

## Backwaters of Kerala (3 Nights / 4 Days)

**HOW TO BOOK:** Please email [vasu@kwconferences.com](mailto:vasu@kwconferences.com) giving your selection of tours and dates

**Price per person Twin Sharing including taxes: INR 47,100**

**Additional Cost including taxes if the room is to be occupied without sharing: INR 19,700**


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**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 m<sup>2</sup>), 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><b>Day 1)</b> <b>Pre Date: May 31st, 2014</b> <b>Post Date: June 7th, 2013</b></p> <p><b>KOCHI:</b></p> <p>Pick up on arrival from Kochi airport and transfer to hotel (program depends upon the flight time).</p>	<p><b>KOCHI</b></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><b>Day 2)</b> <b>Pre Date: June 1st, 2014</b> <b>Post Date: June 8th, 2014</b></p> <p><b>KOCHI/KUMARAKOM (50 km):</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>11:00 hrs: Drive to <b>Kumarakom</b>, the paradise for the bird watchers and lovers of nature. Transfer to the island resort by boat. Relax and enjoy the wonderful environment around.</p> <p>13:00 hrs: Lunch</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Later free time for rejuvenating Ayurvedic massage or relax around the hotel.</p> <p>Lunch &amp; dinner at the resort.</p>	<p><b>KUMARAKOM</b></p>   
<p><b>Day 3)</b> <b>Pre Date: June 2nd, 2014</b> <b>Post Date: June 9th, 2014</b></p> <p><b>KUMARAKOM/ALLEPPY (63km):</b></p> <p>07:30 hrs: Breakfast 08:30 hrs: Take the house-boat (rice-boat) ride to <b>Alleppy</b> and transfer to the resort on the Arabian sea. 13:00 hrs: Lunch in the hotel.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Later enjoy the peaceful beach and the sunset of the Arabian sea.</p>	<p><b>ALLEPPY</b></p>  

<p>19:30 hrs. Dinner at the resort (resort offers all the unique and tasty traditional cuisines of Kerala along with the continental foods).</p> <p>Enjoy the enchanting traditional Dances performed by the famous performers (specially arranged by the hotel).</p>	
<p><b>Day 4)</b>  <b>Pre Date: June 3rd, 2014</b></p> <p><b>ALLEPPY/KOCHI:</b></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><b>Day 4)</b>  <b>Post Date: June 10th, 2014</b></p> <p><b>ALLEPPY/KOCHI:</b> 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.
- Any guest desirous of availing Single Room occupancy (not on twin sharing basis), the same will be charged extra @ INR 8500 per person per night extra. 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.**

## TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR PRE/POST TOURS

### Important Instructions regarding the Pre & Post Congress Tours –

- All Pre Tours end on 3rd May 2014 at respective places as mentioned in the itineraries to enable delegates to attend ICUE 2014 at Hyderabad.
- All Post Tours begin at respective places as mentioned in the itineraries on 7th June 2014.
- All rates are based on a Minimum Group Size of 6-8 Pax. The Organisers reserve the right to cancel any tour that does not have the minimum number of Bookings as on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- Private Customised Tours can be organised upon request for a minimum of 2 persons travelling together. Please mail your requirements to [vasu@kwconferences.com](mailto:vasu@kwconferences.com) for a quote.
- All tours are handled by KW Conferences Pvt Ltd. Please book your tours directly with them  
E-mail: [vasu@kwconferences.com](mailto:vasu@kwconferences.com) Fax: +91 40 23113592.
- Please note that the pre & post tours will operate on twin sharing basis.
- The last date for booking for pre & post congress tours is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Any booking requests received later may be charged at different rates & terms and will depend on availability.
- The tour timings are subject to change due to unforeseen reasons.
- KWC reserves the right to cancel a tour without prior notice due to any unforeseen circumstances or in the best interest of the delegates or the congress.
- Personal travel insurance is strongly recommended. In no event KWC shall be liable for acts or defaults in case of injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind whatsoever during arrangements organised through airlines, contractors or the employees of such contractors in carrying out services.

### Payment:

- Full payment in advance must be made to receive confirmation of your pre/post tour bookings.
- Payment can be made online by Visa / Master cards or by wire transfer. Account details for making payment by wire transfer will be provided by KWC at the time of confirmation of tours.

### Cancellations & Refunds:

All cancellations / amendments must be received by KWC in writing On or Before 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and refunds will be made after deducting the retention charges as per the following criteria –

- Please note all refunds will be made after deducting an administrative fee of 10% of the total tour cost & any applicable Bank Charges.
- No Refunds for Cancellations received after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014.
- All refunds will be made within 15 days after the Congress.

**Please note:**

- Amendments in terms of change of dates, change of tours, and reduction in number of passengers will be treated as cancellations & amended requests will be subject to availability of facilities. Inability of KWC to provide services as per amendments will not dilute its right to charge retention.
- The above rates apply to tour costs (ground arrangements) only.
- Airfares 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.
- Advance collected shall be refunded in full in case the tour is cancelled by us due to inadequate participation or force majeure.

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