

HOUSE BOATS OF KERALA

5 Days / 4 Nights

Accentuate your South India holiday experience aboard one of the famed Kettuvallams (houseboats) of Kerala. Cruise the intricate network of palm fringed canals, lakes and lagoons of Kerala, known as "the Venice of the East", and experience the rural and real life in the heart of "God's Own Country".

Day 1: Kochi

You will be met and transferred from Kochi to Alleppey where you will board your luxury houseboat. Your cruise begins through Punnamada / Pallathuruthy backwaters before lunch. After lunch you will cruise the Vembanadu backwaters where you will see Pathiramanal Island and Thanneermukkam Bund. Your evening cruise takes you through Kumarakom backwaters to enjoy a beautiful sunset, before dinner onboard. Overnight on board your houseboat at Kumarakom.

Day 2: Cruising the Backwaters

After breakfast your cruise resumes through Kumarakom Backwaters to

Kuttanadu Backwaters, where you will disembark for a village tour of Kuttanadu Village and lunch. After lunch your houseboat continues cruising the backwaters of Kuttanadu. Later in the afternoon you may choose to take a canoe ride through the narrow canals before returning to your vessel for refreshments, a sunset cruise and dinner onboard. Overnight on board your houseboat at Alleppey.

Day 3: Cruising the Backwaters

After breakfast your relaxed backwater cruise takes on a faster pace with a trip by speedboat for an hour before your cruise resumes to explore the Nedumudi backwaters. Here you will disembark to visit Nedumudi Village and have lunch, before returning to the houseboat for refreshments, and dinner. Overnight onboard your houseboat at Kanjippadam.

Day 4: Kochi

After breakfast your final houseboat cruise will resume through Kanjippadam to the Thakazhy backwaters where you will disembark your vessel. Here you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Later depart for a sightseeing tour of Kochi and visit the Dutch Palace, the Jewish Synagogue, and the Chinese Fishing Nets, as well as St Francis Church and the Santa Cruz Church. Overnight in Kochi at your hotel.

Day 5: Depart Kerala.

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

(1 Oct 08 - 30 Apr 09)

Superior \$945

Luxury \$1,885

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights backwater cruise aboard a luxury houseboat - fully inclusive
- 1 night hotel accommodation plus transfers
- Sightseeing tours with English speaking guide

Based on minimum of 2 passengers travelling together.

