



BACKWATERS (HOUSEBOAT) PROGRAM

2 Nights / 3 Days

Tour Program:

Day 1: Arrive Houseboat (Backwaters)

Day 2: Houseboat (Backwaters)

Day 3: Houseboat (Backwaters) & depart

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Day 1: Arrive from Kochi to Houseboat (Backwaters) (Approx. 60 miles / 95 Kms / 2 Hrs.)

Arrive from Kochi at the starting point of your cruise onboard a private luxury houseboat. Traditionally called a *Kettuvallom*, or rice barge, the shallow and rounded hull of the boat is made without using a single nail. Check – time 1200 noon.

Lunch and Dinner onboard.

Overnight stay on the Houseboat (L, D)

Day 2: Houseboat (Backwaters)

Today we see Indian life up close as we slowly cruise along the palm-fringed backwater canals of the Arabian Sea, a distinctive region whose beauty and tranquility have earned it the sobriquet “God’s own country.” A vast network of lagoons, lakes, and canals formed by the confluence of Kerala’s numerous rivers and the Arabian Sea, the Kerala backwaters run alongside the coast for more than 550 miles.

These labyrinthine waterways have served as a thoroughfare for boats like ours from ancient times, and the daily existence in the communities here has changed little over the centuries. Along the way we go ashore to visit some of the local villages and farms, observing traditional livelihoods such as coir making, boat building, fish farming, rice growing and toddy tapping – the extraction of pine sap for production of palm wine, or toddy.

We also see churches in a land synonymous with the very beginnings of Christianity: Saint Thomas the Apostle was said to have made a missionary visit to Kerala in 52 CE; to this day Kerala has a significant Christian minority.

Lunch and Dinner onboard.

Overnight stay on the Houseboat (B, L, D)

Day 3: Houseboat (Backwaters) – Check-out & departure

Check-out after breakfast on the houseboat and drive to your onwards journey.

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*****End of our Service*****

Special Discounted price for ATOAI FAM TOUR – Valid from 16 – 18 September 2017

RACK RATE	INCLUSIONS
<i>SGL / DBL : INR 8250 + 5 % GST Per Cabin /Per Night</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Accommodation: Double/ Twin Sharing</i>● <i>All Excursions</i>● <i>All Meals</i>

- Below prices are based on per night on twin sharing basis
- Prices are in Indian Rupees (INR)

Applicable Transfer Charges by AC INNOVA (2 Pax) :

From Cochin Airport to Thottappalli (Boarding point of Houseboat) : INR 2750 + 5 % GST Per Person.

From Thottappalli (Boarding point of Houseboat) to Kumarakom Hotel : INR 2250 + 5 % GST Per Person.

Inclusions & Exclusions:

Our quote includes: -

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis.
- Accommodation inclusive of all meals (Full board)
- Excursions to villages and churches during the cruise.

The above cost does not include: -

- Expense of personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, internet, wines & spirits, camera/video camera fee at monuments/National Park, medical expenses, Salon/massages, airport departure tax etc.
- Any Insurance
- **Arrival & Departure Transfer from Cochin Airport to Thottappalli or Thottappalli (Boarding point of Houseboat) to Kumarakom Hotel**
- Evacuation charges in case of medical emergencies, insurance is available on request.
- Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like rail and airplanes delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions, political disturbances, taxes, lost luggage, etc.
- Any tipping.
- International & Domestic Air fares.
- **Govt. service tax and any further tax levied by the government of India.**
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.