



## **KERALA - EMERALD BACK WATERS - 9N / 10D**



### **ITINERARY**

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Day01 Arive Cochin

Assistance and transfer to the hotel. Evening witness Kathakali Dance Show in a Theatre .



Day02 Cochin

Sightseeing tour of Historic ancient city. Visit the Mattancherry Dutch Palace where the superb series of murals painted on the wooden walls are its main attraction. Also visit the 16th century Jewish Synagogue and the Church of St. Francis. Vasco da Gama was originally buried in the Church's cemetery. Walk around the Fort Cochin area and admire the Chinese Fishing Nets. Chinese traders are believed to have introduced them in the late 14th century. The afternoon would be spent at leisure. In the evening, there would be a optional sunset cruise. Stay overnight at the hotel.

Day03 Cochin-Periyar

Drive to Periyar and check-in at the hotel. Afternoon boat cruise on Lake Periyar. This is the best way to view wildlife.

Day04 Periyar-Kumarakom

Drive to Kumarakom, 4 hours and check-in at the hotel Evening sunset cruise by rice boat.

Day05 Kumarakom-Thottappally

Village-Rice Barge and Cruise through Pallathuruthy Canal, Karimpavalavu village , Karumady canal - the long stretch of narrow canal - to reach Thottappally village for night stay.

Day06 Houseboat

Cruise through Thandapara - Champakulam Village - Nedumudi Village - Mancompu Village - Trikkunnappuzha - Kayamkulam Lake  
Early Morning wake up to the tunes of lovely birds and watch sun climbing over the palm trees. Visit famous Chambakulam St. Forane Church.

After lunch visit Chambakulam chundan the famous Snake Boat and .a visit to Nedumudi village market to witness varieties of Indian Vegetables and Fishes. Continue cruise through Nedumudy and Mancompu village.

Stop for walk through Mancompu village and visit Bhagavathy temple. Overnight Night stay at Rice barge at Kayamkulam lake.

Day 07 Kayamkulam / Alamkadavu / Disembark at Kollam

Today a leisurely Cruise through Kayamkulam lake and Alamkadavu village. Here one meets the people engaged in country boat building, prawn cultivation, sand mining, coir manufacture, limestone collection , rice farming and duck rearing.

You Could go to Kollam thru the maze river and myriad lagoons, Disembark at Kollam and re-join your car to proceed to Quilon for stay at beautiful AQUASERENE BACK WATER RESORT.

Day08 Quilon

Day at leisure

Day09 Quilon

Day free at the resort, fully equipped with scores on indoor games, swimming pool, Ayurveda Health Clinic.

Kollam possess plenty of natural gifts in form of wide rivers, dominant hills and forest, lakes and plains. This place equally represents the modern age with the traces of a bygone era. Quilon has all the representative feature of Kerala - sea, lakes, plains, mountains, rivers, streams, backwaters, forest, vast green fields and tropical crop of every variety both food crop and cash crop.

You can relax in the tourist bungalow, former palace of the British resident on the shore of the great Ashtamudi Lake. It has extensive grounds, age-darkened regal furniture, an atmosphere of old times. Many tourists pick up the Chinese pottery shards from the beach and visit the cashew factory.

Standing on Neendakara bridge, you can view the backwaters stretching before you. A boat trip around the lake or have a picnic to the huge light house at Thanasseri is one of the favourite activities of the tourists. You can also hire a scheduled boat and make the 9-hour trip through the most picturesque backwaters in the world to Allepey.

Day10Quilon-Trivandrum-Departure

One hour 30 minutes drive to Trivandrum, the capital city of Kerala  
Evening transfer to airport for onward flight.