6,471			€ 86			\$100		
Additional night in Cochin	₹7,353	€ 98	\$113	₹4,044	€ 54	\$62	₹3,676	€ 49	\$57

Price using 5 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020

Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)			
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person		₹191,338	€ 2,551	\$2,944	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person		₹124,831	€ 1,664	\$1,920	₹59,022	€ 787	\$908	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person		₹114,059	€ 1,521	\$1,755	₹60,313	€ 804	\$928	₹77,980	€ 1,040	\$1,200
4 person		₹112,625	€ 1,502	\$1,733	₹58,520	€ 780	\$900	₹76,547	€ 1,021	\$1,178

5 person	₹108,603	€ 1,448	\$1,671	₹53,493	€ 713	\$823	₹72,525	€ 967	\$1,116
6 person	₹106,743	€ 1,423	\$1,642	₹51,167	€ 682	\$787	₹70,664	€ 942	\$1,087
7 person	₹104,710	€ 1,396	\$1,611	₹48,627	€ 648	\$748	₹68,632	€ 915	\$1,056
8 person	₹103,186	€ 1,376	\$1,587	₹46,721	€ 623	\$719	₹67,107	€ 895	\$1,032
Child 5-11yrs	₹30,088			€ 401			\$463		
Child below 5yrs	Free								
H B supplement	₹14,118			€ 188			\$217		
Additional night in Cochin	₹16,176	€ 216	\$249	₹8,088	€ 108	\$124	₹6,618	€ 88	\$102

**Note: Euro & USD prices are subject to change in case of any fluctuation in currency exchange rate. Please check the currency exchange rate of the day for exact price in your currency. In any case our INR price will remain unchanged and shall be treated as final price.**

**Included in price:**

- Garland welcome and assistance on arrival at airport
- 6-Nights / 7-Days accommodation in offered hotels or similar (standard room)
- Daily breakfast at hotel in each package price
- Accommodation in Alleppey Houseboat includes all meals
- Deluxe Air-conditioned private vehicle with English speaking chauffeur as per tour program.
- Monuments Entrances of sightseeing places mentioned in the itinerary (almost all places of tourist interest are included in our itinerary)
- Government licensed English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city).
- Applicable GST (government taxes).

**Not Included in price:**

- Any air fare
- Main Meals, Lunch or dinner unless mentioned
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Or anything not mentioned above.

**Hotels used or similar in above price**

Day	City	3* Hotels	4* Hotels	5* Hotels
1	Cochin	The Dune Hotel/ Abad Plaza	Casino Hotel/ The Avenue Regent	Xandari Harbour/ Le Meridien
2	Cochin	The Dune Hotel/ Abad Plaza	Casino Hotel/ The Avenue Regent	Xandari Harbour/ Le Meridien
3	Alleppey	Deluxe Houseboat	Premium Houseboat	Luxury Houseboat
4	Kovalam	Harmonia Beach Resort/ Sagara Beach Resort	Estuary Island Resort/ Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel	Vivanta by Taj - Green Cove/ The Leela Kovalam Beach
5	Kovalam	Harmonia Beach Resort/ Sagara Beach Resort	Estuary Island Resort/ Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel	Vivanta by Taj - Green Cove/ The Leela Kovalam Beach
6	Kovalam	Harmonia Beach Resort/ Sagara Beach Resort	Estuary Island Resort/ Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel	Vivanta by Taj - Green Cove/ The Leela Kovalam Beach
7	Departure			

### **Payment Policy:**

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 7 days prior to arrival date

### **Cancellation policy:**

Note: Written cancellation will accept on all working days, except Sunday, Any cancellation sent on Sunday's will be considered on next working day (Monday).

For the X-mas and New Year period from 20 Dec to 05 Jan the payment is non-refundable.

In case you cancel the trip after commencement, refund would be restricted to a limited amount only which too would depend on the amount that we would be able to recover from the hoteliers/ contractors we patronize.

For unused hotel accommodation, chartered transportation & missed meals etc. we do not bear any responsibility to refund.

- Cancellation before 30 days – no cancellation fees only bank charges.
- Cancellation before 29 -15 days – 25% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 14 –7 days - 50% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 6 – 3 days - 75% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 2 days – Now show 90% of the invoice.

### **Our Liabilities & Limitations:**

Please note that after the finalization of the Tour/ service Cost, if there are any Hike in entrance fees of monuments / museums, Taxes, fuel cost or guide charges – by Gov. of India, the same would be charged as extra.

Agora Voyages act only in the capacity of agent for the hotels, airlines, transporters, railways & contractors providing other services & all exchange orders, receipts, contracts & tickets issued by us are issued subject to terms & conditions under which these services are provided by them.

All itineraries are sample itineraries, intended to give you a general idea of the likely trip schedule. Numerous factors such as weather, road conditions, the physical ability of the participants etc. may dictate itinerary changes either before the tour or while on the trail. We reserve the right to change any schedule in the interest



of the trip participants' safety, comfort & general wellbeing.

Our rates are based on the prevailing rates as negotiated by us with the hotels, airlines etc. Hotels and Airlines retain the right to modify the rates without notice. In case of such changes the rates quoted before the modification, can be changed by us according to the modifications by hotels or airlines. All hotel bookings are based on usual check in and check out time of the hotels until unless indicated in the itinerary.

We shall not be responsible for any delays & alterations in the program or expenses incurred – directly or indirectly – due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accident, breakdown of machinery or equipment's, breakdown of transport, weather, sickness, landslides, political closures or any untoward incidents.

We shall not be responsible for any loss, injury or damage to person, property, or otherwise in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services, resulting – directly or indirectly – from any act of GOD, dangers, fire, accident, breakdown in machinery or equipment, breakdown of transport, wars, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferages, epidemics, medical or custom department regulations, defaults, or any other causes beyond our control.

We do not have any insurance policy covering the expenses for accident, sickness, loss due to theft, or any other reasons. Visitors are advised to seek such insurance arrangements in their home country. All baggage's & personal property/s at all times are at the client's risk.

We will not be responsible for any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, road blocks, bad weather, etc.

### **Tipping**

Tipping is not included in our price. Tipping is optional, and at times expected in travel trade. Obviously there is no limit to how much you can tip and some guests who enjoy and appreciate the services of Guides, driver and other crew will and have tipped much more than our average tipping guideline of about \$10-15 per day.

### **Trip Comments**

When you return from your trip, please share your experience with us. Any photos, suggestions will be appreciated. Although we try our best, Tourism is a trade, which cannot be perfect and there will always remain a room for improvement. Your comments (both criticism and compliments) are invaluable to us and we look forward to hearing from you, upon your return.