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## GODS OWN BACKWATER JOURNEY

2N COCHIN + MARARIKULAM + IN BACKWATER ALLEPPEY + 2N KUMARAKOM



### Day 1: Arrival in Cochin Colonial Charm & Culture

**Morning:** Arrive at Cochin International Airport. Meet your driver and transfer to your hotel in Fort Kochi.

**Afternoon:** Explore Fort Kochi's colonial landmarks — the Chinese Fishing Nets, St. Francis Church, and Santa Cruz Basilica.

**Evening:** Stroll through Princess Street for art galleries and cafés. Attend a Kathakali dance performance at the Kerala Kathakali Centre.

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### Day 2: Cochin Heritage & Spice

**Morning:** Visit the Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Palace) and Jew Town, home to the Paradesi Synagogue and antique shops.

**Afternoon:** Take a harbor cruise to see Cochin's skyline and shipping channels.

**Evening:** Relax at a waterfront café or enjoy a sunset walk along the promenade.



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### Day 3: Cochin to Marari (Approx. 1.5 hours drive)

**Morning:** Drive to Marari Beach, a peaceful fishing village near Alleppey. Check into your beach resort.

**Afternoon:** Relax by the sea or take a bicycle ride through coconut groves and local villages.

**Evening:** Enjoy a sunset yoga session or Ayurvedic massage at your resort





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## Day 4: Marari – Leisure Local Life

**Morning Jeep Safari:** Explore Nagar Hole National Park — home to elephants, tigers, and rich birdlife.

**Breakfast by the River:** Enjoy a serene riverside meal.

**Afternoon:** Visit a local tribal hamlet to learn about their crafts and customs.

**Evening:** Optional boat safari on the Kabini River for sunset views.

## Day 5: Marari to Alleppey (Approx. 1 hour drive) Backwater Houseboat Stay

**Morning:** Drive to Alleppey and board your private houseboat for an overnight cruise through Kerala's backwaters.

**Afternoon:** Glide past palm-fringed canals, paddy fields, and village life. Enjoy freshly cooked meals on board.

**Evening:** Anchor in a quiet backwater stretch and watch the sunset over the water.



## Day 6: Alleppey to Kumarakom (Approx. 1.5 hours drive)

**Morning:** Disembark from your houseboat after breakfast and drive to Kumarakom, a tranquil backwater village on Vembanad Lake.

**Afternoon:** Check into your lakeside resort. Visit the Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary, home to herons, egrets, and migratory birds.

**Evening:** Enjoy a canoe ride at sunset through the narrow canals. Dinner at your resort overlooking the lake.



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## Day 7: Kumarakom Relaxation & Ayurveda

**Morning:** Begin your day with a yoga or meditation session by the lake.

**Afternoon:** Visit a local toddy shop (for those curious about Kerala's traditional palm wine) or enjoy an Ayurvedic spa treatment.

**Evening:** Relax with a book or take a gentle boat ride before your final dinner in Kerala.

## Day 8: Departure (Approx. 1 hour drive)

**Morning:** After breakfast, transfer to Cochin International Airport (approx. 1.5 hours) for your onward flight.



## Day 6: Mysore Heritage Return to Bangalore

**Chamundi Hills:** Visit the Chamundeshwari Temple and enjoy panoramic city views.

**Jaganmohan Palace Art Gallery:** Admire traditional Mysore paintings and royal-era art.

**Drive Back to Bangalore:** Evening drop-off at Kempe Gowda International Airport.