

4Nights/5 Days

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Embark on an unforgettable adventure through Kerala's most captivating destinations – Cochin, Alleppey, and Kovalam. From the historic charm of Cochin's ancient streets to the serene backwaters of Alleppey, and the sun-kissed beaches of Kovalam, this journey promises a perfect blend of culture, nature, and relaxation. Explore the rich heritage of Cochin, sail through the tranquil backwaters of Alleppey on a luxurious houseboat, and unwind on the golden shores of Kovalam's beaches, where the Arabian Sea meets the horizon. Whether you're seeking adventure, cultural experiences, or moments of pure relaxation, this journey through Kerala's gems will leave you with memories to cherish forever.

Day 1 **ARRIVES AT COCHIN**

Welcome to Cochin, a city where history, culture, and tradition come together in a beautiful tapestry! Upon arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel to freshen up before diving into the heart of this vibrant city. Begin your exploration in the Old Part of Cochin, where the charm of Fort Cochin and Mattancherry will transport you back in time. First, witness the unique and mesmerizing Chinese Fishing Nets in action. These iconic nets, still operated by locals, provide a rare glimpse into the age-old fishing techniques that have been part of Cochin's heritage for centuries. Next, step into the sacred atmosphere of St. Francis Church, where the famous Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama was once laid to rest. The historical significance of this site will leave you in awe. Then, immerse yourself in the grandeur of Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Palace), where you'll marvel at stunning mural paintings that depict the legendary stories of the Ramayana and Mahabharata – stories that have shaped India's rich cultural fabric. Wander through Jewish Street, where time seems to stand still. Visit the magnificent Jewish Synagogue, built in 1568 and elegantly adorned with Chinese tiles and Belgian chandeliers. The rich history and striking beauty of this place will leave you captivated. As the day concludes, return to your hotel in Cochin for an overnight stay, ready to continue your exploration of this fascinating city tomorrow!

Day 2 **COCHIN to ALLEPPEY; 65KM, 1.30Hrs Drive**

After a delicious breakfast, check out from your hotel and embark on a scenic 1.5-hour drive to Alleppey, the gateway to Kerala's enchanting backwaters. As you arrive at the houseboat jetty, the magic of this serene landscape beckons! At noon, step aboard your beautiful houseboat, a traditional Kettuvallam designed for comfort and luxury. Get ready for a truly unforgettable experience as the boat sets sail through the meandering backwaters. Glide along narrow canals, past lush greenery and charming villages, immersing yourself in the tranquil rhythm of rural Kerala life. The backwater sail offers a breathtaking view of palm-fringed landscapes and traditional wooden homes, painting a picture of the serene beauty that defines Kerala. Onboard, savor freshly prepared meals, each dish a delightful taste of Kerala's unique cuisine. As you relax and unwind, let the peaceful surroundings and soothing sounds of nature wash over you. Your overnight stay on the houseboat promises to be an experience that will stay with you long after your journey ends. Let the serene beauty of Alleppey's backwaters captivate your soul as you drift through this living postcard of Kerala.

Day 3 **ALLEPPEY to KOVALAM; 190KM, 4.30Hrs Drive**

After a peaceful breakfast aboard your houseboat, check out and prepare for an exciting drive to Kovalam, Kerala's famous beach destination. The journey takes you through picturesque landscapes, offering glimpses of Kerala's lush greenery, coconut palms, and vibrant countryside. In just about 4.5 hours, you'll reach this coastal paradise! Upon arrival, check into your hotel and get ready to indulge in the sun-kissed beauty of Kovalam. Spend the evening soaking up the vibrant atmosphere of the beach. Whether you choose to relax by the shoreline, take a refreshing dip in the clear waters, or indulge in some exciting beach activities, Kovalam offers the perfect setting for an unforgettable experience. As the sun sets, enjoy the warm breeze and the calming sound of the waves, with the Arabian Sea stretching endlessly before you. After a day filled with relaxation and fun, retreat to your hotel for an overnight stay, resting up for more adventures tomorrow. Kovalam's beaches promise a magical end to your journey – where the sea meets the sky, and every moment is pure bliss.

Day 4 **AT TRIVANDRUM**

After a delicious breakfast, get ready to immerse yourself in the cultural richness of Trivandrum! Your day begins with a visit to the Kuthiramalika Palace Museum, an architectural gem that will transport you into the royal history of Kerala. Admire the intricate woodwork, historical artifacts, and regal atmosphere that tell the story of the royal family's legacy. Next, head to the iconic Napier Museum, where you'll discover a fascinating collection of art, sculptures, and antiques that highlight Kerala's cultural heritage. Just a short walk away is the Trivandrum Zoo, one of the oldest in India, where you can observe a variety of wildlife in lush surroundings, adding an exciting touch to your day. Continue your cultural exploration at the Raja Ravi Varma Art Gallery, where you'll encounter the masterpieces of Kerala's most celebrated artist, Raja Ravi Varma. The gallery's rich collection of paintings brings the beauty of Indian mythology and culture to life. After a day of discovery, return to your hotel in Kovalam for some leisure time, whether you choose to unwind at the beach or simply relax by the pool. Let the gentle sea breeze and the soothing sounds of the waves calm your senses before heading to bed. Enjoy a peaceful overnight stay in Kovalam, with memories of a day filled with culture, history, and art!

Day 5 **DROP AT TRIVANDRUM**

As the morning sun rises, enjoy a final breakfast in Kovalam, savoring the flavors of Kerala one last time. After checking out from your hotel, your journey takes you to Trivandrum for your onward departure. As you head towards the airport or railway station, take a moment to reflect on the unforgettable experiences you've had – from the historic streets of Cochin to the tranquil backwaters of Alleppey, and the sun-soaked beaches of

Kovalam. Kerala's charm, beauty, and warmth will stay with you long after you leave. Though your journey has come to an end, the memories of its serene landscapes, vibrant culture, and timeless traditions will linger in your heart. Until we meet again, Kerala awaits your return for more adventures! Safe travels and see you soon!

TOUR COST INCLUDES

- All transportation & Sightseeing through AC vehicle as per the itinerary
- Daily breakfast at hotels
- All meals in the houseboat
- Driver's Bata, Toll and parking for the vehicle
- All Accommodation in dbl sharing basis as per the details given above.

TOUR COST EXCLUDES

- Rate does not include Air / Rail fare
- Any other which does not include in the cost include list
- Lunch & Dinner
- Guide charges, Entrance charges for the monuments and at destinations.

CANCELLATION/NO SHOW POLICY

- As per the Booking Conditions of the Tour, the cancellation charges will be applicable for any cancellation request of the tour, either by the customer or any member of the group. The Company will deduct a minimum cancellation charge of 25% (twenty five percentage), if the cancellation request is received by the Company on or before the tenth day prior to the tour commencement date. For any subsequent cancellation made by the customer, i.e., on or after the ninth day till the third day prior to the Tour commencement date, refund would be made after deducting 50% (fifty percent) of tour cost. Where the cancellation request is made on or after the second day prior to the Tour commencement date, the Company shall make no refund to the customer. In any other case, including 'No Show', the Company shall make no refund to the customer.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Rooms are subject to availability and rates are subject to change.
- Supplement / hike charges will be extra on per head basis
- Unimoni Travel & Holidays reserves the right to change/modify or terminate the offer any time at its own discretion and without any prior notice
- Hotel Check in 1400 Hrs. / Check out times – 1100 Hrs.
- A/c in the houseboat will be working from 09.00 PM to 07.00 AM
- Houseboat will be anchored from 0630 PM to 0730 AM
- Houseboat check in 12.00 Hrs and check out 0900 Hrs.
- Accommodation in Ac rooms
- Refund on cancellation strictly depends upon concerned hotel's and Vehicle cancellation policy.
- If there is any step increase in Fuel prices, there will be an prorate increase in the rates
- All guests have to carry valid id at the time of check in to the hotel (Mandatory)
- Guests must check all their belongings before check-out. Further claims will not be entertained
- Sightseeing places one time visit only & Midnight driving will not be provided
- Sightseeing will be provided as per the itinerary only. It will not be provided as per the client's interest.
- Baggage space is limited to the type of transportation booked
- Standard type rooms will be offered in all category hotels
- For Vehicle, Ac will be operated only while running the vehicle and not during halt.
- Damage caused to our property due to carelessness of guests, their children or wards must be compensated by guest
- Any itinerary missed due to unforeseen conditions like weather ,blocked roads, strikes, delay in Flight or Train timings the guests have to bear any additional expenses incurred due to the same directly
- Kindly maintain cleanliness in the vehicle and carry spare clothes and towels for visits to the beaches and for water sports activities.
- Please note that Kilometer is charged from Garage to Garage
- Tips to the driver is at the discretion of Hirer.
- Consumption of alcohol in the vehicle is prohibited. Your co-operation is solicited.
- Offering alcoholic drink or beverage to the Driver is Strictly Prohibited
- For travel related sickness ,please inform the driver Immediately
- Jewish Synagogue – (Open 10:00-12:00 hrs; 1500-1700hrs). Closed on Saturdays *Dutch Palace – (Open 10:00-17:00 hrs) Closed on Friday