

## Hotel options

Date	City	Hotels	Room category	Meal Plan	Nights
Feb 11 & 14	Cochin	Ramada Resort	Lake View Room	Breakfast	2
Feb 12	Houseboat *	4 Bed room	Premium	All meals	1
Feb 13	Kumarakom	Coconut Lagoon	Heritage Bungalow	Breakfast	1

\* Full time A/C in the houseboat

## Package Price Details

**CAD \$1,845** (Package price for one couple based on Deluxe Boat with four double cabins, each with its own shower & toilet).

<http://www.lakes lagoons.com>

Above price is valid for four couples traveling together

## Tour price includes:

- **Additional Air tickets for travel Goa - Cochin – Mumbai**
- Accommodation on double sharing basis for a total of four nights
- Kathakalli show at Cochin
- English speaking guide at Cochin
- Transfers and sightseeing by A/C Tempo 10 seater
- All expenses related to the driver and the vehicle
- Meet and assistance in Cochin
- One time entrance for sightseeing
- Mineral water per bottle/Person in transfers
- All applicable taxes
- All tips to Driver / Tour guides

## Tour price does NOT include:

- Any meals not mentioned above
- Table drinks at hotels and tips to waiters
- Any items of a personal nature and not mentioned above



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# Kerala Backwaters Tour

## 5 Days & 4 Nights

### February 11 – 15, 2015



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### 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Arrive in Cochin

On arrival at Cochin International Airport in the morning you will be met by our representative and transferred to Cochin – an ancient spice trading hub. Check in to the hotel for a night stay.



Kerala is slightly smaller than Switzerland with a cluster of islands and peninsulas where picturesque lagoons and canals take the place of main roads. The state is divided into three parallel strips:

- the coastal area with lush vegetation almost to the water's edge,
- the middle strip of rubber, tea and spice plantations and
- a hilly region with tropical forests sheltered by the western Ghats.

For many centuries, these mountains acted as an impassable barrier guarding the coastal state. The sea, however, provided an excellent gateway.

### Overnight at Cochin

### 12<sup>th</sup> Feb: Cochin – Alleppey (02 Hrs)

Today after the breakfast, you will be transferred by road to the back waters of Alleppey. Situated on the **Vembanad Lake**, this small water world is an unbelievably beautiful paradise of mangrove forests, emerald green paddy fields and coconut groves interspersed with enchanting waterways.



Board the Houseboat on the Vembanad Lake to enjoy the enchanting water ways, paddy fields, and village life. Explore Kerala's famous backwaters sailing along palm fringed canals and lakes, passing little creeks where tiny settlements of thatched houses nestle below palm trees on diminutive patches of land.



The waterways are seething with dragon shaped dugouts with graceful sails and covered boats transporting copra and cashew nuts from local villages to the ports.

### Overnight at Houseboat

### 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: Allepey – Kumarakom

Today after the breakfast, the houseboat will drop you off at the **Kumarakom Resort**. Afternoon at leisure in the resort  
**Overnight at Kumarakom**

### 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Kumarakom – Cochin (02 Hrs)

Today after breakfast, you will be transferred to Cochin. In the afternoon proceed for guided sightseeing of **Fort Cochin** and Mattancherry including the only **Chinese Fishing Net**



location in the world apart from China. Then on to **St. Francis Church** which is oldest European church built in India. It was the original burial place of Vasco Da Gama before his remains were move to Lisbon. Then we go along Princess Street and to the Dutch symmetry **Mattancherry Palace**. This beautiful palace was built by the Portuguse in the 17<sup>th</sup>

Century with priceless, magnificent mural paintings which attracted the eyes of the world.

Proceed in the evening for a **Kathakali Show** - a unique dance form that combines dance, yoga, ballet and traditional Indian medicine. Kathakali has a five hundred year old history with more than a hundred different 'mudras' or gestures depicting deities, demons, heroes, heroines and kings each based on episodes from the Mahabharatha and the Ramayana - the two famous Indian epics.



### Overnight at Cochin.

### 15<sup>th</sup> Feb: Cochin departure (02 Hrs)

Today you will be dropped off at Cochin airport for your onward journey