



**Tour Of Kerala
With A Driver Guide In Your Own Exclusive Air-Conditioned Vehicle.**

MALABAR LUXURY TOUR OF KERALA

Day	Date	Location	Deluxe Boutique Hotel	Schedule
01		Depart UK		
02		Arrive Cochin	Malabar House Deluxe Room	>Pick Up From Cochin Airport >Evening Kathakali Dance Performance Cochin Airport-Cochin: 24 Miles Approx 1 Hour
03		Cochin	Malabar House Deluxe Room	>Sightseeing At Cochin, Chinese Fishing Nets, Mattancherry Palace, Old Quarter Etc
04		Kottayam	Serenity At Kanam Estate Deluxe Room	>Relax At Kanam Estate Spice Plantation In The Western Ghats Cochin-Kottayam: 62 Miles Approx 2 Hours
05		Kottayam	Serenity At Kanam Estate Deluxe Room	>Tour Of Kanam Estate And See Lakshmi, The Tame Elephant At Serenity
06		Kumarakom	Privacy Waterfront Suite	>Relax At Kumarakom And Vembanad Lake Kottayam-Kumarakom: 10 Miles Approx 20 Minutes
07		Kumarakom	Privacy Waterfront Suite	>Relax At Kumarakom And Vembanad Lake
08		The Backwaters	Discovery Cruise Boat	>1 Night Vembanad Magic Cruise
09		Marari	Marari Beach Resort Garden Villa	>Pick Up From Kumarakom And Drop Off At Marari Kumarakom-Marari: 18 Miles Approx 30 Minutes
10		Marari	Marari Beach Resort Garden Villa	
11		Marari	Marari Beach Resort Garden Villa	
12		Marari	Marari Beach Resort Garden Villa	
13		Marari	Marari Beach Resort Garden Villa	
14		Depart Cochin Arrive UK		>Transfer To Cochin Airport Marari-Cochin Airport: 62 Miles Approx 2 Hours

Featured Hotels Dependent On Availability At Time Of Booking



Discovery Cruise Boat

Day 01 – Depart UK

Day 02 – Malabar House At Cochin



Chinese Fishing Nets At Cochin Harbour

Cochin

Cochin is a wonderfully cosmopolitan **Indian** city with a multi-cultural history. It also has one of the country's largest ports. The famous and photogenic **Chinese Fishing Nets** are built along the northern shores of **Fort Cochin**.

The **Jewish Synagogue** and its **Old Quarter** are also worth a visit, for their quaint shops, selling everything from wooden carvings to bedspreads, from ornate mirrors to exotic spices. Nearby is the **Mattancherry Palace**, which was home to the **Verma Kings** and today is a fine museum.

Cochin also features the oldest church in **India**: the **Church of St Francis**, built in 1503 by the **Portuguese** (it briefly housed the remains of **Vasco de Gama**, who died here), and is now used by the **Anglican Church of South India**.

An evening **Kathakali Dance Performance** will allow you to sample one of the oldest theatre forms in the world in which dancers take various roles traditionally based on themes from **Hindu** mythology.



Kathakali Performance



Day 03 – Malabar House At Cochin



The Malabar House

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The Malabar House is a unique haven of tranquillity right in the historical centre of **Fort Cochin** amidst a bustling harbour city. The property is situated in the centre of the **Heritage Zone** on the quaint old **Parade Ground**, facing the **Vasco Da Gama Church** and only 2 minutes walk from the sea front with the **Chinese Fishing Nets**. The colonial villa, which dates from 1755 has been splendidly converted in to one of **India's** finest boutique hotels by the owner's lovingly conceived design conscious restoration.



Interior Of The Malabar House



Day 04 – Day 05 Serenity At Kanam Estate



Lakshmi The Domestic Elephant At Serenity Estate

Serenity Estate

Serenity at Kanam Estate is an intensely private villa hotel surrounded by rubber estates and tropical spice gardens.

This wonderful 1920's plantation estate bungalow has been beautifully restored entirely in keeping with its colonial past. Sitting on a small hilltop, the views over the **Blue Mountains** of the **Western Ghats** are breathtaking and the surrounding rubber plantation, along with the shady pool, papaya trees and pepper vines, create a thoroughly tropical feel.



Views Of Serenity Estate At Kanam



Day 06 – Privacy At Kumarakom



The Backwaters At Kumarakom

Kumarakom

Kumarakom is a unique backwater destination situated on the banks of the **Vembanad Lake**. It is an unbelievably beautiful paradise of mangrove forests, emerald green paddy fields, coconut groves interspersed with enchanting waterways and canals adorned with white lilies.

As the monsoon winds bring rain to the shores of **Vembanad Lake**, **Kumarakom** is transformed into a rich fertile land. The streams, lagoons, brooks break their banks and provide nourishment to springs and shrubs that sprout from every available space.

The beauty of this locality has led to the development of **Kerala's** best and most luxurious resorts on a cluster of little islands and along the banks of **Vembanad Lake**



Idyllic Scene At Kumarakom



Vembanad Lake

Day 07 – Privacy At Kumarakom



Privacy Bungalow

Privacy

Privacy is the ultimate stylish 'backwater' retreat. Lying on the palm-fringed shores of **Lake Vembanad**, the original **Waterfront Bungalow** has a suite, with a dining room, sitting room, long verandah, lush green garden and the most fabulous lake and sunset views. The antique wooden **Heritage Bungalow** has two bedrooms around a main hall. Both are tastefully and comfortably decked out with art works, colourful fabrics and period furniture.

Privacy comes with its own chef who will prepare delicious meals, based on the recipes of **The Malabar House**. Local **Travancore Indian** and **Mediterranean** cuisine is available. There are no fixed meal times and they are taken either on the verandah overlooking the lake or in the sitting and dining room.



Swimming Pool At Privacy

Day 08 – Discovery Cruise Boat



Dining On Board Discovery

By Private Boat Through Kerala's Backwaters

The Discovery Boat Cruise

Discovery offers the ultimate cruise in the fabled backwaters of **Kerala**. The traditional hull of a rice barge is blended with contemporary tropical architecture, creating the space for an air-conditioned suite. The sundeck above becomes your grandstand as the fascinating life along the waterfront passes by.

The Backwaters

The **Backwaters** are one of the unique attractions of **Kerala**, a chain of canals extending about 1500 kms incorporating a network of 44 rivers, lagoons and lakes. The canals and lagoons are lined by swaying palm trees and **Chinese Fishing Nets**, cooled by a gentle breeze, and studded with water hyacinths. All kinds of craft ply these waters ferrying cargoes of spice, rice, nuts, *coir* (coconut fibre), *copra* (dried coconut) and people.



Bedroom Of Discovery

Day 09 – Day 13 Marari Beach Resort**Garden Villa At Marari Beach Resort****Marari**

Marari Beach Resort is one of **India's** best-kept secrets and is the perfect retreat for those desiring a peaceful and relaxing holiday in a natural, exotic location. **Marari** has a collection of lovely ethnic styled villas that lead from extensive coconut palm gardens to a totally deserted beach.

**Views Of Marari Beach Resort****Deserted Marari Beach****Day 14 – Depart Cochin - Arrive UK**